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<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/InitiativesHome.html>

Arguments For Amendment 77

- 1) Amendment 77 allows voters in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek to make decisions that are best for their communities. Local residents impacted by changes to gambling in Colorado are best equipped to address the needs of their communities and should be allowed to control what happens in their cities.
- 2) Without raising taxes on Coloradans, Amendment 77 will likely increase the amount of funding for community college financial aid, classroom instruction, workforce development, student retention, and degree completion programs. This additional revenue will help provide important educational and employment opportunities during this economic downturn and is essential when recent state and local tax revenues have decreased significantly.

Arguments Against Amendment 77

- 1) Removing bet limits may increase the prevalence and severity of problem gambling. Problem gambling often leads to negative social impacts ranging from lower work productivity, financial problems, and higher crime rates to family neglect and abuse, substance abuse, and suicide. Amendment 77 increases the risk of gambling problems without setting aside any of the new tax revenue to help people harmed by problem gambling.
- 2) Expanding casino gambling may negatively impact other communities in Colorado that will no longer have a voice in changes to limits on bets and games. Other cities will not receive any of the tax revenue to help offset the burden created by additional traffic, intoxicated driving, or any problem gambling issues. All Colorado voters deserve to have a say in activities that impact the entire state.