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## November 2016 Colorado Ballot Finalized – Seven Citizen Initiatives and Two Referred Measures Make the Ballot – Campaigns Report Latest Funding

With the deadline to turn in signatures passed and the Secretary of State's office completing its review, the 2016 ballot has been finalized. A list of those that will appear on the ballot, along with each campaign's latest report of cash on hand, is below. (Those measures adding or amending constitutional provisions are denoted as "Amendments," while those adding or amending statutes are denoted as "Propositions.")

**Amendment 69:** Statewide Healthcare System: Seeks to create a new single-payer health care financing system called ColoradoCare that operates as a political subdivision of the state.

**Amendment 70:** State Minimum Wage: Seeks to amend the state minimum wage from \$6.85 to \$9.30 an hour beginning Jan. 1, 2017, and increasing it by \$0.90 annually until it reaches \$12.00 an hour by Jan. 1, 2020, and thereafter adjusting it annually for "cost of living increases."

**Amendment 71:** Requirements for Initiated Constitutional Amendments: Seeks to make it more difficult to amend the state constitution by requiring 55 percent voter approval instead of a simple majority, except for measures that seek to repeal a constitutional provision, and by requiring the signatures of 2 percent of the registered electors in each state senate district.

**Amendment 72:** Taxes on Tobacco Products: Seeks to impose an additional tax of \$1.75 per pack on cigarette sales and 22 percent of list price on other tobacco products; funds raised are to be appropriated for tobacco cessation education, prevention, and medical research.

**Proposition 106:** End-of-Life Options: Seeks to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

**Proposition 107:** Presidential Primary Elections: Seeks to replace Colorado's presidential nomination caucuses with primary elections; each party's primary election would be open to voters affiliated with that party, and unaffiliated voters, but not voters affiliated with another party.

**Proposition 108:** Primary Elections: Seeks to make Colorado's primary elections open to any registered voter rather than closed to registered party members.

According to campaign finance documents filed with the Secretary of State's office, as of Sept. 15, 2016, the campaigns for and against each measure report the following cash on hand (note: numbers represent a sum of reported funds; for some measures, there is more than one issue committee campaigning for or against it):

### **Amendment 69 (Statewide Healthcare System)**

- For: \$34,187
- Against: \$524,257

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## Amendment 70 (Statewide Minimum Wage)

- For: \$588,982
- Against: \$590,565

## Amendment 71 (Requirements for Initiated Constitutional Amendments)

- For: \$299,600
- Against: None Reported

## Amendment 72 (Taxes on Tobacco Products)

- For: \$22,835
- Against: \$0

## Proposition 106 (End-of-Life Options)

- For: \$742,773
- Against: \$819,658

## Propositions 107 and 108 (Presidential and Primary Elections)

- For: \$234,810
- Against: None Reported

Amendments T and U are referred measures from the legislature and do not yet have any official campaigns for or against either measure.

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