

**Resolution in Opposition to Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 by  
The Library Board of Trustees for Jefferson County, CO**

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) exists to deliver publicly-supported free library service within the boundaries of Jefferson County to ensure equal access to information without regard to age, physical or mental health, place of residence, or economic status; pursuant to the provisions of Part 1 of Article 90 of Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended; and

WHEREAS, JCPL supports the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners in its efforts to “encourage the maximum self-sufficiency of our citizens by furthering educational and informational opportunities” by providing relevant and high-quality public library services; and

WHEREAS, three measures appearing on the November 2010 statewide ballot would significantly damage the ability of JCPL to fund basic library services and to deliver programs which support early literacy, academic achievement, economic development, public access to technology, civic education and involvement, lifelong learning and special outreach initiatives for Jefferson County residents; and

WHEREAS, proposed Amendment 60 would reverse decisions approved by voters in hundreds of local elections over the past 18 years to retain excess property tax revenue above the TABOR limits; and

WHEREAS, proposed Amendment 61 would severely restrict the ability of JCPL to finance construction and other capital projects and to utilize appropriate and prudent business practices in managing its finances; and

WHEREAS, proposed Proposition 101 would result in a significant reduction of specific ownership taxes and cause JCPL to lose an estimated \$1.4 million of revenue from vehicle ownership tax over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, these three measures are destructive to state and local government, and will result in Jefferson County and Colorado surrendering its competitive standing to attract business and employers, will impede economic growth, will severely impact our ability to educate our children and will steadily erode our ability to provide information and resources for a literate and informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS, State voters will have the opportunity on November 2, 2010 to protect the fiscal health of Colorado by defeating Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101.

NOW THEREFORE, the Library Board of Trustees does hereby oppose the three ballot measures known as Amendment 60, 61 and Proposition 101.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2010.

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