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special legislative session



It’s official – **the Colorado General Assembly is headed into a special session on August 21st!** The legislature passed a balanced budget this Spring, as required by the state constitution, but because Colorado’s tax structure mirrors the Federal, the big reconciliation bill has created a \$1.2 billion budget shortfall for the state. **Approximately 70% of the shortfall is the result of corporate tax cuts.**

When the Governor calls for a special session in Colorado, the call itself is important to note: only bill titles that are within the scope of the call are valid in this session.

This is why it’s of note that in addition to addressing the budget shortfall, and shoring up healthcare coverage and nutritional assistance, the call also includes either adjusting or postponing Colorado’s first-in-the-nation AI regulations. There is also a hiring freeze in effect.

[more about the special session](#)

Separate church & state (like our founders intended)

Citizens Project has always stood for separation of church and state, and have fought from the very beginning to preserve that wall of separation wherever it remains, and rebuild it where it has been torn down. Sadly, we also realize that the Johnson Amendment has not been properly enforced for decades, and that the new IRS rule permitting electioneering directly from the pulpit only solidifies what has already been occurring.

The trend of Christian nationalism that we see today is not new; it was our organizational founders’ driving motivation back in the early 1990s, when Amendment 2 was being pushed by megachurches and parachurch organizations.

Simply put: our organization opposes religious intrusion into the democratic process, and the resulting dominance of one religious identity over all others. We will continue to support citizens in the Pikes Peak region in learning about candidates and issues prior to voting, and having the tools to hold their elected officials accountable.

[coverage about new irs rule](#)

colorado health symposium



Members of Citizens Project staff recently participated in Fortifying the Movement in Volatile Times: the 2025 Colorado Health Symposium, an annual convening of health equity advocates, grassroots leaders, policymakers, and changemakers.

It was a great time to learn more about building resilience, especially for times as uncertain as these.

sky foerster (1949-2025): rest in power



With great sadness, we share in the mourning of Schuyler Foerster, who previously served as chair of our board of directors. We also celebrate his many contributions to the community over the years -- his faith in humanity, his love for his family, friends, students, and colleagues, his commitment to always being of service, and his unwavering devotion to peace and justice.

You can visit Sky's obituary and memorial page to share a photo or memory, or send flowers.

[remembering sky foerster](#)



come join us!

Are you passionate about building equity, inclusion, and justice in the Pikes Peak Region? We invite you to come volunteer with us! Join us for this info session and social event to learn more and make some new friends.

When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2-4pm
Where: Ruth Holley library branch
685 N Murray Blvd

Registration is not mandatory, but encouraged!

[register here](#)

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