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The Community Foundation to Hold Forum on Amendment 46 – the ‘Civil Rights Initiative’

BOULDER COUNTY — The Community Foundation will sponsor a forum discussion on Amendment 46, the ‘Civil Rights Initiative’ this Friday, October 10th from 12-1:30 at the REI in Boulder (1789 28th St.) Speakers from the **Colorado Civil Rights Initiative** (www.coloradocri.org) and the **Colorado Progressive Coalition** (www.progressivecoalition.org) will be on hand to present supporting and opposing perspectives to the amendment, moderated by Sam Fuqua of KGNU.

This is a brown bag event with complimentary refreshments and sweets. There will also be a literature table for information on other initiatives.

The Community Foundation Board of Trustees has taken positions on three county and state initiatives for the 2008 Election. To see full statements on each of these initiatives, please visit our website, www.commfound.org.

The Community Foundation’s statement on Amendment 46:

The Community Foundation supports equal opportunity for all Coloradans; we also acknowledge there has been an imbalance of that opportunity in our nation’s history. The ‘Colorado Civil Rights Initiative’ (Amendment 46) proposes to prohibit the state from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to anyone on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting.

The language of this amendment is misleading and the potential consequences of its passing are serious for all levels of Colorado’s education, our nonprofit communities, and The Community Foundation’s support of social justice. The Trustees believe there is evidence that Colorado has not reached equality in our recruitment, enrollment, training, contracting and representation of qualified women and people of color. Therefore, we believe special programs to advance historically disadvantaged groups are still warranted. The Community Foundation also generally discourages the passing of constitutional amendments unless absolutely necessary.

For these reasons, the Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation has voted to **OPPOSE** Amendment 46 and we urge voters to vote **NO** on 46 on the statewide ballot.

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