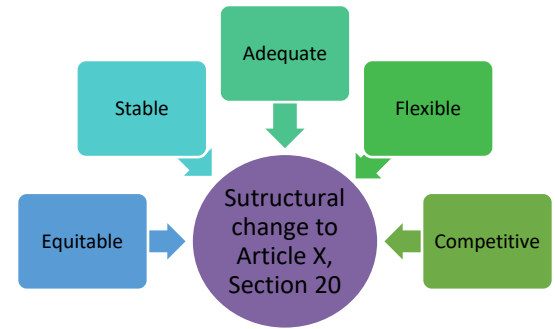


Vision 2020 Policy Explanations

Vision 2020 submitted 17 initiatives to the state for approval. These measures reflect the guiding principles of the Vision 2020 network and make substantial structural change to Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution. It's easiest to think of these measure as three strategies:

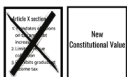
- **Repeal:** (1 Measure) Restore shared responsibility for tax policy making between voters and elected representatives.
- **Replace:** (4 Possible Measures) Provide legislature with more flexibility to meet the funding needs of our state while preserving some limit on growth.
- **Raise Revenue:** (12 Possible Measures) Graduated income tax that impacts incomes over \$250,000.



Repeal: An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the repeal of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution.

What this means to you:

- Elected representatives can make tax policy
- Voters won't lose their ability to propose or repeal revenue increases
- Elections aren't the only way to change tax policy
- Shorter ballots and less confusing ballot language (no more capital letters)
- Might pay fewer annual fees
- School districts and other local governments could lower and raise property taxes as needed depending on the needs of the community
- Gives local governments more control over tax policy
- Ability to put in place a fairer tax structure
- Would not automatically result in additional revenue for public investments



Replace: Gives TABOR a much needed update and offers lawmakers more flexibility to meet Colorado's funding needs

1. **Values statement:** Sets forth the principles of a fair and just tax system.
2. **Limit on who pays:** Preserves voter approval on taxes that impact the lowest 90% of incomes.
3. **Limit on revenue:** Allows state lawmakers to make tax increases as long as the money raised doesn't exceed 5% of what the state spent in the previous year, otherwise voter approval would be required.

What this means to you:

- If you make less than the top 10% of incomes in Colorado, voters would still need to approve tax increases that affect you
- Elected representatives can make some tax policy
- State lawmakers could increase taxes by a small amount to pay for innovative ideas that they would need to cut from education or transportation to pay for now
- Preserves voter approval on most tax policy changes



Raise Revenue: Institute a fair income tax. Reverse the trend of underinvestment in public services and infrastructure.

- 26 other states use a fair tax structure
- Colorado used to have a fair tax system
- Eight states that have used a similar structure, experienced economic growth and job growth

Variations:

1. Tax Table
2. How money will be spent
3. Corporate Tax

All the measures within this strategy establish a citizen's oversight committee to assure that the funds are spent as they were intended and that at least 90% of new revenue is spent on services for Colorado Residents and not administrative costs.

Tax Table

Table A

Bracket	Proposed Marginal Rate	Current Marginal Rate	Difference
Below \$250k	4.63%	4.63%	0%
250-500	7.25%	4.63%	2.62%
500-1m	8.50%	4.63%	3.87%
1m+	9.85%	4.63%	5.22%
Possible Revenue Generated	\$2.5billion		

Table B

Bracket	Proposed Marginal Rate	Current Marginal Rate	Difference
Below \$250k	4.58%	4.63%	-0.05%
250-500	7.25%	4.63%	2.62%
500-1m	8.50%	4.63%	3.87%
1m+	9.85%	4.63%	5.22%
Possible Revenue Generated	\$2.4billion		

Table C

Bracket	Proposed Marginal Rate	Current Marginal Rate	Difference
Below \$250k	4.58%	4.63%	-0.05%
250-500	7.00%	4.63%	2.37%
500-1m	7.75%	4.63%	3.12%
1m+	8.9%	4.63%	4.27%
Possible Revenue Generated	\$1.9billion		

- 95% of Coloradans would see no change or a decrease in tax rate

How your money will be spent

- Respond to growth
 - Manage development responsibly
 - More money for transportation
- A percentage required to go to education (Either 25% or 50%)
 - Pay teachers more
 - Retain educators who are leaving
 - Recruit new educators

Corporate Tax

- No Corporate Change
- Corporate Minimum of \$250
 - Every C-Corporation (not small business or mom and pop) pays something for the privilege of doing business in Colorado
 - 49% of C-Corporations currently pay \$0 in income tax