

COLORADO TITLE SETTING BOARD

Michele Haedrich and Steve Ward, Objectors

MOTION FOR REHEARING ON INITIATIVE 2023-2024 #284

Michele Haedrich and Steven Ward, registered electors of the State of Colorado, object to the ballot title set by the Title Board for Proposed Initiative 2023-2024 # 284 (“Initiative #284”).

On April 17, 2024, the Title Board set the following ballot title and submission clause for Initiative #284:

“An amendment to the Colorado constitution limiting new and existing fees that fund mass transit, and, in connection therewith, requiring fees that fund bus and passenger rail to be collected only in areas that are served by the transit and approved by voters of those areas before the fees can be collected; excluding fees to fund roads, highways, or bridges from these requirements; and reducing current transit funding.”

Proponents object to the title set by the Board because the final clause, “and reducing current transit funding,” is prejudicial.

The title as set by the Board assumes there will be a cost to current transit funding. There is no support for that conclusion. There is only a potential reduction if voters do not approve the fees.

Further, the language will confuse voters who are first told they will have an opportunity to vote on fees and then are led to believe their vote won’t matter because funding will be reduced regardless of their vote. Both the fiscal summary and the title as set by the Board assume that voters will not approve fees when given the opportunity and that voters will not choose to replace fees with an actual tax when given the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of April, 2024.

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