

# **Please Support Local Wage Option Sponsored by:**

Representatives Melton and Galindo and Senators Moreno and Danielson

## **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

**Elected Officials Supporting Local Wage Option:**

*Adams County Commissioner* District 1, Eva Henry  
*Adams County Commissioner* District 2, Charles "Chaz" Tedesco  
*Adams County Commissioner* District 3, Emma Pinter  
*Adams County Commissioner* District 4, Steve O'Dorisio  
*Adams County Commissioner* District 5, Mary Hodge  
*Arapahoe County Commissioner*, Nancy Jackson  
*Aurora Council Member At-Large*, Allison Hiltz  
*Aurora Council Member Ward 1*, Crystal Murillo  
*Aurora Council Member Ward 2*, Nicole Johnston  
*Aurora Council Member Ward 4*, Charles Richardson  
*Boulder Mayor*, Suzanne Jones  
*Boulder Mayor Pro Tem*, Sam Weaver  
*Boulder Council Member*, Aaron Brocket  
*Boulder Council Member*, Lisa Morzel  
*Boulder Council Member*, Mary Dolores Young  
*Boulder County Commissioner* District 1, Elise Jones  
*Boulder County Commissioner* District 2, Deb Gardner  
*Boulder County Commissioner* District 3, Matt Jones  
*Brighton Council Member Ward 1*, Matt Johnston  
*Broomfield Council Member Ward 2*, Sharon Tessier  
*Broomfield Council Member Ward 3*, Deven Shaff  
*Broomfield Council Member Ward 5*, Guyleen Castriotta  
*Clear Creak Commissioner* District 1, George Marlin  
*Colorado Springs Council Member* District 4, Yolanda Avila

*Commerce Council Member At-Large*, Steven J Douglas  
*Commerce Council Member At-Large*, Crystal Elliot  
*Denver Mayor*, Michael Hancock  
*Denver Council Member At-Large*, Debbie Ortega  
*Denver Council Member At-Large*, Robin Kniech  
*Denver Council Member District 1*, Rafael Espinoza  
*Denver Council Member District 3*, Paul Lopez  
*Denver Council Member District 6*, Paul Kashmann  
*Denver Council Member District 7*, Jolon Clark  
*Denver Council Member District 11*, Stacie Gilmore  
*Denver Public School Board Member* District 2, Angela Cobian  
*Firestone Town Trustee*, Samantha Meiring  
*Gunnison County Commissioner* District 1, John Messner  
*Lakewood Council Member Ward 2*, Jacob LaBure  
*Lakewood Council Member Ward 5*, Dana Gutwein  
*Lafayette Mayor Pro Tem*, Jamie Harkins  
*Lafayette Council Member*, Stephanie Walton  
*Larimer County Commissioner* District 1, John Kefalas  
*Longmont Council Member Ward 1*, Tim Waters  
*Northglenn Council Member Ward 1*, Jordan Sauers  
*Northglenn Council Member Ward 3*, Julie Duran Mullica  
*Northglenn Council Mayor Pro Tem*, Antonio Esquibel  
*Northglenn Council Member Ward 4*, Jenny Willford  
*Routt County Commissioner* District 3, Beth Melton  
*Summit County Commissioner*, Thomas Davidson  
*Thornton Council Member Ward 1*, Jacque Phillips  
*Westminster Council Mayor Pro Tem*, Anita Seitz  
*Westminster Council Member*, Sheela Mahnke

**Resolutions passed in support:**

Denver City Council  
 Boulder City Council  
 Lafayette City Council

**Local Business Supporters:**

Durango Compost Company	Native Earth Landscape, Inc	Simple Energy INC
Effect Communications	Nuance Chocolate	Soul Salve
INC	Optimum Home team LLC	Sustainable World
Fire on the Mountain	Organic India USA	Financial Advisors, LLC
Gary's Auto Service	Product Architects INC	The Denver Game Lounge LLC
Golden Real Estate, Inc	Progressive Promotions	The Wellness Center
Luba Fridnerova Architect	Sexy Pizza/KSTKL	Venner Consulting
Margaux's Bookkeeping, Inc	Investments/Denver Relief Consulting	
MobilizeUS		