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GOLDEN RESIDENTS COUNT TO PROCEED WITH CHARTER AMENDMENT DESPITE CITY'S DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH \$52.5 MILLION PROJECT

GOLDEN, CO – December 18, 2024 – The Golden Residents Count (GRC) Committee announces its unwavering commitment to amend the City Charter, even as the City of Golden (City) moves forward with its plan to construct a new \$52.5 million City Hall and police facility without voter approval.

The City recently confirmed its decision to proceed with the project, leveraging Certificates of Participation (COPs) to bypass the need for a public vote. Despite this action, GRC remains steadfast in its mission to empower Golden residents with a greater voice in significant financial decisions.

“We are disappointed but not deterred by the City’s decision to move forward without public consent,” said a GRC representative. “This highlights the urgent need for a charter amendment that ensures residents have the right to vote on major financial commitments. The time to act is now, so future projects are subject to greater public oversight.”

GRC’s proposed charter amendment will require voter approval for any city project exceeding \$20 million. The group believes this measure is essential to uphold transparency and accountability in local governance.

NEXT STEPS IN THE PETITION DRIVE

GRC is actively gathering signatures from registered voters in Golden. The goal is to secure over 1,300 signatures by January 29, 2025, to qualify the amendment for a special election tentatively scheduled for May 2025.

Petition signing event locations are updated on the GRC website: www.GoldenResidentsCount.com. Residents can also request a petition signing at their residence by contacting GRC via email: goldenresidentscount@gmail.com

CALL TO ACTION

GRC encourages all Golden residents to sign the petition and participate in this critical initiative. “While this particular project may proceed, this amendment ensures residents will have a voice in future decisions,” the representative added.

ABOUT GOLDEN RESIDENTS COUNT (GRC): *Formed in Spring 2024, GRC is a non-partisan committee of Golden residents dedicated to promoting transparency and public involvement in municipal financial decisions. To learn more about GRC, how to sign the petition, or volunteer to circulate the petition, please visit their website at www.GoldenResidentsCount.com or email GoldenResidentsCount@gmail.com.*

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