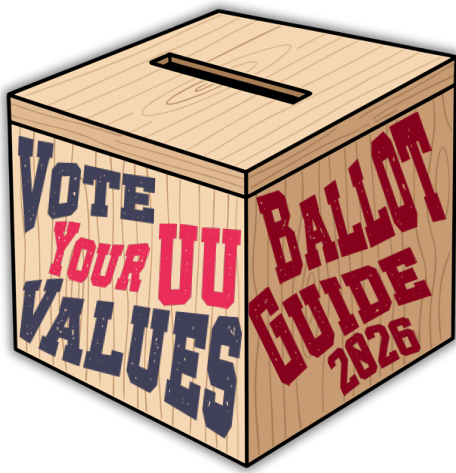




Common Flame Ballot Guide

Fall 2026

Below you'll find our 2026 Ballot Guide, made possible by our Common Flame Justice Teams. We have made recommendations for 'yes' or 'no' votes, based on our shared UU values of Interdependence, Pluralism, Justice, Transformation, Generosity & Equity, with Love at the center!

#	Title		Why?
Amend. 81	Law Enforcement Reporting Requirements (...)	NO	Anyone charged (not convicted) of a crime & not carrying proof of citizenship can be reported & arrested by ICE w/o due process. We're called to oppose racism & all forms of systemic oppression.
Amend. 82	Right to Natural Gas	NO	Enshrines the right to natural gas in the CO constitution. We want to pursue a just transition to clean energy.
Amend. 83	Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish	NO	Enshrines the right to "harvest fish/wildlife by traditional methods." Will likely be contested in court & hinder professionals caring for our natural resources. We value interdependence & support democratic processes.
Amend. 84	Mail Ballot Voter Identification	NO	Would require voters mailing in ballots to sign & provide an additional form of ID with their ballot envelope. This makes our elections less secure. We encourage participation in democracy for all eligible voters.
Amend. 85	Plain Language Ballot Questions	NO	Claims to ensure ballot questions are easily understood; but actually strips provisions that alert voters of tax changes impacting individual, state & local budgets. We support informed voters as part of the democratic process and equity.
Amend. 86	Congressional Redistricting	NO	Seeks to (in effect) lock in the current Congressional map & impede Colorado from mid-decade redistricting in response to gerrymandering. We have a duty to protect democratic processes & the will of Coloradans.
Amend. 87	Graduated Income Tax	YES	Would establish a graduated income tax range from 3.7%-8.4% & remove the uniform tax rate requirement from the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). We believe those who can afford to pay more for public services should do so, honoring our value of equity.
Prop. NN	State Public K-12 Education Funding	YES	Would allow the state to invest money it already collects in K-12 public education: more teacher pay, lower class sizes, access to career & technical courses, etc. Additional money to schools supports every Coloradan. No new taxes will be collected.
Prop. 132	Penalties for Fentanyl Crimes	NO	Could put over 900 additional people in prison each year. Simply providing or possessing a substance containing any amount of fentanyl would be punishable by a mandatory 8-32 years in prison. This would violate our values of justice, equity & human dignity.
Prop. 133	Penalties for Human Trafficking of a Minor	NO	Would broaden the scope of people accused of human trafficking, instate mandatory life without parole sentences, and remove judicial discretion regardless of circumstances in human trafficking cases. This measures violates our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person & further feeds the Prison Industrial Complex.
Prop. 134	Male and Female Participation in School Sports	NO	Would require sports teams to be sorted by "biological sex," defined in a way that misrepresents human biology. Transgender & intersex athletes (K-12 & collegiate) wouldn't be able to play on teams that work best for them socially. We support trans & intersex kids & young adults by honoring their identities & social needs.

Prop. 135	Prohibit Certain Surgeries on Minors	NO	Would make gender surgeries on kids under 18 illegal for trans kids, regardless of what the doctors, parents, or children themselves want. We believe that children, youth & their families should be able to make decisions about health care with their doctors.
Prop. 136	Income Tax Rate Cap	NO	Would establish a 4.4% cap on all regressive flat tax rates, burdening low and middle-income households. Amend. 87 must receive more yes votes than Prop. 136 to pass (so voting no helps amend. 87 pass!) This measure promotes regressive fixed tax rates, which is a form of economic injustice, and violates our values of equity & justice.
Prop. 137	Designate Sporting Goods Sales Tax Revenue for Conservation	UP TO YOU	Would reserve sporting goods sales taxes for new water, land, forest, wildfire prevention & outdoor recreation fund, rather than refunding revenue under TABOR. Favorable for conservation efforts, but it bypasses the discretion of the legislative/budgetary processes. Conservation is needed for the interdependent web of life; at stake is the legislature's ability to meet budget requirements.

Local issues that may be on your ballot

Front Range Passenger Rail Colorado Connector Funding (7A): Imposes a 0.333-cent sales tax within the district (surrounding areas of the proposed route between Fort Collins and Pueblo) to fund ‘CoCo.’

Recommendation: vote yes!

Jeffco Public Schools (5A & 5B):

The ‘General Purpose Mill Levy Override’ measure would provide an increase from the previous mill-levy to be used for teacher salaries, academic programming, classroom supplies, and more. **Recommendation: vote yes!**

The ‘Special Purpose Mill Levy Override’ measure would approve a tax that can be used for capital, construction, technology, and maintenance of our public school infrastructure. **Recommendation: vote yes!**

There are several great ballot guides out there that can supplement this one. View Bell Policy Center’s CO guide here:

Make your plan now for election day! Visit Vote 411 to check your voter registration, find a polling location, and more.

Read this report by Logan M. Davis of the CO Times Recorder, investigating Advance Colorado, “the machine behind the ballot.”



URL: bellpolicy.org/colorado-ballot-guide-2026



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Complete and return your ballot by **Tuesday, November 3**. Mailed ballots must be **received** by this date (not postmarked)! If possible, drop off your ballot in a nearby drop box instead of mailing it.

If you have any questions about this ballot guide, or general questions about elections & voting in our state, please send an email to UUtheVote@commonflameuu.org

