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Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114525

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

no

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No way. I'd vote no on any Tabor timeout. Twice if I could

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

sales tax is already too high. How bout a roll back of 1 percent instead

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I have to manage within my budget and I don't get to ask for more money. The town needs to figure out how to manage within it's budget

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Name (optional)

Tom Wilkens

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Crystal Valley Ranch

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

yes, as a primary part of the town funding solution

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

yes, again as a part of

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

be careful and prudent - maybe

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

yes, again as a part

Is there any other information you would like to share?

so helpful to steward resources well and have excellent people to keep up with town safety and services. diversify new taxes and tax increases so not all the burden falls in one area.

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Name (optional)

Carl Smith

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Crystal Valley Estates

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

First, it should be new building construction tax. The demand for services by business for Fire, EMS and Police is greater than that for homes. Also would this include remodeling or expanding an existing building? Secondly, this needs to be a balance between the cost for services in new areas as compared to existing areas. Growth of Fire Department is extremely expensive for stations and equipment. Plus the additional costs for staff for both Fire and Police. Conversely I understand that the projected costs are in the neighborhood of \$14,000 per house. So fee needs to be equal for all new construction and reasonable to keep new building construction in Town.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I agree with a reasonable lodging tax. Only question is what is reasonable. I have no data to identify that tax number.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I could support it if the purpose was clearly identified. Not sure i have seen where these funds would be used for. So at this moment. No.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Again how much, for what, for how long? Without specifics the answer is no. But much higher possible support than the Tabor Timeout.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

In many areas of the Town, newer construction results in a building that is taxed heavily by a Special District. This has allowed the Town to keep its expenditures for these new areas at a minimum. But not so for the property owner. I personally pay more property taxes for Special District than any other taxing authority. This includes schools. So how much can be collected from the new property owner? There is a limit and I think the \$14,000 number is too much.

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Name (optional)

Richard Haugen

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Yes, should be much hogher

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

No

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I have read the mayor in many talks say that he will never oppose new construction because of all the revenue that it brings in. I think this is true but asking for revenue from additional resources really makes the mayor seem like a liar. I would love to know the true story

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Name (optional)

Marnie Lansdown

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I actually live just outside of Castle Rock (Keene Ranch) but work and do all my shopping, etc. in Castle Rock.

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I'm torn about this. One the one hand, perhaps a home construction tax would cool the incredibly fast growth in population and, more importantly, in home prices. Castle Rock, like much of Colorado and the West, has gotten unaffordable for a large part of society, including young families. On the other hand, a construction tax could just make homes even less affordable overall. I would want to see examples of what happened in other cities or towns when they implemented such a tax.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I'm not familiar with Castle Rock's lodging tax now, but I know in many places, lodging taxes are super high. I'd likely support an increase to the lodging tax. I'd want to review the current level and compare it to places like Parker, Franktown, Castle Pines, Lone Tree, and Monument.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I hate TABOR. Good riddance. Too bad it can't be permanent. (To any legislator who happens to see this: HINT, HINT)

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

If our sales tax rate is lower than surrounding communities, I would support a small sales tax increase. If we are already higher, then NO to sales tax increase.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Name (optional)

Laura Marlowe

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Sounds good

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Sounds good

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Sounds fine to me

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I'm fine with that

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Keep up the great work! We love our town and want what's best!

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

absolutely not

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

absolutely not.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Did you know most Castle Rock teachers can't even live in Castle Rock because the cost of living here is already so high?

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

That's fine.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

That's fine.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Nope.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Nope. Grocery tax should not exist. What are we raising money for? Street racers are lowering the quality of life, it's loud and obnoxious at all times of the night. We have a noise ordinance that isn't enforced at all. So, now we want to raise taxes to do what exactly? If you live, like I do, along busy streets or the Meadows Raceway, you can't even have conversation in your house, or for that matter, sleep through the night.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Address the noise of the suped up cars. We have a noise ordinance. Ban suped up cars over a certain number of decibels.

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Name (optional)

Sabina Scott

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Good idea

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Good idea

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I don't know what that means.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Neutral. If it's a small amount I would be ok with it to better the town/and meet more open spaces.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I am supportive

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I am supportive

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Please explain

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Adamantly against this

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Very disappointed in how city government executed the big box hell created in the Promenade ... blank canvas and the outcome is extremely subpar. In addition to subpar standards there, what are you doing with all that associated revenue?

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Yes

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Prefer not to increase sales tax

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Stop building!

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

May reduce income from visitors

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No way. Stop building!

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Stop building!

Is there any other information you would like to share?

We don't have the infrastructure or the water to support the rate we are building. SO STOP BUILDING!

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Email

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What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

OK

Is there any other information you would like to share?

When is the town going to address the growth as it relates to water, hence my \$25K answer. Has the town look into closing the borders? ie. Something I heard Boulder did some time ago thus forcing new developments to be their own communities with their own police, fire, ems etc resources.

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Name (optional)

Jessica Jenner

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Plum Creek

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I think it is a good idea. New home construction has gone wild and is causing all kinds of problems. If the cost discourages development it would be a good thing at this point.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I think it is a good idea, but it is a lot to add all at once. Maybe phase in?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I would vote for that. I am opposed to TABOR.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Sales taxes are the most unfair and regressive tax you can apply. I strongly oppose it. We should not be adding taxes on the poorest residents of Castle Rock. We are better than that.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Tax those big ugly condos in downtown. Traffic congestion is making CR a place to try to avoid, and the tall buildings have greatly changed the feel of what was a very nice "small town." I've heard the plea that all the construction was approved years ago, but the town leadership has failed to put quality restrictions in place, and we now have rows and rows of nearly identical ticky tack that is not likely to age well. If I were shopping for a home now I would be looking farther away.

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Absolutely. Tabor is a terrible burden preventing effective and efficient government.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

This might be okay if it only applies to discretionary purchases like cars and clothing, not food.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I won't vote for any tax that increases the size or power of the police department. The officers we have are awful, and we don't need to encourage further abuses of power.

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Name (optional)

Timothy P Kelly

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Cobblestone Ranch

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Ok

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Ok

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Ok

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Agree the need for increased PD, FD, and street maintenance personnel

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

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What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Negative. Tabor is in place for a reason. To keep big government in check. Stay within budget. There is no thing as a time out with big government. You need to name the individuals responsible for suggesting this so they can be fired and voted out of office.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Small government wins. Big government breeds corruption. Just say no to expansion.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Why does CRPD fail to enforce the laws regarding homelessness. Why are encampments allowed under Wolfenberger bridge? What laws/rulings does CR legal reference when shaping CRPD policy on homelessness?

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Name (optional)

[Empty text box for name entry]

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Founders

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Bad idea

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Ok

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No way

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Absolutely not

Is there any other information you would like to share?

The cost of living is already sky high. More tax on residents is not the answer. Figure something else out. People in this community can not afford to live.

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

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What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

TABOR needs to be eliminated.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I support this.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

We are still waiting for the Town to develop the park and trail system that is supposed to be happening in Terrain (by the original pool/dog park). Funds for the trail expansion were acquired via the GOCO grant a few years ago yet nothing has been done. Town Council approved a major multi family development smack dab in the middle of our neighborhood (despite traffic studies indicating this to be a poor decision and DCSD indicating this would strain already crowded schools in the area). The least you could do is give us the trails we've been waiting for and the park both of which would be just on the boarder of this new apartment complex.

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Name (optional)

Justin Londagin

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

If you want to destroy the Town's growth, this is the precise way. If I am a buyer looking to build a home and my realtor informs me Castle Rock has a \$15K tax on my average size residence, I'm building someplace else. Question: will this tax be placed on new businesses? Or is the Town just taxing hardworking Coloradans who want to live the American Dream?

Where will this funding go? The Castle Rock Police and Fire. I will be okay with this once our police commenced enforcement of basic traffic laws. I served on the city council in Augusta, KS. Our police chief educated the council that traffic enforcement decreases crime. Eastborough, KS, has a strict speed limit policy. Any vehicle going 21 MPH in the 20 MPH speed limit town receives a ticket. Why? Because it kept the criminals out of the Town. Do you think a crook wants to risk pulled over? No.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

This is the precise way to destroy tourism in our Town. Hotel chains are now including taxes in hotel rates when a traveler is examining nightly rates. Suppose I am a traveler or a business looking at hotel rates between two hotels. One in Castle Rock and one just a mere drive north of Town, I'm spending my money there. I'm spending my dining budget there. I'm shopping at Park Meadows.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

First, I despise TABOR. It's a farce. It's why Colorado has some of the most defective roads I have driven on in the USA. I travel this country for my profession, and I know roads. But for you to get selfish and retain what TABOR allows citizens to be refunded, no.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Would you please stop it? You passed on a marijuana tax. You passed on a tobacco tax; when we are confronting a health crisis that is vaping? But you want to raise the tax I pay when purchasing a car or buying a snowblower at Lowe's?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Here is how you finance your city:

- 1) Notify the police chief to institute a strict no speeding policy. For example, pull over and ticket every driver driving 3 MPH over posted speed limits.
- 2) Run enforcement in all school zones weekly.
- 3) Enforce all "No Right Turn on Red" signs. I banter with my wife that the Town could fund its entire budget by enforcing the "No Right Turn on Red" at Founders and Allen. I challenge you each to sit at that intersection for one hour during the day and count how many drivers break that law.
- 4) Enforce the fundamental traffic law of turning into the first available lane. Again, I invite you each to sit at the intersection of Prairie Hawk and Meadows Parkway. Count how many motorists violate this law. But, considering I have seen Castle Rock's police department violate this law in their police vehicles, I suspect they will not enforce this law.
- 5) Raise all traffic fines by 50%. The increase can be done without a vote of the people.
- 6) Allow marijuana dispensaries. The Town voters are already driving north to buy the product. Douglass County only has a ban of dispensaries in unincorporated sections of the county.
- 7) Increase the tax on all vaping products to decrease teen vaping use.

I ask you to read this letter during the town council meeting on Tuesday. Remember, you are employed by the 75,000 plus citizens of Castle Rock and me.

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Plum Creek

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

It sounds good, but like a LOT of things government comes up with, it will have unintended consequences... 😞

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I'm not in favor of it...again, like a lot of other ideas, it sounds good but will just encourage people to stay somewhere else. Let me give you an analogy: drive W-470 between 10am and 2pm any day and what do you see? The toll is \$4 and change to use the toll lane to Wadsworth, and if you're lucky you won't see even one or two cars use the toll lane. Even though the two un-tolled lanes are running side-by-side and bumper to bumper. Lower the toll to \$1 or \$2 dollars and CoDOT would be making a LOT more money. Some is better than none!!

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

ABSOLUTELY NOT! IT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR A REASON...SO THE TAXPAYERS HAD A SAY IN RAISING TAXES AND NOT JUST THE EVERY GOVERNMENT ENTITY TAXING US TO DEATH ON A WHIM!

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No...stay within your budget. Here's another suggestion - STOP putting in "roustabouts" (roundabouts) and who knows how much they cost, and just buy 4 stop signs and make the intersections a 4-way stop! And don't even get me started on all the bike lanes and speed bumps...

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Name (optional)

Stephen Muller

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Red Hawk

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Yes. The market is in a bubble where demand outstrips supply. Take advantage of the bubble in new construction.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Yes. It is common practice across the nation to tax lodging rates.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

If there is a sunset provision- this seems reasonable.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No. This community is already dependent on sales tax revenue. Some diversity on tax revenue streams is healthy.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Ride the wave in new construction, and collect fees while the market is hot- perhaps too hot. Focus on infrastructure, public safety, and securing open space/parks. It is easy to build a consensus on these topics- everybody wants more public safety and open space. Best of luck in this process.

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Name (optional)

Kris Olson

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Yes agree.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Yes.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

N/a

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I have lived in Castle 4ock since 2011. I have seen the growth and absolutely HATE to see it, the new homes going up in Wolfsensberger, the homes where the horses grazed on the meadows, the townhouses near the school, etc. STOP building. Stop bringing in more fast food restaurants in the outlets. The town has grown 46% which is too much, too fast. .ask for the stupid Marijuana tax funds for hires. STOP STOP STOP building in Castle Rock!!!! It's changed so much that people are leaving.

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Name (optional)

Julia Mcmanamon

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Castlewood rAnch

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I like the idea if new home construction tax. With every new home and new development made, more resources will be needed.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

The lodging tax seems logical but may deter tourists from lodging here.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I don't really understand this one.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Please don't- our sales tax is already way too high.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Name (optional)

Christopher Nachand

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Harris Grove, The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Fully in favor

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Fully in favor

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Fully in favor

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Fully in favor

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I have been a Castle Rock resident since 1995 and have been amazed (shocked and somewhat unhappy) at the amount of growth. The sleepy little community has outgrown the "town" designation and is destined for "city" status in the near future. Water and open space are major concerns, and the ever increasing population is stretching all of our resources too thin. Asking new owners to pony up a bit more to join and support the community is certainly fair. The same goes for small increases in sales and lodging taxes, and until TABOR is repealed, asking for a "timeout" to address critical infrastructure and community safety concerns seems to be a no-brainer.

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Name (optional)

Elizabeth Scott

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Larkspur

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Terrible-costs of housing is prohibitive for too many people as it is

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Maybe

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I'm ok with this. Tabor has hampered important improvement projects though the original idea to keep government from getting out of control is valid.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

These types of taxes seem to put a greater burden on lower income people

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I'm in favor of trying to keep up with the police, fire, roads, parks etc as growth explodes in our area-but we have to remain fiscally responsible too

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Terrain

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Agree burden should fall on builders and new residents.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Agree visitors should pay their fair share.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Don't understand implications well enough to weigh in now.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Support the \$0.01/\$10

Is there any other information you would like to share?

The Town council needs to give SERIOUS consideration to limiting growth. Traffic is horrendous, schools and recreational facilities are overcrowded, there is NO public transportation, and Castle Rock is rapidly losing its charm. Like many, we're waiting for housing prices in the State so we can LEAVE Castle Rock.

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I am against it. This being a safe community already, there is no need to add more police officers. We have more than enough.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Against it. It may deter people from visiting

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Completely against it!! There is a reason for it being there. We pay more than enough taxes already.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

At the current 7.9%, there is more than enough revenue. Its not a tax issue, its a spending issue and how the funds are prioritized.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Please do not raise taxes. It already costs a fortune to live here. One of the highest cost of living in the country,

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Name (optional)

Laura Lopez

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Montaine

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I think it is inevitable.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Possibly a good idea, but currently lodging does not seem to be a major factor in city finance.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Not sure.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Inevitable.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Name (optional)

Tiffany Cox

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Castle Oaks/ Terrain

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I support that tax but would much rather see no more new housing in Castle Rock. The growth is killing the small town atmosphere and turning it into a Highlands Ranch feel which is exactly why we left that area and came to Castle Rock.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

If this is for hotels, etc, I support this.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No! I do NOT support this at all.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No! I do NOT agree with this tax at all.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Please stop building on all of the land in Castle Rock. No additional neighborhood developments please!!!! It's getting so crowded everywhere. The traffic is frustrating, and the beauty of the land is getting ruined by housing developments. Please stop allowing for more housing, more people, more traffic, and more problems to come in to our community.

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

It's a bandaid. You state in your email and on this page that you want everyone who enjoys Castle Rock to pay "their fair share." Wouldn't that include current residents?! At some point growth will stop or slow. The town needs to stop being so scared to go to its CURRENT residents and ask for the mill increase or for a public safety tax!

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Castle Rock is not a large destination for overnight stay. We only have a handful of hotels. But again, this is just a bandaid.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Great

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

We cannot keep depending on sales tax! The Town should diversify its revenue more and ask for a mill increase and/or create a public safety tax! Year after year our fire and police departments receive the highest ranking from our residents. It's time to start supporting them and giving them what they need.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

It is time for a public safety tax for police and fire only! We are constantly losing police officers to better pay and safer ratios at neighboring departments. Our firefighters are better trained than any of our neighboring departments, but we continue to underpay them and ask them to take on multiple teams/projects to serve our citizens without any incentive. Either we start paying them better or let's seriously start to consider a merger with South Metro! It is time for Castle Rock to grow up. We can't expect to stay a small town with small town policies and pay when we have I-25 running through the middle.

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Name (optional)

Paul Schlichter

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Plum Creek

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Good idea.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Good idea

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

OK

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Bad idea- taxes are too high already

Is there any other information you would like to share?

We've been in Castle Rock for 21 years. The population has sky rocketed. That means more crowded streets, more crime , parking problems, etc. The small town has become a sizeable city and has lost the charm we enjoyed.

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Name (optional)

John Hill

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Seems like a bit of a stiff penalty for moving here with housing prices so high as it is.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I am fine with it.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I would be okay with this.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Sales tax hits everyone but especially the poorer among us and those on fixed incomes harder (because a higher % of their income is needed to buy necessities). I would also like to hear from local businesses to understand if it will impact their competitiveness.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I love this town and with the fast growth appreciate that the leadership is taking on these big issues (i.e. water, policing, fire department) and communicating with the people.

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Name (optional)

Van Messner

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Crystal Valley

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Yes. And builders should have to be responsible for water use under construction and going forward

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Yes

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No. Tabor is one brake on runaway spending

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I'd like to see the town do more to slow the runaway growth currently going on. Where is the water to come from in ten years?

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Name (optional)

Jeff Rash

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I'm in favor of it, if there's a built in limit (say 5-7 years) that would automatically phase it out, and it could NOT be extended unless put to a vote.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

In favor of it

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

HIGHLY against it

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

HIGHLY against it

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I have a couple things.

One, what is being done to look at cutting other costs and reallocating those savings?

Second, since there are so many new residents, what impact has that had on increasing revenue (through things like existing sales tax)?

Is it not possible to implement a revenue system in such a way that as the population increases, revenue would increase proportionately and provide the needed funding? There would need to be a pool of money saved from year to year so as certain thresholds were crossed, the money would be spent on things like new fire stations and added police officers. Not that a loan or municipal bonds couldn't be used as well.

Government entities need to also have a mindset of not needing to spend a budget because it's there. They should NOT be penalized for NOT spending 100% of their allocated funds. I worked for the federal government for over 30 years, "year end funds" being spent just to spend them is a foolish concept. Do we as individual spend all our savings at the end of the year to make sure we've spent all our money and start out with zero in the bank for the next year? That would be a foolish way to live, does the Town of Castle Rock operate that way?

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I think this is fine since many other communities are doing this. However, I do think funding should also go to Recreation, not just Parks and Open Spaces. Because those are great and all, but there are visitors that do come into the MAC and Rec Center from out of town, and if we could have them also pay for any other activities during their stay, that would be better for the community than just having a bunch of open space where people can do questionable things that would make our police requirements need an increase.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

If I'm paying taxes, I would like to know where they are going, so I do not believe that we should opt out of TABOR. Maybe when the rest of the Council is more like Caryn Johnson.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I'm for it, but again, I think that if we were to raise sales tax, they should go into putting more recreation opportunities rather than just a bunch of open space. We already have a lot of trails, open space. Those can still be maintained, but I think we need more activities for the community so they have more to do in the town, are offered more educational opportunities, and so that the community has ways to connect with others.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

No. But here's my conclusion. We should increase current home owners property taxes as well if they plan on reaping the benefits. Police do not need any more funding at the time being when we could put more money into recreation so there is less loitering and crime. We should fund fire, because with the increased traffic, there will inevitably be more accidents. And we should raise lodging and sales tax to help with recreation as well as maintenance on parks and open spaces, however we do not need more parks and open spaces. Also opting out of TABOR is a bad decision currently.

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Name (optional)

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Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Option C only. The other options are simply too high....that is price-gouging. I'm a homeowner with no plans to move, so it doesn't affect me. One would think that new revenue from rampant population growth would increase funds already, without this new construction tax. If new homes are taxed in this way, then new business, apartment buildings, etc. should also be. Whatever you do, don't raise our property taxes, PLEASE!

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Good one. People who don't live in CR need to help pay for all of the perks that they get to enjoy here.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

NO WAY! You can call it whatever you want, but it is a tax increase. CR needs to learn to live within its means, instead of "printing more money" to pay for its wants.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I'm ok with it, as is (but no higher). With this increase, everyone shares the burden proportionately.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Shouldn't CR be more concerned about running out of water, due to the rampant population growth. Developers and big-name builders are destroying our beautiful town with cookie-cutter, poorly built homes. There should be a limit on new developments and new home construction. If we keep growing at this rate, there won't be much open space to enjoy in 10 years.

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Name (optional)

Ty Remington

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Ok

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Ok

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Ok

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Ok

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I'm happy to pay more for more services if needed.

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

STOP the high density developments

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I would not support it

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I would not support it

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I would not support it

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I would definitely not support it

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I would not support any ballot issues that would raise taxes of any kind

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114584

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Strongly disagree. With all of the growth in our town, with all of the alleged increases in tax revenue as a result of the growth, how can we have shortfalls? Either developers aren't being taxed properly, or, we are not being judicious with our spending.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Strongly disagree. This will not help local business and only harm local residents.

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Woodlands Bowl

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I'm for it. As more and more people move here, and homes are built, there is a greater demand on our resources. It only makes sense to us that newcomers start to contribute to the demand for emergency services, police, and open space.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I think lodging taxes are pretty steep already. Yes, people visit CR and stay in hotels to go to the open space, but lodging costs are already hit by a decent amount of taxes.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Seems like playing with fire. Do away with TABOR, or keep it, but a timeout seems wishy washy.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Absolutely. A small tax on all sales would allow CR to draw on a large pool of funds for the necessary resources.

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Name (optional)

Cindy

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Plum Creek

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Yes, it's definitely needed, with the huge growth. We must not stretch out these essential services to thinly for the future, especially if we have an aging population.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Yes, that's not too much to pay, and the benefits will be community-wide.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Yes, I think that's a wise way to raise needed funds.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I'm not so sure about this. It may impact people who can't afford essentials like food and gas in a negative way.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

As we move forward into the future, remember the impacts on the issues that you vote on now can impact our children's future as well. Thanks for accepting feedback.

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Name (optional)

Brian Glotzbach

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Nope. It's already unaffordable as it is for new buyers. This will only make it more unaffordable.

This question begs an answer, with all the new construction and people moving to town why is the increased tax base from these people unable to pay for more police and firefighters?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

No. 7.25 on a 125 stay is significant. I'd be easy to say I don't care and tax the put of towners, but you're talk 21.75 on a 3 night stay. Perhaps people decide to stay elsewhere.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No. TABOR exists for a reason.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No. We're already high in that department compared to many municipalities.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I think you need to consider the current environment that we live in. We just got hit with a mill levy increase for a lousy public school district. My HOA fees go up every year. Energy prices are skyrocketing. People are falling behind financially and you're proposing to add to the burden. We as tax payers don't get to go to our employer and ask for a raise every time we think we need something. You all in government need to learn that we're not a piggy bank that you can insert your hands into everytime you think you need more money.

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Name (optional)

Jim Deckerr

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

founder Village

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I do not like taxes any better than the next person, but when you hve groth at the rate we do someone has to pay for inafastructure. We need roads . Bridge ,et. whos going to pay?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

If we are responsible for how we use the money taxes are good. Bur we can not say we will spend th money one way and then some person come along and say no we are spending the funs over because some can make profit. we have to be HONEST

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

If you start some thing why postpone it. Is it it make , save money or what?

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Tax increase is good if needed. But you put tax increase on to ballot and you will loose every time. People do not like taxes but they want new everything.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Yes, pay your taxes, if we need to raise taxes raise then and pay them..

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114616

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Off of 5th Street up by Founders Pkwy and Hwy 86

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Could be more. Just quit building homes. Castle Rock isn't a small town community anymore.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Just a tad to high

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Sure

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Sure

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114618

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Name (optional)

Tina Slider Young

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

west

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

the problem is that builders will then pass it along to new buyers which places many potential residents out of the running financially and makes CR look snooty and exclusionary

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

neutral

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Absolutely not! As a 36 year long tax payer, there are times when TABOR is my only protection against runaway growth fueled by growth that is too fast and too poorly planned

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

We are already way too high. We don't think that shopping in CR should incur a penalty. You are hurting small businesses --- the big box stores are going to get the business regardless, but shoppers on a budget will go to amazon or some such to avoid small business price increases necessitated by higher sales taxes

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Please get serious about water, planning for neighborhoods that are NOT dependent on emerald green lawns --- step out in faith that we can go beyond "water wise" to the type of developments like Boulevard One in Lowry -- no water or gray water irrigated small lawns, open space that is all natural and does not require grooming, home landscaping that is essentially "dry" - -- we are "high desert" here but we put up developments that look like golf courses with the huge green expanses of land. we need to start now if we are to have any hope of riding out this period of drought and to get folks accustomed to an alternative way to view lawns and open space.
Consider growth freeze or serious limitations while better planning and standards are in place

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Name (optional)

Matt Crawford

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Bad idea that will have a negative affect on property values, while increasing home purchasing costs and driving many people out of the market.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Bad idea that will have negative affect on local business owners

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Terrible idea. It's our money, and it's extremely disingenuous to pitch this as "no tax increase". Taking away our tax refund IS a tax increase.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Bad idea that will have negative affect on local business owners and disproportionately affects poorer people

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Please stop thinking of ways to generate more revenue and start prioritizing ways to reduce expenditures. We don't need to look at neighboring communities to determine the correct PD ratio. Maybe look at areas to simplify the town code to reduce the reliance on law enforcement. We should be looking more toward local community organizations to maintain our open spaces, rather than taxing the town.

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

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What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Not sustainable and contrary to tax payor rights

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Should only be on Tobacco and alcohol

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Please propose user fees or a paid trail pass for parks and recreation. The Mac and Rec center have fees so should trails. Same tiered resident non- resident system.

Tax the delivery and contraction truck a per mile road use fee. They uses the roads and cause damage, they should pay taxes for that.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114648

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Name (optional)

Sarah Tomlin

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Crystal Valley

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Yes!

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Yes!

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Yes!

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Yes!

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

A bad idea, not a sustainable source of revenue, and takes away rights given in a totally different statutory context. Bad policy, bad politics, and potentially unconstitutional in Colorado.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Sales taxes need to be instituted on tobacco products and raised on alcohol. No other sales taxes are needed nor warranted.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Please tell the Town Manager to stop claiming Property Taxes are the lowest in Castle Rock as compared to anywhere in the Front Range. In those neighborhoods with Metro Districts, this is false on its face. Please disclose to the public the aggregate amount of property tax dollars paid by Castle Rock Residents to the various Metro Districts in town. Some of this money should be allocated to public safety in Castle Rock and the amounts needed to be deducted from the salaries paid to the Metro District Executives.

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Name (optional)

Deborah Kula

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Castlewood Ranch

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

This has trouble written all over it in the future. This is great during the good times but what happens when there is an economic downturn and people are struggling to keep people employed and home buyers want to get into a house but there is an extra tax on it.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I support this.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I do not support this.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I do not support this.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I can tell there is a shortage of PD to cover shifts. I used to see an officer all the time on my morning walks and now I'm lucky to see an officer once a day.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114738

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Name (optional)

Kristine McLay

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Castlewood Ranch

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Sounds like a winner.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I'd increase to it \$10.00

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No, no, no. Bad idea. TABOR is there for a reason and I am concerned that the timeout will become permanent. It could happen given the spending habits of all governments, local, state and federal.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Another bad idea.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Perhaps a 10 year holiday from new parks and the dreaded roundabouts?

In a previous survey I mentioned how the town vehicles were all new or fairly new and recommended hanging onto vehicles longer to save \$. My suggestion was borne out when I saw that Castle Rock won an award for having the best vehicle fleet in the nation. Maybe not getting new vehicles so often might save the town some \$. Just a thought

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Name (optional)

Allan Gillies

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Probably the best option, the new growth is what is causing the need to hire more, the new growth needs to pay for it.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Yes

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Yes

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114769

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

This appears to be selfish on your part to want to keep my refund. Stop building and you wouldn't have a need to keep my refund.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Stop building. If you stopped building, then there would not be a need for any increases. Keep the town small, which is why we came to Castle Rock. You are driving out the wildlife by building where they live.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114800

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Name (optional)

Shelly Livingston

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Currently renting while new home is under construction in Crystal Valley

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Well, since I am building a new home, I'm not exactly for this tax! But I understand the thinking behind it. \$15,000 seems steep, though.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I'm for this.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

You know, I've read about TABOR many times, and I'm still not sure I understand it, so I can't speak to this one.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I'm for this.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I totally agree that we need to increase our staffing of our police and fire, and for the upkeep of our other resources. Being a newcomer to Castle Rock, but a Colorado native, I want the place that I reside to be safe, and I especially want our first responders to feel that they have all the support that they need. So overall, I'm for any way that we can do this.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114801

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Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Defeats the purpose of tabor so, no.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

This is the best idea. Except on food and fuel.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114813

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

The Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

No

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

No

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

No

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No

Is there any other information you would like to share?

No more taxes!!!

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114815

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In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

Too hefty of an add on to new home pricing.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Would support.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Very concerning. Would not support.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Probably a good route to take to spread the burden.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114816

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Name (optional)

Kerstin Keough

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Crystal Valley

Email

[Redacted]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

With the increasing pricing in new homes, the amount seems a bit high. However, builders will pass this on to the buyers. Growth pays for growth. If someone wants to be here in CR they would be willing to pay the extra cost. CR is growing so much because the cost of housing is so much lower here than the surrounding areas. By bringing up the price we are able to bring up the required services to maintain the town to the expected standards.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

This is a good idea. Having visitors helping to pay for services that they may potentially use is good for the town.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

It needs to be a permanent removal in my opinion. Keeping money that was rightfully collected for town use is best for the town. When was the last time residents received any money back from TABOR? It was a bad idea then, and still bad now.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

8% tax is not something people want to see on a bill. It will become inevitable someday to raise the rate. I am torn on this one as .1% is not much overall, but can add up over time, especially for lower incomes. It may not be received well since it will go to parks and trails, I think many will scoff at that. I will vote for it as a user of the systems and parks here in CR.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

The people that are against these issues usually just hear tax raise. If you can put the amounts in simple terms, to let them know just how little it would affect them they may understand it better. examples-- would you give up a cup of coffee a week to build a new fire station (add firefighters, police, etc.) If a family of 4 spends \$x on groceries each week, you will pay only \$x for the year. Real life examples are what many need to hear. Let them know just how much revenue is made from non-CR residents via sales tax at the Outlet Mall. This may help understand the amount that would come in via visitors from the lodging tax and the .1% increase. Someone posted that Castle Pines does not charge food tax, they shop there. Pointing out the amount of gas it takes to go there and back is more than the total tax they pay, along with keeping it in our community to share in the benefits. Compare housing prices to the same house and builder in Parker or Highlands Ranch where people are paying more, and that they will to buy/live here also. Explaining where the TABOR money, and amounts, have gone in the last X years--how much and where those monies could have been used by the town. Showing why neighboring cities have more police officers and firefighters per capita because of opting out of TABOR and potentially higher mil levies, etc. Using the term Growth Pays for Growth is a great tag line. Those are just a few ideas to show people in simplistic terms/examples what it all really comes down to. Thank you

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114833

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

No

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

No

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Absolutely NOT! Do you think we're crazy?

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No

Is there any other information you would like to share?

The city council has developed Castle Rock to a bursting point and now wants more money to pay for all the extra "amenities" we now need? You have ruined our nice small-town feel at the expense of long-time residents, and want the newcomers to pay high taxes for larger, bigger, better amenities, with the catch phrase, "We need more fire and police services". Let's just add, "We need more money for education" to top it off. Sorry if I sound bitter, but my town has changed too much to give you all more money.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114859

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Plumb Creek

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

seems like a one-time thing.. the metro districts are taking lots of money every year from homeowners. Ask them to pay some of the public safety costs from those property taxes

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

not a nad idea

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

bad idea... better to set up a toll system at every exit on i-25 and other entry points to town. All commercial trucks must have a transponder and will be charged a toll upon entry and exit from town. Penalty for being in town without a transponder, enforced by CRPD. E-470 has a great system. Contract with them to build a system and give them a % of revenues. Recurring forever revenues from commercial trucks that cause traffic, cause damage and make lots of noise. They need to share in those costs through a truck toll.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Without taxes on tobacco and not raising taxes on alcohol sales, not sure anyone will see it as fair. Tax those things that create social costs.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Yes, employees of the town who live outside of town and spend their town salaries outside of town should pay a town income tax.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #114909

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Name (optional)

Kevin Rupp

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Castlewood Ranch

Email

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I believe that home prices are way too high already. It is simply not an affordable place to buy a home anymore. Also, if the prices of new homes are increased with the proposed tax, used home pricing will likely adjust, because of the increase in their demand. So, it effects all home pricing in the end, because the existing house market doesn't exist in a vacuum.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I don't have a big issue with this lodging tax increase. It seems minimal. However, I do have concerns that nearby communities will get more hotel business as a result.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Absolutely not! It seems that the Town's rationale is that "everyone else is doing it, so we should too" is ridiculous! The whole premise that the extra revenue from taxes that the Town takes in, above their budget for that year, is the town's money to keep and spend is the reason that TABOR exists. The tax revenue surplus is not the town's, it's the people's and should be given back. It also sounds like there are other means of revenue for interstate projects (State, Federal, private, etc), so the purpose of the TABOR timeout seems questionable.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Not in favor of a sales tax increase. Town already has one of the highest rates in the entire state.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

The Town's main comparison metric used is the number of Police Dept staff per resident population, and the number of Fire Dept staff per resident population. I don't believe this is the best way to frame the whole proposal that there is a need for more revenue. Most comparisons I've come across use the metric of Police or Fire Dept budget as a percentage of the total Town's budget. There are so many factors and considerations when determining the adequate number of police officers and firefighters for a particular community. I'd like to see the Town's budget and the % of it which is allocated to Police Dept and Fire Dept.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #115003

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Name (optional)

Foster Bitton

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Meadows

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I'm opposed to it. Housing costs are already high so this will just make them higher. Did the members of the town board have to pay \$7 per sq ft extra for their houses when they moved to Castle Rock? Asking newcomers to pay \$10,000 to \$35,000 just for the opportunity to live here is excessive, and many of us wouldn't be here if we had faced the same option.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I don't have any reason to not support it. Then again, I'm not in the lodging business, so I have to wonder why it is being singled out. We have a lot more drinkers than lodgers. Why not increase the tax on alcohol?

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I think this is the best option on the table. TABOR is confusing, and unfortunately it is an emotional issue with voters on both sides so it will undoubtedly be opposed by those who abhor taxes of any kind. In reality, this is the most equitable solution because it applies to all sectors of the community.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

As I understand it, this would go only to parks and recreation, not fire and police. Slight of hand maneuver. The board is trying to slip in another initiative when the main focus is supposedly safety infrastructure. I don't mind a small increase in sales tax, but I DO MIND a board that tries to slip things in by confusing the members of the community.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

The board hasn't done a good job of explaining why the added revenue from the higher population isn't covering the costs of additional safety personnel. More transparency in that regard may help us see things in a different light. As it is, we have no idea why revenue must be increased above the rate that is coming in through new move-ins. If the population increases by 10% then tax revenue increases by the same amount. If 15% of taxes were enough to support our fire and police needs before why isn't that 15% of the increased taxes enough to cover the needs now? The simple answer from the Fire and Police Chiefs that it's needed to keep up with growth isn't answering the question. Increasing their portion of the pot threefold sounds like more than just "keeping up." It sounds like a gold-plated upgrade. I fully appreciate and support our safety personnel, but as a taxpayer, I think we deserve more clarification on why the portion of the pot going to safety is no longer adequate. By the way, the poll sent out to judge the community's reactions to the revenue raising proposals was biased and insulting. It was something I'd expect to see from a politic party that was trying to sway an opinion rather than get a valid perception of the community's views. If the board would give us all the facts, and stop trying to sway us, they might gain our trust and find that we're willing to foot the bill for tangible, valid efforts.

Date Submitted: 7/15/2021

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Name (optional)

Kristin Kolstedt

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Glover

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I would not be opposed to a new home construction tax, as I do not support additional residential development at this time.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Depends on if it is rental or vacation rental. For vacation rental tax neutral, but for residential rental tax it would likely a hardship for families considering the already high rental rates.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Opposed

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Opposed

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Castle Rock is a unique and special place to live. The pockets of open space and agricultural land contribute greatly to this home town feel and the beauty of living here. It would be a shame to turn into just another Denver suburb with cement, concrete, houses, big box stores and tall buildings everywhere.

Potential Ballot Questions Feedback - Submission #115067

Date Submitted: 7/16/2021

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Name (optional)

Mike Camp

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Metaled Ranch

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

We need to stop the growth rate that affects our everyday life in Castle Rock. Stop granting these developers the land and taps. This is ridiculous.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

Let's tax the visitors like they are staying in Hawaii.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

Again, stop.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

We moved here 6 years ago to escape the sprawl and traffic of Lakewood. Now I see the same heavy traffic on almost every street in Castle Rock. The city council is 100% at fault for this environment.

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Catherine Fish

In what area of Castle rock do you live?*

Memmen Ridge

Email

[REDACTED]

What do you think about a potential new home construction tax?

I wonder if it would cause potential new residents to move to other communities because the cost of moving to CR would be too high.

What do you think about a potential lodging tax?

I am not completely opposed to it, but it would affect our family member who choose to come visit and find it cheaper to stay in Lone Tree because it would end up being cheaper.

What do you think about a potential 10-year "TABOR timeout?"

I am not sure I completely understand what this would entail or mean. As I currently understand TABOR laws, they detrimentally impact the state and cause numerous problems. If this would allow us to keep project money dedicated to those projects in the long-term, I would be for it.

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

CR already has very high sales tax rates. It is much less expensive for me to shop outside CR. I would not be for increasing it.

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