

ARROWHEAD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

March 29, 2018

Honorable Larry Liston
Honorable Jack Tate
200 E Colfax, Room 307
Denver, CO 80203

Re: HB 18-1181

Dear Representatives Liston and Tate:

We are writing regarding House Bill 18-1181. Arrowhead Metropolitan District is a Title 32 special district in Eagle County, Colorado. There are approximately 740 homes in Arrowhead. Approximately 260 of the homes in Arrowhead are owned by Colorado owners and the remaining 480 are owned by out of state owners. Under current Colorado law, the out of state owners are not permitted to vote in Arrowhead elections or to serve on the Arrowhead board of directors. We believe a change in the statutes permitting the board of directors of a special district to choose whether or not to allow out of state voters to vote could be extremely beneficial to Arrowhead. Our suggestions on how to structure this change are:

1. The board of directors of a Title 32 special district should be permitted to choose whether to allow eligible out of state owners to vote. Districts which do not see this change as justified will not be required to permit out of state voters. The board of directors, when considering whether to permit eligible out of state owners to vote, can take the cost of maintaining the out of state voter registration list into consideration when making that decision.
2. If the board of directors of the district has determined that eligible out of state owners are permitted to vote, we believe such out of state owners shall also be eligible to serve on the special district board of directors in the same voting capacity as the other directors.

Our recommendation is that HB 18-1181 be amended to incorporate the provisions as stated above. But regardless of whether the above changes can be incorporated, we would like to go on record as supporting HB 18-1181.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


Chris Matlon
Chairman, Arrowhead Metropolitan District