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CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

Resolution No. 47

Series of 2019

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE SAFER ARAPAHOE
COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County is one of Colorado's fastest growing counties with more than 650,000 residents and by 2030 likely growing to over 800,000 residents, making Arapahoe the most populous county in the metro area, surpassing the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County has a reputation for being an efficiently-run, fiscally responsible government; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County has some of the lowest property taxes in the state with county government keeping only 15 percent of what it collects to invest in county services and infrastructure; the rest going to schools, cities and towns and special districts like fire and water; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Detention Center serves every city and town (13) in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Detention Center, built to house 386 inmates, now routinely holds over 1,100 inmates and is structurally unable to safely continue to operate at that capacity; and

WHEREAS, public safety and the safety of the deputies of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office are critical issues to the residents of Arapahoe County; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Long Range Planning Committee, a bi-partisan citizens' task force of County residents, business and non-profit leaders appointed by the County Commissioners, recommends that the County needs a new detention and intake center; and

WHEREAS, the citizens' task force also found that the old detention center lacks the resources and space needed to adequately address mental and behavioral health issues (40% of the prison population), alcohol and drug abuse, and medical problems; and

WHEREAS, the new center would provide these and other programs to help lower the number of repeat offenders affecting safety in our neighborhoods; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, the voters of Arapahoe County are being asked to approve a 3.4 mill
3 property tax increase dedicated to public safety, including programs for mental health,
4 alcohol and drug abuse, medical care and a new detention center.
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7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF**
8 **THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:**
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10 The Mayor and Council support the Arapahoe County public safety ballot
11 initiative.
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13 INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the
14 City Council of the City of Littleton, Colorado, on the 1st day of October, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at
15 the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado.
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18 ATTEST:
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20 _____
21 Wendy Heffner
22 CITY CLERK
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Debbie Brinkman
MAYOR

24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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26 _____
27 Reid Betzing
28 CITY ATTORNEY