

RESOLUTION # 82
(Series of 2020)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF COLORADO PROPOSITION EE, A TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE TAX INCREASE FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS, A MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 STATE BALLOT.

WHEREAS, the Tobacco and E-Cigarette Tax Increase for Health and Education Programs Measure will be on the November 2020 ballot as Proposition EE; and

WHEREAS, a yes vote on Proposition EE supports creating a tax on nicotine products such as e-cigarettes, increasing cigarette and tobacco taxes, and dedicating revenues to various health and education; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aspen along with the Kids First Advisory Board respectfully and strongly encourage increasing taxes on highly addictive nicotine products like cigarettes and vape which ultimately has the effect of encouraging more people, particularly teens, to break their addictions and stop using the products; and

WHEREAS, currently, Colorado has one of the lowest tobacco tax rates in the country and does not tax vape products; and

WHEREAS, Revenue from the added and new taxes will go to public schools, including free preschool programs, and to programs that reduce nicotine use; and

WHEREAS, Proposition EE aligns with the City's support of statewide legislation that supports health and well-being and we must encourage the highest level of personal health for everyone in our community through programs that encourage healthy lifestyles, reduce risks; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Aspen Mayor and City Council officially declares its support for Proposition EE and for the reasons set forth in this Resolution urges a YES vote on the proposition at the November 3, 2020 state election,

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Aspen on the 13th day of October 2020.

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Torre, Mayor

I, Nicole Henning, duly appointed and acting City Clerk do certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of that resolution adopted by the City Council of Aspen, Colorado, at a meeting held October 13, 2020.

Nicole Henning
Nicole Henning, City Clerk