

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010.09.04**

**OPPOSING PROPOSITION 101 AND AMENDMENTS 60 AND 61**

**WHEREAS**, state voters will have the opportunity at the November 2 statewide general election to protect the fiscal health of local government by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this current economic downturn the City of Fort Morgan has been required to look at potential cuts to services and budgets within the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61, individually and collectively significantly reduce or otherwise restrict both state and local revenues in a number of different ways including but not limited to: specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ability to finance long-term capital improvements like water and wastewater treatment plants, the Northern Integrated Supply Project ("NISP"), recreational projects, fire stations and equipment, and other public facilities are dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and,

**WHEREAS**, the services and programs in the City of Fort Morgan will be limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures including public safety, recreation and other general fund departments; and,

**WHEREAS**, the affect of the measures is projected to impact the City's general fund with a reduction up to 15% to 30% in revenue which supports public safety, streets, parks and recreation services provided by the City.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Morgan is concerned about the impact these three measures will have on our ability to work effectively with other local governments in the form of intergovernmental agreements like some that include cooperative efforts between Morgan County and the Fort Morgan School District; and,

**WHEREAS**, a number of prominent individuals, newspapers, and organizations including our own Colorado Municipal League (CML) are voicing opposition to these measures as not being in the best interests of Colorado and of local communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, provisions of state law do allow the City of Fort Morgan to put forth this resolution as a statement of opposition to the measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, COLORADO**

**Section 1.** The City Council for the City of Fort Morgan opposes Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 and urges the citizens of the City of Fort Morgan to vote against all three ballot measures.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2010, the vote upon roll call being as follows:

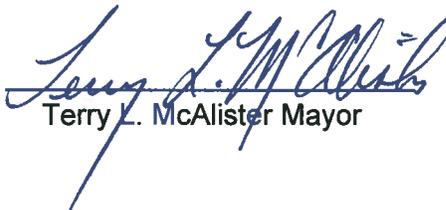
Ayes: Mayor McAlister, Councilmembers Bryan, Deal, Forstedt, Nation, Powers and Shaver.

Nays:

Absent /Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, COLORADO

[ SEAL ]

BY:   
Terry L. McAlister Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Yolanda L. Eurich Deputy City Clerk

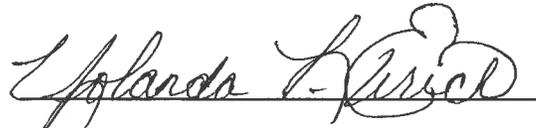
STATE OF COLORADO     )  
COUNTY OF MORGAN     )  
CITY OF FORT MORGAN    )

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, Yolanda Eurich, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing **Resolution** is a true, perfect and complete copy of the **Resolution** adopted by the City Council and is identical to the original thereof appearing in the official records of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, and that the same has not been, since its adoption, in any respect, rescinded or amended.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Fort Morgan this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yolanda L. Eurich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the text.

Yolanda L. Eurich Deputy City Clerk