

CCI LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

for 2018 Legislative session

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Please fax or email your issue forms to Jeanne DeHaven at 303.861.2818 or jdehaven@ccionline.org. Please feel free to use more than one page when submitting issues and to submit additional documentation or background information related to the issue. Legislative Issue Forms should be returned by Friday, June 30, 2017 in order to be discussed during the summer legislative review and steering committee meetings.

Name: Jeanne McQueeney _____ Title: Commissioner _____

County: Eagle _____ Phone: 970-328-8605 _____ E-mail: Jeanne.mcqueeney@eaglecounty.us _____

1.) Issue: Funding for Affordable housing

2.) Background: Affordable housing is the number one issue facing many communities in Colorado, including Eagle County. We lose people, and jobs remain unfilled because our workforce cannot find quality housing at a price that is affordable to them. Families who pay more than thirty percent (30%) of their income for housing are considered cost burdened and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care. Based on 2010-2014 averages, over fifty percent (50%) of owners with a mortgage and over forty-six percent (46%) of renters in Eagle County are cost burdened. In the 2016 Workforce Survey, sixty-nine (69%) of employers indicated that the lack of affordable housing was negatively affecting their ability to hire employees. This is the highest response to this question in the 9 years the survey has been completed and is effecting who we are as a community. To attempt to address this problem locally, Eagle County Government put a sales tax request on the 2016 general election ballot, and while 95% of people surveyed said they think the lack of affordable housing is an issue in Eagle County, only 37% voted to increase sales tax by 0.3% to create a local funding source.

3.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy (Please provide the specific statutory citation your board is requesting to modify AND the proposed language you are requesting.) We need permanent and stable funding to invest in affordable housing solutions. We propose the creation of a statewide affordable housing fund allocated to and implemented at the County level. House Bill 2017-1309: Documentary Fee to Fund Affordable Housing would have created at least a partial solution to the problem facing Eagle County and the majority of the state. Having a statewide fund that is dedicated to creating new affordable housing units will be of the utmost importance in continuing to grow the state's economy into the future.

4.) County Commissioner role in this issue? The Eagle County Board of Commissioners will support the passage of a bill similar to HB17-1309 to bring a funding source to the state.

5.) Proponents/Opponents (Please indicate if your board has had conversations with

proponents/opponents to date and their perspective on this proposal): While we have had limited conversations about this specific bill, we talked to many people about our local ballot issue. Proponents understand the importance of addressing the lack of workforce housing and the impacts that not having adequate housing has on our schools, employers, and workforce. Opponents state that government should not be involved in addressing this issue and that the free market and employers should take care of it. In 2017, Housing Colorado conducted a survey related to HB17-1309 and found that 62% of all respondents would encourage their state legislator to support the proposal.

6.) Have you visited with your legislator(s) about their reaction to this proposal? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal? Members of our delegation understand the issue and are likely to support the proposal.

7.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact: HB17-1309 would have increased the existing county clerk's documentary fee from one cent to two cents per \$100 of purchase value for recording real estate-related documents.

8.) Please list the subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal: Housing Colorado Executive Director Sara Reynolds can be reached at 303-863-0124 or sara@housingcolorado.org and Eagle County Housing Director Jill Klosterman can be reached at 970-328-8773 or jill.klosterman@eaglecounty.us

9.) Priority Ranking (If multiple issues submitted): This is our top priority

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Name: John Messner _____ Title: Commissioner _____

County: Gunnison Phone: 970-901-6708 _____ E-mail: jmessner@gunnisoncounty.org

1.) Issue:

Create a dedicated and sustainable revenue source to provide funding for affordable housing projects in counties across Colorado.

2.) Background:

Significant progress was made during the 2017 legislative session through HB 17-1309, Documentary Fee to Fund Affordable Housing. While HB 1309 did not pass the legislature, a critical conversation was started, and it will be important to build on this foundation in 2018. Counties, through their relationships with their Housing Authorities and other partners, have a key role to play in providing attainable housing to their residents in support of their local economies.

3.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy (Please provide the specific statutory citation your board is requesting to modify AND the proposed language you are requesting.):

Work with Housing Colorado and other stakeholders to revise and reintroduce HB 17-1309, Documentary Fee to Fund Affordable Housing. Improvements that Colorado counties and stakeholders could consider during these discussions include increasing the amount of money generated for the fund; pursuing funding sources other than just the documentary fee; keeping funds in county of origin; tailoring fund mechanics to better address needs at the county or regional level; and tailoring fund mechanics to provide distribution of revenues directly to local governments.

4.) County Commissioner role in this issue?

Engage in interim coalition effort to revise and reintroduce HB 17-1309, advocate for the bill with other stakeholders and legislators, provide testimony in committee hearings, etc.

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5.) Proponents/Opponents (Please indicate if your board has had conversations with proponents/opponents to date and their perspective on this proposal):
Proponents would include the large group of stakeholders that rallied in support of HB 1309, through the leadership of Housing Colorado. If interim conversations are successful, it is hoped that the opposition would be limited.

6.) Have you visited with your legislator(s) about their reaction to this proposal? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal?
No conversations have been held with our legislators. But that said, the Gunnison County legislative delegation is well aware of the challenges we are facing with housing affordability and how important this issue is to the county and its residents.

7.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact:
None. Because an existing fee would be increased, with only the increase dedicated to the housing fund, there will be no negative impact to state revenues. For more detail please see the HB 1309 Fiscal Note:
http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017A/bills/fn/2017A_HB1309_f1.pdf.

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Gayle Berry

9.) Priority Ranking (if multiple issues submitted):