

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT 71, WHICH INCREASES THE  
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR PLACING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
ON THE BALLOT**

**NO. 2016-112**

WHEREAS, Colorado requires the same initiative process to amend our Constitution as our state laws, making Colorado's ballot and Constitution among the most easily changed in the country, with more than 150 amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Constitution should serve as our foundation to protect fundamental rights and outline the framework of government similar to the U.S. Constitution, which has withstood the test of time using a high threshold for amendments that Colorado should aspire to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 71 would increase the signature requirement to place a Constitutional amendment on the ballot from two percent of registered voters in each of the state's 35 senate districts and once on the ballot, constitutional measure would need 55 percent of the voters to pass instead of a simple majority; and

WHEREAS, raising the bar would refocus the role of the state's Constitution, ensure laws on specific issues are appropriately placed as statutes, and reduce the number of conflicting and unsustainable policies embedded in the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 71 is the first step in achieving the kind of government Coloradans want, to position Colorado for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Commerce City hereby supports Amendment 71 and encourages the community to also support raising the bar to make changes to the Colorado Constitution.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura J. Bauer, MMC, City Clerk