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WELD COMMISSIONERS OPPOSE AMENDMENT 68

WELD COUNTY, CO – During the Wednesday Board meeting, the Weld County Commissioners voted 4-1 to pass a resolution opposing Amendment 68.

Amendment 68, which will appear on ballot this election cycle, is a measure to establish an educational fund for public schools to be financed by revenue from gaming.

“The reason for our opposition,” said Commissioner Chairman Douglas Rademacher, “is that this proposed constitutional amendment takes away local control from our communities.”

The third paragraph of the resolution reads, “Whereas, the requirements for a successful casino operation such as that contemplated by Amendment 68 will permanently alter the nature and character of the neighborhood and surrounding area where it is located, and should only be authorized after an affirmative vote of the local residents that will be impacted by such a significant change within their community...”

“It is important that we allow our state’s municipalities to control their own vision and their own future,” said Commissioner Sean Conway. “We wanted to pass this resolution of opposition to this proposed amendment as a show of our support for local control and to stress the importance of residents and local governments being able to determine how their communities will look and function.”

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