

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09-001

**RÉSOLUTION OF THE PERRY PARK WATER AND SANITATION
DISTRICT
IN OPPOSITION TO THE STATEWIDE PROPOSAL, PROPOSITION HH**

WHEREAS, the vast majority of local governments, but not the State of Colorado, levy a property tax to support essential public services and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, special districts are more dependent on property tax revenue than any other type of local government, as it is often their primary or even sole source of revenue;

WHEREAS, inflation from 2020 to 2023 has increased by nearly 18 percent and special districts have not benefitted from increased sales and use tax receipts to offset increased costs of labor, materials, and services;

WHEREAS, special districts played a historic role in responding to the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, but received few, if any, federal relief funds;

WHEREAS, Proposition HH will mandate reductions in local property taxes for at least ten years, resulting in billions of dollars of lost revenue for local governments without any reduction in service obligations;

WHEREAS, Proposition HH will increase the State's TABOR spending limit, allowing the State to spend billions of dollars more than it did before, while placing a property tax revenue limit lower than allowed by TABOR on local governments;

WHEREAS, the ballot question for Proposition HH indicates that local governments will be reimbursed from state funds for lost property tax revenue, but that those reimbursements are a small percentage of the billions of dollars more that the State will retain, and that most special districts will be ineligible for reimbursements early in the ten-year period of Proposition HH;

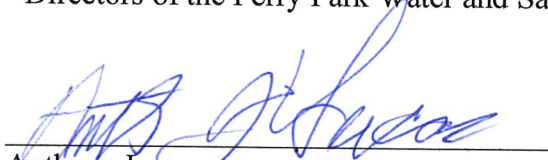
WHEREAS, special districts have collaborated with their local voters to propose and approve property taxes, or to retain and spend revenues therefrom, to support services, facilities and infrastructure needed and desired by the community and, more generally, to support public health, welfare, and safety; and

WHEREAS, Proposition HH undermines the short and long-range planning efforts of Colorado 's special districts that are necessary to absorb inflationary pressures, to increase salaries and compensation for employees, to support existing and grow new public programs, to construct and maintain government infrastructure, and to respond to the needs and emergencies of Colorado 's communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PERRY PARK WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

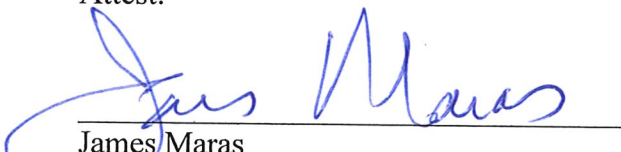
1. It is the position of the Board of Directors of the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District that special districts and their constituents are best suited to determine the revenues necessary to meet the needs, expectations, and demands of the communities they serve.
2. The Board of Directors recognizes that special districts are accountable to their local voters, who may take action if the taxes they pay are not warranted for the services, facilities, and infrastructure provided by special districts in their communities.
3. Proposition HH will have a negative impact on the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District's ability to plan for the future, invest in infrastructure, and maintain affordable rates. The proposition will divert property tax revenue away from the district and into state programs, which will make it more difficult for the district to fund capital improvement projects and mitigate the effects of inflation and rising interest rates. Delaying capital improvements could lead to service interruptions and costly repairs in the future. Additionally, delays attributable to this Proposition, will raise future costs of day-to-day operations, and make it more difficult for the district to provide adequate services.
4. The Board of Directors believes that Proposition HH diminishes the ability of the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District to provide the vital water and sanitation services, maintain and update water and wastewater treatment, distribution facilities, collection infrastructure, and customer services that the public needs, expects, and demands; and, therefore, the Board strongly urges a NO vote on Proposition HH at the statewide election on November 7, 2023.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2023 by the Board of Directors of the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District.



Anthony Lucas
Vice-President
Perry Park Water and Sanitation District

Attest:



James Maras
Secretary
Perry Park Water and Sanitation District