

To the editor,

In 2005, many organizations across the state combined efforts in a campaign to pass Referendum C, which created a five year time-out to the revenue caps mandated by TABOR (the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights). This time-out is now in effect, and will expire in 2010. When Referendum C passed, many knew it was a stop-gap measure for our state's conflicting constitutional mandates and funding problems which have resulted in past (and potential future) cuts to higher education, roads, health care, public health, and children's programs. The current economic downturn and housing market crisis further impact the state's financial problems.

The League of Women Voters - La Plata County and the "It's About Kids" - La Plata County Advocacy Network, along with several other state and local sponsors invite you to a presentation on this important state-wide and local issue: "Looking Forward: Colorado's Fiscal Prospects After Referendum C." Our speakers from The Bell Policy Center and the Colorado Children's Campaign will focus on where the state's finances are headed and explore if that's really where we want to go. A brief Q&A session will follow their prepared talk.

We invite you to this educational forum that we hope will start a community conversation about the topic and provide us with the information we need as citizens of the State of Colorado. This event will be held Wednesday, April 30th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in The Peaks Room at the Durango Community Recreation Center, 2700 Main Avenue. Refreshments will be served.

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