

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-54**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LAFAYETTE, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF A BALLOT
INITIATIVE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette, as a Colorado Home Rule Municipality, has a great interest in the quality of life for the community of Lafayette, as well as for Boulder County and the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council has long believed that great communities need outstanding schools as a critical component of community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has faced multiple years of budget shortfalls resulting in more than \$1 billion in cuts and lost funding to K-12 over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, despite slight increases in K-12 spending for 2013-2014, Colorado school districts continue to experience financial difficulties due to persistent economic constraints, declines in revenues and increases in fixed costs such as insurance, fuel and utilities; and

WHEREAS, these cuts and lost funding have been implemented despite the Legislature's passage of multiple significant reform efforts, including but not limited to the Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment Act (CAP4K) (Senate Bill 08-212), the Education Accountability Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 09-163), the Educator Effectiveness Law (Senate Bill 10-191), and the Colorado READ Act (House Bill 12-1238); and

WHEREAS, reduced funding is directly impacting the school district's ability to provide meaningful educational opportunities for all students and to implement existing and proposed education reforms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot initiative to amend the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes will appear as Amendment 66 in the November 5, 2013 election and, if passed by the voters of the State of Colorado, will result in an income tax rate increase for Colorado citizens from 4.63% to 5% for those with a federal taxable income of \$75,000 or less, and to 5.9% for federal taxable income over \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the ballot initiative would require 43% of state revenues in any given year be specifically allocated to provide increased funding for Colorado's public education system; and

WHEREAS, the increase in state tax revenues will liberate state funds for spending in other significant areas of need in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, this increase in public education funding will significantly benefit the children of Colorado and, specifically, the children of the Boulder Valley School District, and the City of

Lafayette, by enabling the District to better provide educational services to children in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado as follows:

City Council of the City of Lafayette officially declares its support of Amendment 66 to increase state income tax rates for the purpose of increasing funding of public education in the State of Colorado.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS ____TH DAY OF _____, 2013.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Carolyn D. Cutler, Mayor

Susan Koster, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David S. Williamson, City Attorney