

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

Resolution No. 24
Series, 2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
COLORADO, OPPOSING SB 25-001 “COLORADO VOTING RIGHTS ACT”**

WHEREAS, the City of Littleton strongly believes that free, fair, and accessible elections are vital to democracy, ensuring all eligible electors can participate without barriers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Littleton typically coordinates elections with Arapahoe County, Jefferson County and Douglas County which serves as a model for election accessibility, transparency, and security, ensuring that all eligible electors can participate easily and with confidence in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, there are already several federal civil rights laws that provide protection against discrimination, including the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which specifically prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or membership in a minority language group; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado’s Constitution Article XX, Section 6 explicitly grants municipalities the authority to regulate “all matters pertaining to municipal elections”, affirming local control over election administration; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Supreme Court has consistently upheld that municipal elections are a matters of solely local concern, rejecting claims that they fall under state or mixed state and local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, SB25-001 seeks to impose strict regulations on how municipalities administer their elections by increasing municipal liability and significantly limiting a municipality's ability to defend or adjust its election policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, SB25-001 requires all municipal elections to align with partisan state and federal election calendars, thereby eroding the nonpartisan character of local elections and accountability in local governance; and

WHEREAS, SB25-001 imposes several unfunded mandates related to polling locations, data reporting, and language access requirements that go far beyond the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, SB 25-001 exempts state elections and various special districts such as school districts and metro districts from the requirements and is not applied equitably.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO THAT:**

Section 1. The City of Littleton opposes SB25-001, as it undermines local control over municipal elections, and special elections, imposes unfunded mandates, encourages wasteful and unnecessary legal challenges, and disrupts the longstanding nonpartisan nature of local elections. Furthermore, the City believes that SB25-001 is unconstitutional, as it infringes upon the rights of municipalities guaranteed by the Colorado Constitution. The City hereby urges the Colorado State Legislature to vote against SB25-001 and directs its staff to actively lobby against its passage.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton, Colorado, on the 1st day of April, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado.

ATTEST:

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