

2023 Legislative Principles and CCI Positions

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STUDY SESSION

OCTOBER 4, 2022



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Purpose

- Review draft 2023 Arapahoe County Legislative Principles
- Discuss positions for 2023 CCI Priority Legislation
- Legislative Program Updates & Next Steps



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2023 Legislative Principles

Arapahoe County Legislative Principles

Purpose and Process

Purpose: Adopt principles annually to guide positions on bills and identify any session-specific issues or priorities.

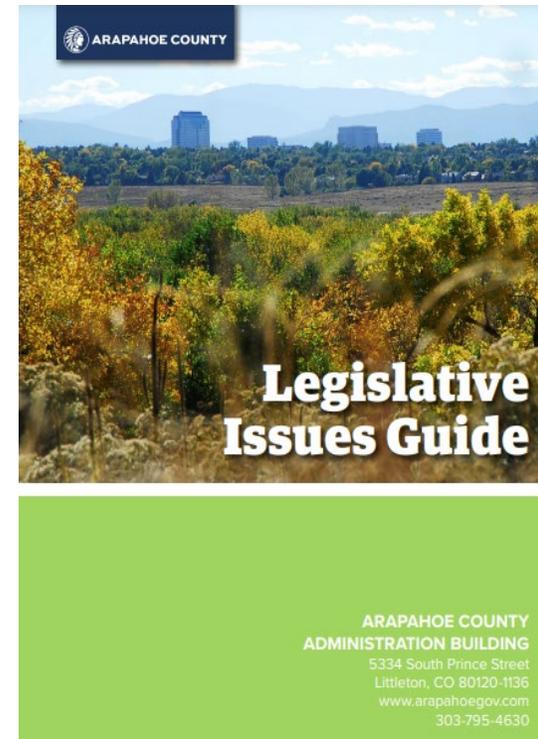
Process:

- Staff legislative team collects ideas
- Draft proposed revisions
- Board discussion (study session)
- Board adoption (business meeting)
- Announce at Legislative Dinner*

* New for 2023



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Federal Items

Add:

- Secure adequate funding for the implementation of the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act and ensure the passage of the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act.



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State Items

Add:

- Clarify state's regulatory scope with and create a state funding pool for remediating former landfill areas.*
- Develop legislative penalty for utility relocation delays impacting capital construction projects.*
- Ensure adequate funding for increased workload due to the expansion of benefits from the PACT Act.

** Subject to CCI vote on October 7*



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Workforce & Economic Development

Add:

The County also operates Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, a publicly-funded workforce center consistent with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Wagner-Peyser and various other state and federal grants.



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Housing and Homelessness

Add:

Arapahoe County supports coordinated regional and state efforts to alleviate housing affordability issues by increasing the supply of affordable and accessible housing.

Arapahoe County also recognizes that homelessness is a complex, interconnected issue and that people experience homelessness for a multitude of reasons. The County supports a multi-disciplinary approach to addressing homelessness by alleviating systemic poverty, providing accessible workforce development opportunities for our most vulnerable populations and ensuring adequate funding for safety net services, such as mental health and substance abuse treatment.



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Public Health

Add:

Arapahoe County is committed to providing public health services in a fiscally sound manner that are based on best practices and input from community members. The County also supports all counties' ability to set fees for public health services, licenses and permits and deliver services in a manner that best serves county residents.



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Board Discussion – Legislative Priorities

1. Do you agree with the additions proposed by staff?
2. Are there any other principles or priority items you'd like to include in the 2023 Legislative Priorities?
3. Are there any existing principles or priority items you want to revise?



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CCI Priority Legislation

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Overview

- 6 to 8 priority items each year.
 - From last year: Barriers to kin placements in child welfare
- 22 ideas for consideration
- Process:
 - July – submit draft ideas
 - August – discuss at district meetings
 - September – discuss at steering committee meetings with straw polls
 - October – vote at legislative committee meeting, adopt at membership meeting
 - November & December – draft language, secure sponsors & prepare for introduction
- Reminder: Arapahoe County submitted one idea, “Require utility companies to cooperate with road improvement projects”



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Positions

- Yes – support CCI dedicating staff time to run the bill as priority legislation
- No – do NOT support CCI running the bill as priority legislation
- Abstain – not taking a position
- N/A – does not apply to Arapahoe County

Note: Positions taken reflect Arapahoe County's preference as a CCI priority, not on the issue in general.



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CCI Priority Legislation

Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs

Item	Suggested Position
Motivating Participation in Voluntary Agricultural Districts (Larimer)	Yes



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General Government

Item	Suggested Position
Update CORA to Protect All Attorney/Client Privilege Communications (Larimer)	Yes
Allow Auctioneering Service to Conduct Foreclosure Sales (Larimer)	No
Limit Legislature from Convening for Legislative Changes (Montrose)	No
Equal Pay Act Exemption (El Paso)	Yes



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Justice & Public Safety

Item	Suggested Position
Declaring a District Attorney Vacancy (Fremont)	No
Repeal HB19-1263, Offense Level for Controlled Substance Possession (Montrose)	Abstain
Extend Medical Coverage for County Jail Incarcerated Persons (Gilpin)	Yes



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Land Use & Natural Resources

Item	Suggested Position
Treatment of Closed County Landfills (La Plata)	Yes



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Public Lands

Item	Suggested Position
Maintenance of County Roads Accessing State Parks (Park)	N/A



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Tax & Finance

Item	Suggested Position
Designate All Lodging Establishments as Residential Property (Grand)	No
Designate Short Term Rentals as Commercial Property (Grand)	No
Allow Counties to Form Urban Renewal Authorities (Adams)	Abstain
Subject Campgrounds to Lodging Tax (Not Sales Tax) (Gunnison)	N/A
Secure Statewide Voter Approval to Remove TABOR Prohibition on New or Increased Real Estate Transfer Tax (Pitkin)	N/A
Levy Sales Tax in Unincorporated Areas (Clear Creek)	No



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Tax & Finance (cont.)

Item	Suggested Position
Levy Sales Tax of Outdoor Services and Experiences (Clear Creek)	N/A
Alternatives to Issuing Local TABOR Refunds (El Paso)	No
Secure Statewide Voter Approval to Extend Homestead Exemption to Spouses of Fallen Peace Officers and Fire Fighters (El Paso)	No



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Transportation & Telecommunications

Item	Suggested Position
Require Utility Owners to Cooperate with Road Improvement Projects (Arapahoe)	Yes
Formation and Governance of Rail Districts (Huerfano)	No
Repeal SB05-152, Local Government Competition Cable TV Telecom (Douglas)	Yes



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Next Steps

Arapahoe County Legislative Principles

1. Incorporate revisions, if any
2. Adopt via consent agenda (October 11)
3. Unveil at Legislative Dinner (November 17)
4. Use to guide County positions (2023)

CCI Priority Legislation

1. Discuss, vote and adopt (October 7)
2. If advanced, draft language for Arapahoe County submittal



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Thank you!
