

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTIETH SENATE
THIRD SESSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

**RESOLUTION #4004
Resolution Opposing Proposed Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101**

SPONSORED BY: Matt Strauch, Director, Department of Legislative Affairs; Chase Eckerdt, Director, Department of Community Services; Catherine Bradley, Assistant Director, Department of Legislative Affairs; Matt DeLong, Assistant Director, Department of Legislative Affairs; Mike Montgomery, Assistant Director, Department of Legislative Affairs; Keegan Schulz, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Joe Eden, Senator, College of Liberal Arts

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ENDORSED BY: Cooper Anderson, President; Jennifer Babos, Vice President

WHEREAS: Amendment 60 to the Colorado Constitution includes several major changes in property tax policy that would cripple K-12 education in the state, forcing districts to cut their property taxes by 50%; and,

WHEREAS: Amendment 61 to the Colorado Constitution prohibits the state from contracting for any debt by loan in any form, including bonding, lease purchase, certificates of participation, etc., and further limits voter-approved borrowing to a maximum of 10 years, altogether eliminating any room for any capital improvement projects whatsoever statewide; and,

WHEREAS: Proposition 101 to the Colorado Revised Statutes proposes an eventual reduction in the state income tax rate to 3.5%, a significant reduction of the specific ownership tax on vehicles to \$2 for new cars and \$1 for used cars, and a reduction of vehicle registration fees to \$10 per year per vehicle, this would cut local revenues by some \$500 million dollars annually and force even more cuts to be made from K-12 and Higher Education throughout Colorado with the state losing a quarter of its income tax revenues; and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System resolved in opposition and urged a NO vote on Amendments 60 and 61, and Proposition 101 on June 23, 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University declare a strong opposition to, and urge a NO vote on proposed Amendments 60 and 61 to the Colorado Constitution, and to Proposition 101 as a proposal to amend the Colorado Revised Statutes in the statewide ballot scheduled for November 2, 2010 because the Associated Students believe that the proposed amendments are not in the best interests of higher education in the state of Colorado; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System; Rick Miranda, Colorado State University Provost; The Colorado Committee on Higher Education; Bill Ritter, Governor; Terrance Carroll, Speaker of the House; Paul Weissman, House Majority Leader; Mike May, House Minority Leader; Brandon Shaffer, President of the Senate; John Morse, Senate Majority Leader; Josh Penry, Senate Minority Leader; The Fort Collins Coloradoan; The Denver Post; and The Rocky Mountain Collegian.

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VICE PRESIDENT JENNIFER BABOS

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