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Editorial: A recap of the Camera's election endorsements

We have all heard it a dozen times already: This year, like never before, voting is important. It may have become something of a cliché, but it remains the truth. This is especially true at the top of the ticket, but it also is imperative for all of the races and items further down this year's exceedingly long ballot.

We understand that for those who are undecided or who haven't had the time to research each and every candidate and issue, election day can be daunting. And this year, the choice between some candidates seems less like a decision between opposing worldviews and more like a decision between opposing realities.

But no matter how daunted we may feel about the complexity of these choices, we cannot have the attitude that our vote does not matter. It is easy to believe that a vote here or there

would not have swayed a result, but results are the accumulation of single votes. Every vote, here and there, makes a difference.

With that in mind, here is a recap of the Daily Camera's endorsements. We did not weigh in on every issue, but hopefully, these following positions help you come to your own decisions and vote for the future you think is best for Boulder, for Colorado and for America.

'Yes' on Proposition 127

Hunting is inexorably linked to Colorado. It is a fundamental part of our outdoor culture. And it is something that we should all be able to accept and appreciate. Even those who are against eating meat should be able to acknowledge the virtues of a hunter bagging a deer and harvesting a freezer full of venison for the winter, especially compared to the nightmarish reality of the factory farming industry, where most of us get our meat.

But having a pack of dogs entrap a mountain lion in a tree for a hunter to shoot from close range for no purpose other than bragging rights and a taxidermy trophy is not really hunting. There is no respect for the prey. There is no skill on display. There is only hubris.

Beyond what should be an obvious step toward basic decency and the humane treatment of our fellow animals is a complex and complicated issue. But even taking in all the aspects of what Prop 127 seeks to change, a "yes" vote remains evident.

One piece of collateral damage from this measure, though, is that removing mountain lions from the "game" classification

would mean that livestock owners would not be remunerated for losses if one of their animals is killed by a lion. The group behind Prop 127 is working with legislators on a long-term solution to this while seeking funding to provide interim relief to livestock owners.

If Prop 127 passes, which it should, lawmakers should quickly pass a fix to prevent ranchers from facing any undue harm.

Vote “yes” on Proposition 127.

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