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2014: Turn the Tides

2015: Do Not Retreat...Ever





2012: First Domino Falls

- Threats at the ballot box
 - Longmont ban passed 60% to 40% in 2012
 - Industry caught off guard
 - Local extremists
- Vacuum of misinformation
 - 88% knew of fracking
 - Majority did not know or understand fracking
 - People got their info 2-1
 from anti-frackers, and
 nearly 50-1 online



Radical Activist with Criminal Record behind Latest Frack Ban Push

January 7, 2014

By Observer Staff



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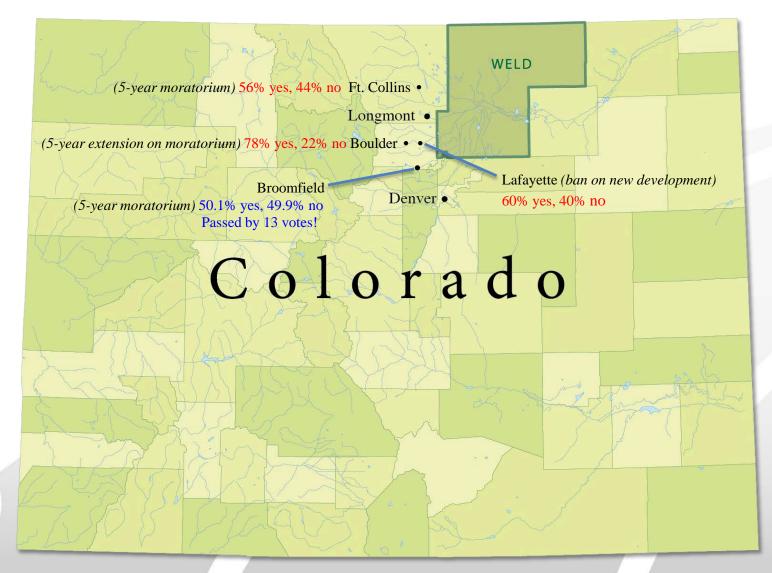
The proposal is the brainchild of "fracktivist" Cliff Willmeng, who has a lengthy arrest record DENVER – A radical environmental campaigner with an extensive arrest record dating back to the 1990's is behind a far-reaching plan to let local governments ban hydraulic fracturing – or any other "corporate project" – within their borders.

The proposal is the brainchild of Cliff Willmeng, whose lengthy criminal record includes arrests for harassment, trespassing, obstructing police and resisting arrest; and whose public statements have often echoed those of the militant, left-wing "Occupy" movement.

"The measure would address any type of corporate project that a local community would deem to be a threat," Willmeng told the Boulder Daily Camera, adding that he is seeking to do away with the "rights, powers and duties of for-profit business entities."

Innocuously named groups like Willmeng's "Colorado Community Rights Network," are often

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Changing the Strategy—CRED

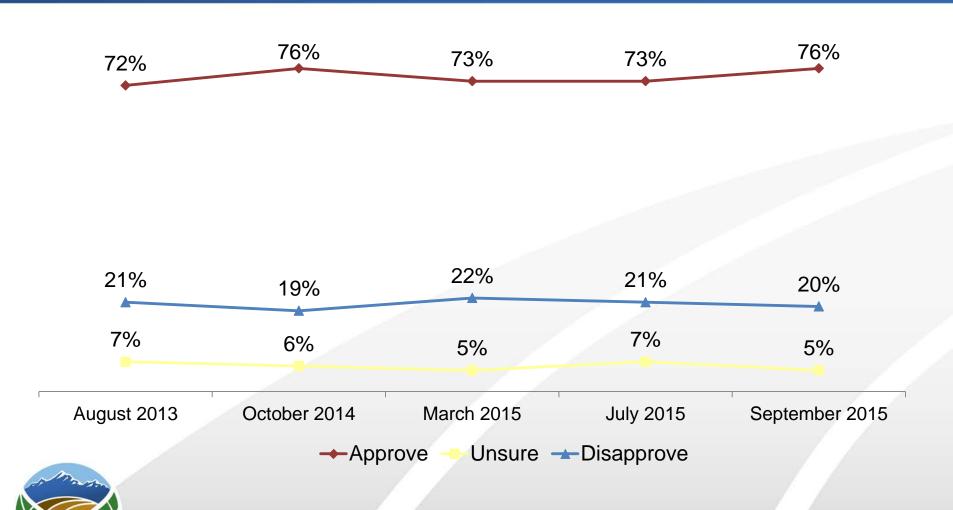
- Created by Anadarko Petroleum
 Corporation and Noble Energy Inc.
- Research AND education effort designed to promote the safe use of fracking
- Pac/West was selected to develop and manage the project, and hired a diverse team of local and national consultants
- CRED launched September 5, 2013 to coincide with the much anticipated Denver Broncos home opener (they won)



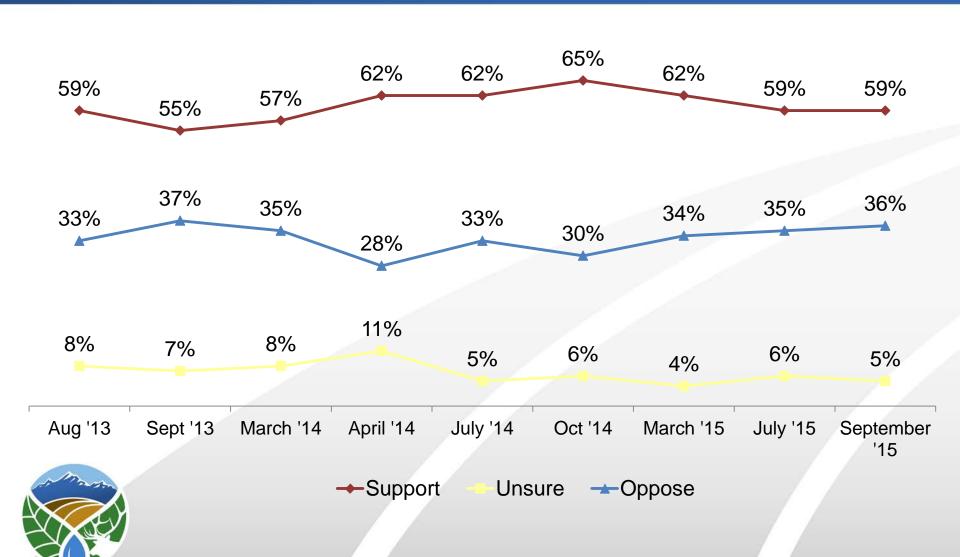




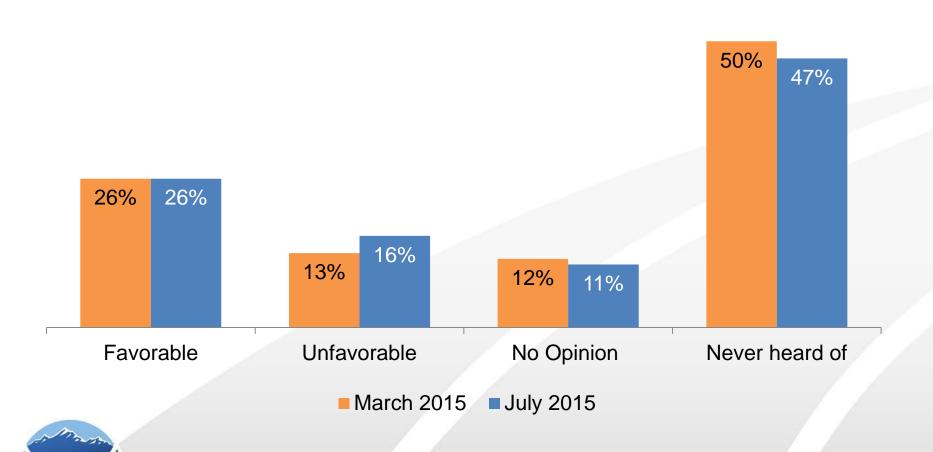
Do you approve or disapprove of the drilling and production of oil and natural gas in Colorado?



Do you support or oppose the use of <u>fracking</u> in the development and production of oil and natural gas?



Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC)



CRED Tools

Statewide Voter Database As Backbone







Coalition Building





40,000 & COUNTING!

2014: Turn the Tides

- **Loveland**—Defeated ballot measure pushing two-year moratorium 52% to 48%
- Signature collection for 2 proactive measures on the ballot
 - Fiscal transparency
 - Ban or restrict fracking, not eligible to receive revenues from oil and natural gas development
- Agreement for no measures on the ballot, measures withdrawn
 - 2,000 setback
 - Local Control
- Creation of Governor's Oil and Gas Task Force (Sept. 2014 to March 2015)
 - 9 recommendations, 7 unanimous

Increased Colorado Opposition

- 350 Colorado
- Don't Frack Denver
- Coloradans Against Fracking
- Conservation Colorado
- Colorado Community Rights Network
- Protect Our Colorado
- Clean Water Fund
- Other Groups
 - Frack Free CO, Center for Western Priorities, Pratt &
 WC Monitoring by the Community (Erie)

2015: Do Not Retreat...Ever

- **Erie**—Successfully defeated moratorium before Town Council—January 2015.
- Windsor—Local community rights petition submitted to Windsor Clerk. Denied because violated single subject law.
- **Fort Collins**—Helped elect two pro-industry city council members and a pro-industry mayor in April 7, 2015 election.
- **Denver**—Slowed momentum of opposition by immediately responding to media and attacks on the industry in February 2015. Elected pro-energy city council to avoid potential attacks.
- Loveland—Maintained a pro-energy majority with City Council.

Worked with partners including Protect Colorado, Vital for Colorado & Local Partners



No municipal ballots measures in 2015

2016 Opposition Ballot Measures

- Measure 40: Right to local government to ban business within community
- Measure 62: Hydraulic fracturing ban
- Measure 63: Right to a health environment
- Measure 64: Local control to regulate oil and gas
- Measure 65–72: Varying setback proposals
 - 2,500 foot setback
 - 4,000 foot setback
 - Ban on new construction with "X" feet of existing well

2016: Prepared and Ready

- Continue CRED's activities statewide
 - Statewide research (polling & focus groups)
 - Broadcast TV, radio
 - Aggressive digital
 - Targeted direct mail
 - Broad coalition building, outreach, and canvassing
- Opposition monitoring/tracking
- Potential 2016 proactive ballot measures
 - Fiscal impact statement on the ballot



What This Means For You

- You can in-fact fight back and win
- Long-term & sustained effort critical
- Respond to media stories to ensure factual information
- Engage your employees to support the oil and natural gas industry



Thank You!

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