

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 17

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COLORADO SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR ISSUE 3E ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 BALLOT, RELATING TO A MILL LEVY FOR COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code § 5.2.304(A), the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado may adopt a resolution supporting an election issue submitted to the electors; and

WHEREAS, the last mill levy for Colorado Springs School District 11 was approved by voters 17 years ago, in 2000; and

WHEREAS School District 11 is a nationally-recognized leader when it comes to fiscal responsibility and is the only large school district in the state that conducts an outside audit of its spending and has a Citizens Oversight Committee monitoring spending; and

WHEREAS the children of School District 11 deserve a healthy and safe learning environment; and

WHEREAS, strong schools are economic drivers, attracting new employers and developing our future workforce; and

WHEREAS, the burden for funding schools has increasingly shifted to local school districts rather than state government, and in order to secure funding for school building safety upgrades, upgrades to heating and air conditioning systems and the ability to hire needed educators, school nurses and counselors, schools must collect mill levies adequate to fund them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. City Council supports Issue 3E, relating to a mill levy for School District 11, because it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Colorado Springs to ensure the children of Colorado Springs are prepared for the future, that they have well-maintained classrooms, and are taught by the best and brightest educators.

Section 2. The City Council authorizes distribution of this resolution in accordance with the City Code.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

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