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Voters in Broomfield Reject Extremism in Failed Recall Effort

Colorado communities once again choose balance in supporting responsible energy development in Colorado

DENVER (July 19, 2017) – Statement from Dan Haley, President & CEO, Colorado Oil & Gas Association on failed recall effort against Broomfield City Council Member, Greg Stokes.

“By keeping Councilman Greg Stokes in office by a wide margin, Broomfield voters made a strong statement against individuals who attempt to hijack democracy for the sake of misguided politics.

For years now, activists have worked relentlessly to ban responsible energy development, but divisiveness and playing upon fears does not pay off in the long run. Four years ago, they tried to ban responsible energy development in Broomfield but in the years since they have nothing to show for their divisiveness but a long string of defeats.

With over a dozen oil and gas rulemakings and new laws put in place in recent years, industry has implemented and is adhering to first of their kind air, water, and noise regulations, to the point where Colorado is commonly known to have the strictest oil and gas standards in the nation.

Voters in Broomfield sent a strong signal to those who serve on city councils in towns like Thornton or Erie: Hang tough, work toward balanced, responsible energy development and trust that voters will reject extremism and misinformation when it rears its head.

Greg Stokes admirably fought this recall, even with only three months left on his term. He’s a good example of what happens when you stand up to a bully, and we applaud him for his courage.”

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About COGA

Founded in 1984, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association's (COGA) mission is to foster and promote the beneficial, efficient, responsible and environmentally sound development, production and use of Colorado oil and natural gas. COGA is a nationally recognized trade association that aggressively promotes the expansion of Rocky Mountain natural gas markets, supply, and transportation infrastructure through its growing and diverse membership.