

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION # 2023-30**

**A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING VOTER OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION HH**

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Park and Recreation District ("District") is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado operating pursuant to Article 1, Title 32, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Proposition HH: Reduce Property Taxes and Retain State Revenue ("Proposition HH") will appear on the statewide ballot in the November 7, 2023 General Election, as set forth in Senate Bill 23-303; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition HH passes, Senate Bill 23-303 of the Colorado General Assembly will take effect lowering property taxes owed, allowing the State to keep additional money that would otherwise be refunded to taxpayers, temporarily changing how taxpayer TABOR refunds are distributed, and creating a new property tax limit for most local governments; and

WHEREAS, property taxes account for over 40% of the District's revenues; and

WHEREAS, the District will already be receiving less property tax revenues through the assessed value reductions enacted in SB21-293 and SB22-238, and the market value reductions enacted by the Douglas County Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Proposition HH's new property classes, market value reductions, assessment rate reductions, limited backfill, and revenue limits will further reduce the District's property tax revenues in budget year 2024 and in future years, along with uncertain long-term impacts through 2023 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, significant reductions in the District's property tax revenue challenge its ability to provide high-quality recreational services, including significant investments in service expansion to large areas of new development, construction and maintenance costs of existing facilities and infrastructure, and other inflationary impacts; and

WHEREAS, while the District appreciates the financial burden that the sharp rise in property values may create, the District and its citizens should determine the appropriate property tax revenues to collect, rather than a statewide policy that doesn't account for local circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act authorizes local governments to adopt resolutions in support of or opposition to ballot issues, and it is the desire of the Board of Directors of the District to express its opposition to Proposition HH; and


WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act also authorizes local governments to distribute in normal fashion an adopted Resolution regarding any ballot issue of importance to that local government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District that the Board hereby expresses its strongest possible opposition to Proposition HH; and the voters of the District are encouraged to **vote "NO"** on Proposition HH November 7, 2023 General Election; and further confirms that, if passed, Proposition HH will threaten to impair the District's ability to provide the same level of services and facilities that it currently provides.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, by the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

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DISTRICT

By:

  
Susan K. Pye, Chairman

Attest:

  
Peter J. Barrett, Secretary