

Town Hall Meeting & Updates



Hello, Friends! In this issue:

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1.) This Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. is Town Hall meeting time! Join me, Senator Cheri Jahn, and Jeffco County Clerk Pam Anderson at the Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center (6363 W. 35th Ave between Pierce and Harlan). The meeting lasts from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Bring your questions and opinions about elections for Pam, and bills being debated in the legislature for Cheri and me. Hope to see you there!

2.) This Friday, Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m. the University of Denver will report its findings from a statewide tax study commissioned by the legislature last year. The hearing will be in conference room "A" in the Legislative Services Building on the southeast corner of 14th and Sherman. Do we keep cutting services we rely on? Can we live on less? What are some ideas to generate revenue if we want to maintain our services?

3.) Also, a big question is how do we fund our public schools and invest in our future citizens? Colorado is in an economic recession, and the state is facing a \$1.B budget shortfall. I do not personally believe, however, that cutting more than \$400 million from K-12 and higher education is good for our state in the short or long term. What do you think? Over the coming weeks and months, I will work to find innovative solutions to ensure that every child has access to quality teachers, schools and colleges. Email me or call

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4.) The Senate just passed SCR11-001 addressing how to pass amendments to the state constitution. The bill would require a certain number of petition signatures from each congressional district in the state before a measure makes it to the election ballot. Once on the ballot, an initiative would require 60% to pass instead of the current 51%. The bill has strong bi-partisan support and addresses the constant stream of special-interest ballot initiatives Coloradoans are faced with every election cycle. What do you think?

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