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### **Community Foundation Endorses and Funds Proposition 103**

The Community Foundation's Board of Trustees today unanimously voted to endorse Proposition 103, the statewide school funding measure on this November's ballot. They also approved \$10,000 in support for the "Yes on 103!" campaign.

The Community Foundation joined a growing list of respected local organizations that have endorsed Proposition 103. These include The Daily Camera, Boulder Chamber of Commerce, Impact on Education, Boulder Valley Education Association, St. Vrain Valley School Board and The Colorado Nonprofit Association, among many others. The Boulder Valley School Board has also drafted a resolution in support of the measure, and is scheduled to vote on adopting it this Tuesday.

"We stand today in support of all our students and our public school teachers," Community Foundation Board Chair Bryan Biesterfeld said. "Proposition 103 is a modest, well-designed proposal in line with The Community Foundation's strategic objective to help close the achievement gap between students from low-income families and their peers."

Proposition 103 offers a five-year time out from school cuts by restoring the tax rates Colorado had throughout the 1990s. All of the new revenue will go to preschool, K-12 education and higher education. After five years, the rates will return to current levels.

The Community Foundation's support for the measure comes at a time when state education funding has put Colorado near the bottom of all states in per-pupil funding. This lack of funding has led to a widening of the achievement gap in Boulder County and across Colorado, according to the Foundation's TRENDS Report on the social and economic health of Boulder County. Please visit [www.commfound.org/trendsmagazine](http://www.commfound.org/trendsmagazine) for the complete report.

Boulder State Senator Rollie Heath is one of the measure's chief proponents. Community Foundation President Josie Heath, who is married to the Senator, recused herself during the

Foundation's deliberation on the matter and abstained from voting, so as to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest.

For more information or for how you can help with the campaign, visit [www.voteyeson103.com](http://www.voteyeson103.com).

The Community Foundation's funding for this measure is made possible by the many local donors who have given to The Community Foundation's Community Trust Initiative, a four-year effort to raise \$4 million for the Foundation's unrestricted grant-making fund. For more information on The Community Trust Initiative, visit [www.commfound.org](http://www.commfound.org), call 303-442-0436 or email Chris Barge, at [Chris@commfound.org](mailto:Chris@commfound.org). To donate, please make a check out to The Community Trust and mail it to The Community Foundation, 1123 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO, 80302.

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