

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 10-0896**

Urging Denver Voters to Oppose Proposition 102

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 102 is a proposed amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes to limit Judicial discretion in bonding decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 102 is largely supported by, and solely benefits, one special interest group – the for-profit commercial bail bond industry; and

**WHEREAS**, opposition to Proposition 102 includes a broad array of law enforcement, criminal justice, and public safety entities and professionals who agree that experience shows the most effective way to assure public safety is through a comprehensive assessment of each defendant provided to the court by criminal justice professionals who staff pretrial programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 102 does nothing to increase public safety while actually increasing annual costs to taxpayers by at least \$2.8 million per year by incarcerating individuals who do not pose a risk to society while they await adjudication and who would be more efficiently monitored by pretrial supervision programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure will disproportionately impact underprivileged defendants who pose minimal risk of criminal acts or flight, putting them at risk of losing their jobs, leaving their families destitute, and without the resources to pay fines and restitution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby urges Denver voters to oppose Proposition 102.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Charles Garcia, Chair, Crime Prevention and Control Commission.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

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PRESIDENT