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**A Resolution to Publicly Support Measure 2A on the November 2014 City of Boulder Ballot**

**Resolution History**

The University of Colorado at Boulder has a large student population residing in the Hill neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are not well lit. This is problematic for a number of reasons, most troubling among them that the University has too many instances of assault, especially on female students walking alone at night. Problematically, the cost of purchasing, installing, and maintaining lights is monumental and student fees cannot fund them alone.

We have an incredibly opportunity to install more lighting on the Hill this year. Ballot measure 2A is a “Pay As You Go” short term sales and use tax. It is a .3% temporary sales tax increase for three years. The tax money will go to various capital improvement projects that cannot otherwise be funded with current revenues. The tax projection with the current rate and timeline amounts to about $27.6 million. The total amount for Hill Projects is $3,270,000. This money is divided between Residential Pedestrian Lighting, a commercial district event street, and commercial district irrigation and street tree improvements.

If students do not live in the Hill neighborhood, many of them visit the Hill regularly to see friends, make purchases from the commercial district, attend meetings with classmates, and use the bookstore. Other capital improvement projects include the revitalization of the Boulder Creek area, which includes creek path lighting and the restoration of the underpass at Arapahoe & 13th Street and $1,500,000 for Chautauqua Pedestrian Safety Access and Lighting. Funding for the Dairy Center for the Arts and the Museum of Boulder will increase, both of which will benefit students who visit the museum and Dairy Center for class or otherwise. Including these other improvement projects, 2A will affect a large majority of the student body.

The Executive and Legislative bodies of the University of Colorado Student Government would like to publicly express support for measure 2A on behalf of the student body and will encourage voter registration as well as student voting on November 5, 2014 in support of this legislation.

**Resolution Summary**

This resolution advances the interests of all students by supporting a necessary safety measure for the City of Boulder and Hill neighborhood. Should this resolution pass, its authors, sponsors, and the members of CUSG pledge to publicize the benefits of 2A, and to aid in the promotion of awareness about measure 2A.

**Whereas,** CU-Boulder and CU Student Government support increased safety measures intended to protect our student body;

**Whereas,** CU-Boulder students of all ages access the Hill regardless of whether or not they are permanent residents;

**Whereas**, CU Student Government has been working to achieve this type of end for years and we now have a tangible solution that will allow us to do so at a reasonable price;

**Whereas,** 2A only increases sales tax for a period of three years;

**Whereas,** 2A provides residential pedestrian lighting in the amount of $2,000,000;

**Whereas,** other civic area projects will have a positive effect on students;

**Whereas,** a representative sample of the student body showed great support for 2A;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Boulder Student Government that:

**Section 1.**

It is the view of Legislative Council that the benefits of 2A will impact the University of Colorado’s student body in a positive way.

**Section 2.**

Legislative Council shows its support for the passage of 2A in the election on November ~~5~~4, 2014 and will encourage our peers to vote in favor of the funding increase for safety in our surrounding neighborhoods.

**Section 3.**

Upon passage, this resolution will be distributed to the student body, Inter-Campus Student Forum, Board of Regents, CU Boulder administration, and media.

**Section 4.**

This resolution shall take effect upon passage by the legislative council and upon either obtaining the signature of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Tri-Executives.

**Vote Count**

**8/28/2014 Amended Section 2 Acclamation**

**8/28/2014 Passed on 1st Reading Acclamation**

**9/04/2014 Passed on 2nd Reading Acclamation**

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