

RESOLUTION R-2026-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL URGING LONGMONT ELECTORS TO VOTE “YES” ON THE BALLOT ISSUE INCREASING BOULDER COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES BY 2.579 MILLS TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE AND HIGH COST OF CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL FOR BOULDER COUNTY FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN BY LOWERING THE COST OF CARE, INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF, AND EXPENDING CAPACITY TO SERVE MORE CHILDREN AND REDUCE WAITLISTS ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, COORDINATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, Boulder County’s families face annual childcare costs exceeding \$23,000 per child, infant and toddler slots are dangerously scarce, and the early childhood workforce essential to our economy and children’s development, continues to experience unsustainable wages and high turnover; and

WHEREAS, the first five years of life represent a critical period of brain development during which early experiences shape the neural architecture supporting cognitive, language, and social-emotional skills. Research in developmental neuroscience demonstrates that consistent, high-quality early care supports healthy brain development and establishes the foundation for school readiness and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the tax will be to pay the costs to transform Boulder County’s early care and education system from a fragile, patchwork network into a stable, high-quality ecosystem that meets the needs of families, providers, and employers alike through investment in three interconnected priorities: improving affordability for families, expanding access to licensed

1 infant and toddler care, and strengthening the early childhood workforce to ensure stability and
2 quality across the system.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO,
4 RESOLVES:

5 Section 1

6 For the reasons stated above, the Longmont City Council supports the Boulder County
7 ballot issue increasing county property taxes by 2.579 mills to address the shortage and high cost
8 of child care and preschool for Boulder County families with young children by lowering the cost
9 of care, increasing the compensation of child care and preschool teachers and staff, and expanding
10 capacity to serve more children and reduce waitlists.

11 Section 2

12 The City Council urges Longmont electors to fully inform themselves about all ballot
13 issues before voting.

14 Section 3

15 The City Council urges Longmont electors to vote "YES" on the Boulder County ballot
16 issue increasing county property taxes by 2.579 mills to address the shortage and high cost of
17 child care and preschool for Boulder County families with young children by lowering the cost
18 of care, increasing the compensation of child care and preschool teachers and staff, and
19 expanding capacity to serve more children and reduce waitlists.

20 Passed and adopted this 8th day of September, 2026.

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Signed by:
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