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Work Here, Thrive Here

*Increasing the minimum wage helps workers, businesses and communities across the state.*

The Local Wage Option would allow local jurisdictions to adjust the minimum wage in their communities to more effectively address their local cost of living. Because living costs vary considerably among different communities in Colorado, it makes sense to allow localities to determine the minimum wage that best works for them.

By allowing localities in Colorado to raise the minimum wage for their area, more working people will be able to live and shop in the communities where they work, creating jobs on Main Street and helping local economies to thrive. Research shows that increasing the minimum wage does not harm businesses or lead to a decrease in jobs. The Local Wage Option is a tool that can help Colorado’s varied communities thrive.

*Rents and other living costs are increasing alongside Colorado’s booming economy.*

Between 2012 and 2016, average rents in Colorado increased six times faster than wages. Every year, family budgets become increasingly tight. Colorado’s current minimum wage is much lower than what people need to live in many Colorado counties.

People want to stay in their communities, but because local workers in many areas are not being supported with appropriate wages, many are being forced out of their neighborhoods. Everyone loses out in this scenario. Hard working Coloradans should not be forced out of the communities they love because wages are failing to keep up with rents and other living costs.

The Local Wage Option allows communities, working families and local businesses across Colorado to thrive. It is supported by numerous organizations and individuals.

**Supporting Organizations:**
Colorado People’s Alliance (COPA), Colorado Municipal League, Service Employees International Union (SEIU Local 105), Good Business Colorado, Boulder Area Labor Council (BALF), Colorado AFL-CIO, Denver Area Labor Federation (DALF), Together Colorado, 9to5 Colorado, American Friends Service Committee, Center for Health Progress, Colorado Center on Law & Policy (CCLP), Colorado Education Association (CEA), Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC), Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR), Mi Familia Vota, NAACP CO MT WY State Conference, NAACP Denver, New Era Colorado, Padres y Jóvenes Unidos, The Bell Policy Center, United for a New Economy

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Adams County Commissioner District 4, Steve O’Doriso
Adams County Commissioner District 5, Mary Hodge
Arapahoe County Commissioner, Nancy Jackson
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Aurora Council Member Ward 2, Nicole Johnston
Aurora Council Member Ward 4, Charles Richardson
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