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Metro Mayors Caucus Statement on Governor Polis' Executive Order 2025-001

[Denver Metro] — The Metro Mayors Caucus expresses its disappointment in Governor Polis' issuance of Executive Order 2025-0011, which directs the prioritization of state funding based on the Governor's specific land use priorities.

Local control over land use decisions is a foundational principle of Colorado governance. Our cities and towns are uniquely positioned to understand the needs, character, and long-term vision of their communities. Effective land use planning requires careful consideration of infrastructure capacity, economic development goals, environmental sustainability, and public input — all of which are best determined at the local level.

While we recognize the importance of addressing statewide challenges such as housing availability and affordability, the path forward must be collaborative, not directive. State funding should be allocated equitably, without preference for policies or approaches that may not align with the locally adopted plans and priorities of Colorado's diverse municipalities.

We urge the Governor's office to work in true partnership with local governments, respecting the balance between statewide objectives and municipal authority, and to engage in meaningful dialogue to find solutions that serve all Coloradans.

About the Metro Mayors Caucus

The Metro Mayors Caucus is a collaborative, nonpartisan coalition of 38 cities and towns in the Denver metropolitan area, representing over half of Colorado's population. Since its founding in 1993, the Caucus has worked together to address regional issues, advocate for shared priorities, and promote effective governance.

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