

EMBRACING the COMMON GOOD

Sample Newsletter Article

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“**Embracing the Common Good**” is a faith-based coalition collaborating to inform people of faith about three important issues on the upcoming ballot.

- ◆ **We oppose Amendment 46** which would eliminate equal opportunity programs in Colorado. Faith leaders throughout Colorado support equal opportunity as necessary to preserving human dignity and hope. We believe Colorado’s current equal opportunity initiatives are cultivating a society where all people have access to income and resources that help us all meet our basic needs, and these initiatives should not be eliminated.
- ◆ **We support Amendment 51** which would provide funding for critical services needed by people with developmental disabilities. Funds would come from a phased-in increase in the state sales tax of two tenths of one percent (2¢ on a \$10 purchase). We believe all people deserve services that enable them to meet their basic needs. Public policies should be evaluated by their impact on the common good, and particularly on our vulnerable and marginalized neighbors.
- **We support Amendment 59** which would ensure that the state saves in good economic times so our kids aren’t hurt in bad times. It creates a Savings Account for Education (S.A.F.E.) and invests state revenues above the TABOR limit in that savings account. While responsibly funding education, it also eliminates the requirement that spending on P-12 education increase at the rate of inflation each year after 2011. We believe budgets are moral documents which must embody the common good and reflect our shared responsibility to each other. Just tax policies are investments in our future, ensuring that the benefits of society are broadly shared.

We’re also encouraging folks to vote by mail in order to avoid long lines on November 4th, or, they could go to “Early Voting” polling locations from Monday, October 20th through Friday, October 31st. For more information, or to volunteer to help spread the word, go to www.WeBelieveColorado.org.

Members include: Colorado Council of Churches; Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance; Hunger for Justice; Interfaith Voices Against Poverty; Jewish Community Relations Council ; Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-Colorado; Metropolitan Organization for People; Northeast Denver Islamic Center/ Greater Denver Interfaith Alliance; The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado; and We Believe Colorado: People of Faith for the Common Good