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## **How the Failed Arena Bond Measure Shows Denver's True Priorities, According to Activists.**

As the results started trickling in Tuesday night, election night in Denver, one ballot measure's numbers weren't looking good to Mayor Michael Hancock and his supporters.

It started to look like, for just the second time since 1982, Denver voters were going to reject issuing municipal bonds to pay for a city project the mayor had personally supported.

Early returns showed voters rejecting Referred Question 2E, which would have allowed the city to borrow \$190 million in municipal bonds to build a new arena at the National Western Center in Elyria-Swansea and make renovations to another building on the site. It was one of five measures comprising a \$450 million bond package dubbed RISE Denver.

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