



El Paso County

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON REFERRED MEASURES

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A "YES" vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "NO" vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

**The last day for voting is
November 5, 2019.**

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON REFERRED MEASURES

COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL: Chuck Broerman, El Paso County Clerk & Recorder

ELECTION DATE: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

ELECTION DAY HOURS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT: Mail ballots for the Coordinated Election must be received by the El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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City of Fountain Ballot Issue 2A

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE CITY OF FOUNTAIN EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Fountain Ballot Issue 2A

SHALL CITY TAXES BE INCREASED \$2.6 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY LEVYING A TEMPORARY 0.70% (7 PENNIES ON EACH 10 DOLLARS SPENT) CITY-WIDE SALES TAX THAT SHALL BE USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS AND MAJOR THOROUGHFARES WITHIN THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN TO TERMINATE DECEMBER 31, 2029, CONSTITUTING A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

2019 (ESTIMATED)	\$17,168,140
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$16,668,097
2017 (ACTUAL)	\$15,941,179
2016 (ACTUAL)	\$15,058,026
2015 (ACTUAL)	\$14,750,287

Overall percentage change from 2015 to 2019:	16.4%
Overall dollar change from 2015 to 2019:	\$2,417,853

First Full Year Estimates:

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2020	\$ 1,300,000
Estimated 2020 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$17,683,184

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A

Projects funded with this 0.7% tax (\$0.70 or 70 cents on \$100.00 spent) would be in 3 areas of focus until ending in 10 years; improving traffic flow on major streets, rebuilding neighborhood streets, and strategic improvements to streets as issues arise. Revenues generated from this tax would be restricted by law, to be used only on street projects. By approving this ballot measure, the city would also be able to start street projects quickly. In 2009, Fountain voters passed a temporary 0.35% sales tax as part of the Moving Fountain Forward transportation sales tax to fund specific improvement projects. This .35% tax expires on December 31, 2019. This tax was pay as you go, delaying scheduled projects in some cases for years until sufficient revenue was collected. The tax has made possible many of the more recent street improvements in city. Upon its expiration, the city will no longer have the funding necessary to finish current projects or begin future projects. Project costs continue to rise faster than 2009 cost projections. If this new tax is approved by voters, funds for vital street projects throughout the city will be available. Of note, sales tax in Fountain is also paid by many non-residents. Unfinished and insufficiently funded 2009 projects will be first priority to complete; including projects that will improve traffic flow. Indiana Avenue railroad crossing and signalization at US 85/87, Comanche Village and US 85/87 signalization, Jimmy Camp and Ohio improvements and Carson Blvd and US 85/87 intersection improvements are a few examples. Neighborhood street rebuilding is a priority in Southmoor, Cross Creek, Heritage, Countryside, Country Club Heights, Cumberland Green, Little Ranches, downtown and MANY other neighborhoods.

City of Fountain Ballot Issue 2A (continued)

The money raised from this tax will be legally restricted to only street projects and cannot be used on any other city project or administration. A citizen led group from across the city, will annually recommend to the city which projects should be accomplished based on the available funds. If approved, the sales tax rate in Fountain would REMAIN LOWER than the current rate in Colorado Springs. Without this revenue, Fountain lacks sufficient funds for most of these improvements. The City of Fountain general fund accounts for public safety (police and fire), administration (not including water and electric utility administration), parks, streets and others. Around 50% of the budget is spent on public safety. Fountain has been aggressive in acquiring other funding sources (such as grants) to assist with the costs of street projects, however, many of these other sources require matching funds from the city. Fountain has also teamed with private industry and the development community to improve roads impacted by industry or development. In summary, this is only an additional 0.35% tax over current tax rates and sunsets in 10 years. It will be used only to improve your streets, saving you time, frustration and wear and tear on your property. Most all of these improvements will NOT occur if this tax is NOT approved.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2B

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2B

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING THE RATE OF ANY EXISTING TAX, SHALL THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN AND SPEND UP TO \$7,000,000, THE ESTIMATED 2018 FISCAL YEAR REVENUE ABOVE THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITATIONS, SOLELY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARKS, SPORTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

- REPAIR, RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ACACIA, ANTLERS, MONUMENT VALLEY, PALMER AND PANORAMA PARKS
- REPAIR, RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ALAMO SQUARE/PIONEERS MUSEUM
- REPAIR, RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO COTTONWOOD CREEK BASEBALL FIELDS, LEON YOUNG SPORTS COMPLEX, BOULDER PARK SPORTS COURTS AND THORNDALE PARK SPORTS COURTS
- TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS TO HOMESTEAD, MESA, SANDCREEK AND LEGACY LOOP TRAILS
- REPAIR AND REPAVING OF EVERGREEN AND FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PARKING AREAS
- PREPARATION OF COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN FOR COLEMAN PARK

, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO ANY CONSTITUTIONAL, CHARTER, OR CITY ORDINANCE OR CODE LIMITATIONS THAT MAY OTHERWISE APPLY?

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2B (continued)

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2B

Voting yes for 2B provides an important \$7 million on projects to improve the safety and quality of our parks throughout the city. This investment in Colorado Springs and the parks and communal gathering places makes us one of the best places to live and raise a family in the country. The projects honor the vision of our Founder General William Palmer and help us celebrate the 150th birthday of Colorado Springs in 2021.

This is not a tax increase. 2B asks our voters if they will allow the City to retain revenue equivalent to \$31 dollars per household to invest in their communal spaces and quality of life. 2B honors the principles, fiscal responsibility and citizen input at the heart of TABOR.

Palmer, Monument Valley, Boulder, Alamo, Acacia and Antlers parks will all see significant improvements if 2B passes. Cottonwood Creek Park on the city's northeast side will get new artificial turf fields allowing more youth sports teams to play ball if 2B passes. Panorama Park in the southeast will receive funding for a new playground and water feature if 2B passes. Thorndale Park on the west side currently has unusable sports courts, and will receive new courts if 2B passes. Leon Young sports complex on the south side has one of the worst parking lots in the city and is dangerous for cars and people, and the lot will be resurfaced if 2B passes. Coleman Community Park on the east side will receive funding to create a park that will better serve residents living near Powers Blvd if 2B passes. Crumbling portions of the Homestead, Mesa, Sand Creek and Legacy Loop Trails will be fixed if 2B passes.

General fund support for parks is still less than it was 12 years ago. We have tens of millions of dollars in capital needs in our park system. We think we have amazing parks and open spaces – and we do. However, we do not invest in them adequately. Nationwide, the average spending per person for parks is \$78.69/year. Here in Colorado Springs we spend \$50 per person per year. We have one of the smallest full-time park operations and maintenance workforces of all comparable cities. That includes employees per acre of parkland and employees per 10,000 residents.

2B will make critical upgrades in our park system and require NO increase in taxes. 2B is a great investment in our future and that of our children and grandchildren.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2B

Total City revenue, not counting Utilities, is \$610 MILLION yearly. With 480,000 citizens, that cost is \$1270 per person (\$5,080 for an average family of four). That is too much, particularly when the City wants to take our refunds of excess taxation.

Greedy politicians want it all, even that last 1% City revenue increase. Voting "NO" will force the City to be 1% more efficient; that's good.

The ballot title is lawyer trickery. If we vote "NO," we get a \$7 million tax refund. That helps low-income people the most. Don't deprive them of tax relief. The City does not need the \$7 million it demands. If we pay \$7 million more, that is a \$7 million tax increase. Honor the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and keep our \$7 million for our families. TABOR is why we have the strongest state economy of all 50 states, per a national survey.

A special TOPS tax (off budget) also yearly raises \$7 million for parks. Politicians now want both. Refuse and you get a tax refund, just like in state ballot issues. By returning your overpayment, the City pays you to vote "NO."

The City hired 99 more bureaucrats this year. It is rolling in dough. They need to live on a budget, not a blank check.

Parks has 193.75 employees. Salaries are 64% of department budget. Five employees each take over \$100,000 yearly. Isn't that generous enough?

In 668 parcels, Parks has 8,200 acres inside City limits AND 5,850 acres OUTSIDE City limits. Why do we own land outside the city? This empire-building is outrageous.

The parks department has a generous general fund budget of \$15 million yearly, Plus about 50% more for its TOPS revenue. That growing \$21 million is enough for repairs and maintenance. Parks does not need a one-third bonus to spend on the basics. Think it does? Its true total budget is \$51,632,295--3.5 times its official budget. See city budget, page 20-1. \$3 million for "cultural services," whatever that means; \$9.5 million for "design and development;" \$6.2 million for "recreation and administration." Is the City properly in charge of administering "fun?"

Recent history of total spending on parks: \$41 million (2017), \$44.8 million (2018), amended to \$58.9 million (mid-2018). Employees grew by 19 (over 10%) in two years.

2B is an emotional appeal. Everyone likes parks. Parks should not be held hostage to seize your tax refund. The City can spend more on parks by better prioritizing its \$610 million in rapidly growing revenue. Its salaries are too big. Taxes are too high. The fire department just admitted it overspent \$1+ million, then "found" their problem. We should not pay for financial bungling and corrupt insider political deals by overpaying our taxes.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2C

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2C

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING THE RATE OF ANY EXISTING TAX, SHALL THE EXISTING TEMPORARY SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR ROAD REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS, AT A RATE REDUCED FROM 0.62% (6.2 PENNIES ON \$ 10 PURCHASE) TO 0.57% (5.7 PENNIES ON A \$10 PURCHASE), BE EXTENDED FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AFTER ITS CURRENT EXPIRATION ON DECEMBER 31, 2020 TO AND UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025, WITH ALL REVENUES DERIVED THEREFROM TO BE PLACED IN A DEDICATED FUND TO BE EXPENDED ONLY UPON ROAD REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PARK AND CITY GOLF COURSE ACCESS ROADS AND CEMETERY ROADS, AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WHERE SEVERE DETERIORATION DOES NOT ALLOW REPAIR, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO REVENUE, SPENDING AND OTHER LIMITATIONS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER SECTION 7-90 OF THE CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, CITY ORDINANCES, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2C

Perhaps nothing exemplifies the progress Colorado Springs has made over the last several years more than the road improvements accomplished under Issue 2C. For two decades, the City had underfunded its transportation infrastructure. By 2015, our roads were terrible. Sixty percent were in poor condition. City engineers indicated it would take at least 10 years of significantly increased spending to get back on track. Then in November 2015, Colorado Springs voters overwhelmingly passed Issue 2C that increased the City sales tax rate by .62 percent and allowed us to spend approximately \$50 million per year for five years on road repairs.

The results have been dramatic. By the end of the five years, we will have paved or reconstructed over 1,000 miles of City roads. The work has been done on time, on budget, and has been fully inspected. Claims for vehicle damage due to potholes have decreased over 90% since 2015.

There is much more work to be done to bring our roads to desired levels. The vast majority of road improvements done in the first five years of 2C have been to major arterials. Only 10% of the improvements have been made to residential streets. That's why the City Council voted unanimously to refer a five year renewal of Issue 2C to the November 2019 ballot.

If passed, the sales tax rate will be lowered from .62 percent to .57 percent beginning in 2021 upon the conclusion of the original voter-approved measure. However, because of an improved economy, it's estimated to collect an average of about \$56 million per year over the five year period. All the money will go toward road improvements with at least 50% of the funds to be spent on residential streets. A list of roads to be repaved or reconstructed under the 2C renewal has been published by the City and can be found at www.coloradosprings.gov/2C.

As was the case with the original 2C, gas, groceries, prescriptions, and more will remain exempt from the sales tax. Likewise, all work under the 2C renewal will be done by private contractors and no new City employees will be hired. The City will also maintain the level of general fund spending it had for street maintenance efforts before the passage of Issue 2C.

Renewing Issue 2C for another five years is critical to improving our public infrastructure and maintaining the momentum we have in Colorado Springs.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2C

In 2015, voters in the City of Colorado Springs passed 2C, a tax increase for road maintenance and repair. It was colloquially known as the "pothole tax." Urging voters to vote NO commenter states, politicians broke their promise of a five-year temporary tax hike and now want another five years of this largest tax increase in City history. The five-year sunset gives us an opportunity to assess if our tax dollars have been well spent.

As of the 2018 4th Quarter 2C report on the spending; only 53% of the money has gone to actual paving or pothole projects. Additionally, 2C funds have been used to remove and replace sidewalks and curbs in order to comply with ADA regulations. 39% of the funds have been poured into concrete work.

2C is a tax increase and a sales tax. It is not "5.7" pennies, but \$55 million yearly. Sales taxes hurt the most vulnerable among us the most —those on a fixed income and those living paycheck to paycheck. Many Colorado Springs citizens struggle to survive, as wages have not risen in relation to the cost of living. Colorado Springs now has a cost of living that is growing more than twice as fast as the national average. Taxes, including sales taxes, are a part of that cost of living. We have a higher total sales tax rate (8.25%) than Denver.

City salaries exceed our median household incomes; many exceed the mayor's salary. We pay three extra taxes for police, parks, and roads, on top of the \$308 million base budget. We little taxpayers pay for infrastructure costs (roads, police and fire stations, drainage, parks, etc.) caused by the Mayor's developer pals.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2C (continued)

City government has grown in the 4 years since the original 2C passed in 2015. The general fund has increased from over \$258 million in 2015, to more than \$308 million in 2019. Those General Fund numbers do not include 2C and Stormwater Fee funds, asserted to be an illegal "rain tax" of \$17 million/year. The City has added 96 full time public safety employees and 85 additional employees in that time, including jobs such as "bicycle planner" and a new office of innovational and sustainability. The City also gets a \$32 million kickback from utilities, more dirty dealing and illegal taxation. Voters should not reward liars.

Commenter asserts that the City's back room deal with contractors accepts poor quality roads that last only two years, while other cities require five or seven-year guarantees. City road contractors make huge donations to City politicians, including the mayor. Taxpayers are again left holding the bag.

We have not seen an announcement from the City that it has even looked to reduce costs on anything, or to find efficiencies. Not one dime. We believe the money to maintain our roads is there- without passing 2C. It's time the City of Colorado Springs live within its means.

City of Manitou Springs Ballot Issue 2D

Designated Election Official:

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE
CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Manitou Springs Ballot Issue 2D

SHALL THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS SALES AND USE TAX BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$400,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2035, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CITY'S SALES TAX RATE FROM 3.6% TO 3.9% AND THE CITY'S USE TAX RATE FROM 3.5% TO 3.8%, SUCH ADDITIONAL 3/10THS OF 1% IN TAX REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMIT CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW, 66% OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH INCREASE TO BE ALLOCATED TO A SPECIAL FUND, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND OPERATIONS AT THE CARNEGIE BUILDING, MANITOU ART CENTER, MANITOU SPRINGS HERITAGE CENTER, MIRAMONT CASTLE, AND THE HIAWATHA GARDENS PROPERTY AND THE REMAINING 34% OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH INCREASE TO BE ALLOCATED TO A SPECIAL FUND, FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL THROUGH AWARDS AND GRANTS TO FOSTER THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE WITHIN THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS?

Total City Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	
2019 (estimated)	\$ 12,307,000
2018 (actual)	\$ 11,345,529
2017 (actual)	\$ 11,144,029
2016 (actual)	\$ 10,731,602
2015 (actual)	\$ 8,256,565

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	49%
Overall dollar change	\$ 4,050,435

Proposed Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2020:	\$ 400,000
Estimated 2020 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$ 12,307,000

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2D

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2D

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

City of Manitou Springs Ballot Issue 2E

Designated Election Official:

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE
CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Manitou Springs Ballot Issue 2E

WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN TAXES OR THE ISSUANCE OF ANY NEW DEBT, SHALL THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS BE AUTHORIZED TO RETAIN AND EXPEND WITHOUT LIMITATION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$182,912.00) IN EXCESS REVENUE REMAINING IN THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN PUBLIC FACILITIES FUND, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES LEVIED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO BALLOT ISSUE 2A PASSED BY THE CITY'S REGISTERED ELECTORS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2003; PROVIDED THAT THE FUNDS SHALL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN AREA?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2E

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2E

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Lewis-Palmer Consolidated School District No. 38 Ballot Issue 4A

Designated Election Official:

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE
LEWIS-PALMER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Lewis-Palmer Consolidated School District No. 38 Ballot Issue 4A

SHALL LEWIS-PALMER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 DEBT BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$28.985 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$45.25 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$6.510 MILLION ANNUALLY, SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN JACKSON CREEK;

SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PRIOR REDEMPTION PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3%, AND BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND ANY BONDS ISSUED TO REFINANCE SUCH BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT SUCH LEVY SHALL NOT PRODUCE REVENUE WHICH EXCEEDS THE AMOUNTS SET FORTH ABOVE?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2019-2020 (Current fiscal year estimated)	\$72,124,599
2018-2019 (actual)	\$71,543,562
2017-2018 (actual)	\$63,937,832
2016-2017 (actual)	\$61,060,062
2015-2016 (actual)	\$58,539,500

Overall percentage change from 2015-2016 to 2019-2020:	23.21%
Overall dollar change from 2015-2016 to 2019-2020:	\$13,585,099

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase for fiscal year 2020-2021 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A: \$6,510,000

Estimated fiscal year 2020-2021 spending without proposed tax increase: \$81,000,000*

*spending for fiscal year 2020-2021 is an estimate only and is based on projections that the District believes to be reasonable, including student growth, inflation numbers, the possibility of grant revenue, among other factors.

Lewis-Palmer Consolidated School District No. 38 Ballot Issue 4A (continued)

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A:

Information on Proposed Bonded Debt

Principal Amount:	Not to exceed \$28,985,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 6,510,000
Total Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$45,250,000

Information on Current Bonded Debt*

Principal Amount:	\$50,755,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 6,700,008
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$63,180,543

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A

This community overwhelmingly agrees that having good schools in the district keep this local economy strong.

The 2019 bond will pay for a new 650-seat elementary school and create a second middle school through reverting Bear Creek Elementary back to its original design as a middle school. This will handle projected elementary school growth for the next five years and middle school growth for the next 10 years. Pre-K through 6th grade enrollment is currently at 94% capacity, while the 7th -8th grade enrollment is at 102%.

D38 has added over 500 students to the district since 2013 and is projected to add another 1800 in the next 10 years. Over the next five years, pre-k through 8th grade enrollment is projected by independent analysis to grow by over 450 students. D38's one 7th and 8th grade middle school is over capacity, with large class sizes, crowded hallways and common areas, and staff stretched too thin. D38 elementary schools are at or near capacity and the new neighborhoods under construction throughout the district are a daily reminder that more students are coming.

Due to the growing population, overcrowding in schools is the single issue for this bond election. The school board listened to the community and created a very conservative bond with simple verbiage that addresses overcrowding by building an elementary school in Jackson Creek next to the existing school, which will be converted back to a middle school. The wording changed from "to include but not limited to" to "SOLELY FOR." This means D38 has to spend every penny on one school only. No more blank check.

Measure 4A is a well-researched, fiscally conservative plan that maximizes the use of existing district resources. Building an elementary school is a more cost effective alternative to constructing a new middle school (savings of over 50%) and having an elementary and middle school on the Bear Creek site has been part of the master plan since 2001. The [debt] wrap structure takes into account many members of the community who can't afford a spike in their property taxes, by keeping taxes level.

The new elementary school and second middle school will be located in Jackson Creek, which is central to the growing region east of I-25. This will reduce busing times and distances for students who currently travel farther to attend Lewis-Palmer Middle School. A new elementary school handles current and future capacity issues for grades pre-k through 8th while demonstrating a commitment to maintain educational excellence in this growing district.

D38 has long been known for serving students and community in safe facilities which enhance student curiosity, and provide engaging activities and intellectually stimulating curriculum and instruction. A new school and adequate capacity in the district promote better education and support D38's high rankings, which in turn supports growing home values and attracts high-quality teachers and staff.

Voters in this community have an opportunity, if not a civic duty, to support this pursuit of excellence.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A

Just because the educational tax mill rate for D38 is lower than most surrounding districts at 44.068 does not mean we should pass this bond. All other surrounding districts have passed bonds or mill levy overrides in the past three years, but that does not obligate D38 to do so.

This bond does not address all the capacity needs of the district. Building one school is simply not enough to support the student population D38 has and the projected short-term growth. With more homes under construction all across the district, and many families attracted to the Tri-Lakes area because of strong D38 schools, D38 will surely have a rise in student population that requires the addition of a second elementary school. This ballot initiative should be asking for enough funds to construct two schools now. A bond for two new schools would have been a better solution for our community.

Current capacity and expected growth can be handled with additional portable classrooms, which are less expensive than a new building. With D38's reputation for educational excellence, if D38 builds a new school to address growth more people will want to move here. If D38 installs more portables and increases classroom sizes it will discourage people from moving here.

All D38 needs is a second, smaller middle school to make room for the 6th grade. D38 didn't need a second 1000 seat middle school then, and it doesn't need one now. D38's delusion is shocking: D38 is creating 500 middle school seats for 20 more kids, and only 150 elementary seats for 350 more kids. Even after returning 6th grade to the middle schools, taxpayers will be stuck - \$45 million later - with 500 empty middle school seats for the next five years, while the elementary schools grow increasingly crowded.

Lewis-Palmer Consolidated School District No. 38 Ballot Issue 4A (continued)

Although this bond structure will not raise the educational tax amount paid by the average homeowner (\$400,000 value home), many would prefer their taxes to go down rather than stay level. Not approving the bond would save the average homeowner \$35 per year. As current D38 construction debt is paid down, property taxes will gradually decrease. This decrease in taxes will not occur if additional debt is incurred through the 2019 bond, instead taxes will remain at their current rates for an additional 15 years. A bond is a tax increase. It does not matter how well it's structured or that it takes advantage of growth and retiring debt to not raise homeowners' overall school property taxes. Business taxes will increase as a result of the 2019 bond.

Voters should reject this bond because it creates far too many middle school seats while creating an unnecessary shortage of elementary seats. This lopsided plan stems from a mistake made 20 years ago, when the District built a second middle school in Jackson Creek that was 400 seats larger than it should have been. It's clear District officials have not done their due diligence in designing this bond.

Calhan School District RJ1 Ballot Issue 5B

Designated Election Official:

Susan Vanasse
Calhan School District RJ1
800 Bulldog Drive
Calhan, CO 80808
(719) 347-2766

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE
CALHAN SCHOOL DISTRICT RJ1
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Calhan School District RJ1 Ballot Issue 5B

SHALL CALHAN SCHOOL DISTRICT RJ1 DEBT BE INCREASED BY \$15,800,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$24,593,150, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,233,000 ANNUALLY, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT TO BE USED, TOGETHER WITH ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM GRANT PROGRAMS, IF ANY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CAPITAL ASSETS FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. IMPROVING SAFETY AND SECURITY AT SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING UPGRADING SCHOOL SAFETY EQUIPMENT;
2. PROVIDING A CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND INNOVATION CENTER, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES AND CAREER-FOCUSED LEARNING FOR MORE STUDENTS;
3. PROVIDING A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER;
4. IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC FACILITIES ON SCHOOL PROPERTIES;
5. REPAIRING, RENOVATING, EQUIPPING, OR RE-CONSTRUCTING AGED DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO BE SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT, OWNED PROPERTY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE, SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES, UPDATED TECHNOLOGY; IMPROVED ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT WHEN DUE; THE AUTHORITY FOR SUCH TAX AND MILL LEVY INCREASE TO TERMINATE WHEN THE DEBT OR REFUNDING DEBT IS PAID; SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS WHICH MAY BE SOLD FROM TIME TO TIME IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AND REPAYMENT COST, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM NOT TO EXCEED 3%; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S DEBT LIMIT BE INCREASED FROM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20% OF THE DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUE TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 6% OF THE DISTRICT'S ACTUAL VALUE, AS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSORS OF EL PASO AND ELBERT COUNTIES?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2019-2020 (Current fiscal year estimated)	\$ 5,629,118
2018-2019 (actual)	\$ 4,878,938
2017-2018 (actual)	\$ 4,537,083
2016-2017 (actual)	\$ 4,675,083
2015-2016 (actual)	\$ 4,445,483
Overall percentage change from 2015-16 to 2019-20:	26%
Overall dollar change from 2015-16 to 2019-20:	\$1,183,635

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2020-21 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): \$1,233,000

District Estimate of 2020-21 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$6,192,030

Calhan School District RJ1 Ballot Issue 5B (continued)

Information on District's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$0
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$0
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$0

Information on District's Proposed Debt

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$15,800,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 1,233,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$24,593,150

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5B

- It has been over 20 years since Calhan School District RJ-1 asked our voters to support our school buildings.
- Voting YES of 5B will allow the District to build the needed space to expand Career and Technical Education programs such as Agriculture, Cybersecurity, Unmanned Aviation, Mechanics, and Performing Arts.
- Calhan School District is a careful steward of the taxpayer's money.
- Voting YES on 5B will mean safer school buildings, more educational programs, and flexible space for school and community use.
- Great local schools mean better home values.

Our school is a central part of our community. We know we need program upgrades and that will require upgraded facilities. We know our students need educational options to have them ready for college and career opportunities. 5B will keep our new college and career technology classrooms attached to our current building. 5B addresses security concerns. The performing arts center and redesign will allow our community to utilize the facility without the need to access the classroom area. This makes our building work for us year-round.

We've seen students leaving the district in their high school years because our district has not been able to provide the Career and Technical Education courses they wanted. 5B will afford the district the opportunity to provide these courses in appropriate facilities. We'll need to move the football field and track to the field across the Calhan highway, eliminating the risks to students crossing the highway to their classes.

I'm excited about 5B and what it will provide for our students. I know we will move our athletic facility to the field across the highway, but I'd rather have our kids all in one facility rather than running back and forth across the highway to get to classes. I also like the fact that the security upgrades will limit access to classrooms during events, like basketball or wrestling matches or other community events. That makes sense.

Now is a great time to invest in our schools. Interest rates are low, which is good for us as taxpayers. This seems like a wise time for the project. Investing in our students' education is great for keeping our kids here in Calhan and if it helps our home values, that's a good thing too. Let's invest in Calhan together.

I want a place where children can go to school from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Where they are safe during the school day. Where they can have access to career/college pathways. Where children can explore their artistic side as well as their athletic passions. 5B affords all of this. It's an investment in our kids, our community and frankly our own interests. A thriving school district means a thriving community. Yes on 5B.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5B

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A

Designated Election Official:

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Fire Chief
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Monument, CO 80132
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ADJUST MILL LEVY ON A REFERRED MEASURE
TRI-LAKES MONUMENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A

SHALL TRI-LAKES MONUMENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED ANNUALLY, TO MAINTAIN REVENUE-NEUTRAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THAT OTHERWISE WOULD DECREASE OR INCREASE AS A RESULT OF AND WHEN THE STATE ADJUSTS THE STATEWIDE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE, COMMENCING IN 2021 AS COLLECTED IN 2022, AND THEREAFTER, SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY THE DISTRICT'S IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY ARE NEITHER DECREASED NOR INCREASED AS A RESULT OF SUCH CHANGE?

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A (continued)

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2019 (Current fiscal year estimated)	\$9,792,050
2018 Actual	\$9,827,816
2017 Actual	\$5,878,478
2016 Actual	\$5,930,024
2015 Actual	\$5,535,400

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	76.9%
Overall dollar amount change:	\$4,256,650

Current est. maximum dollar amount of spending for 2020 with passage of 6A: \$11,325,821
Current est. maximum dollar amount of spending for 2020 without passage of 6A: \$11,325,821

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6A

Ballot issue 6A will provide financial stability and preserve the service levels that the TLMFPD community supported in the 2017 election. This is not a tax increase so the District is not seeking increased tax revenue, but just the same revenue amount from the calculation of property taxes. 80% of the District's revenue comes from property tax revenue. Property tax amounts are based on a formula of the market value of a property times an assessment rate times the mill levy rate. The State Constitution's Gallagher Amendment provisions require that the assessment rate for commercial property is always 29% while the residential (the vast majority of the property in the District) assessment rate ("RAR") floats to maintain a statewide 55%-45% ratio (between commercial and residential property) in the total amount of tax collected. The RAR has fallen from 7.96% to 7.15% in 4 years and is expected to continue to decline, which will cause the District to make difficult decisions and jeopardizes its ability to provide continuous quality services, especially if an economic downturn occurs. Passage of 6A allows the District to raise its mill levy only an amount that makes up for the mandated loss from the RAR reduction.

6A is a revenue stabilization measure that will help continue the District's ability to:

- maintain quick response times;
- provide continuous funding to maintain reliable emergency equipment such as special automobile extrication equipment, cardiac resuscitation equipment, radios, and appropriate firefighter protection;
- purchase emergency vehicles without incurring interest-bearing debt;
- maintain maximized health and safety environments within fire stations;
- provide competitive wages and benefits that greatly minimize quality-affecting turnover rates; and
- not require personnel cuts that affect service delivery

Approval of 6A is not a mandate to increase the mill levy but rather permits the Board, should the RAR be reduced, to approve such an increase if the Board determines that other options are not as viable.

If the state raises the RAR, the District's Board would reduce its mill levy to ensure level revenue, effectively allowing the District's mill levy to float with the requirements of the Gallagher Amendment and provide stable revenue and services.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6B

Designated Election Official:

Dorothy R. (Dottie) Barrett
Administrative Chief
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DETABOR
STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6B

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX, OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES, SHALL THE STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED TO COLLECT RETAIN AND SPEND OR RESERVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES, GRANTS, AND OTHER REVENUE COLLECTED FROM ALL SOURCES INCLUDING ALL REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2020 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR IN ANY LAW?

Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6B (continued)

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6B

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6B

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Peyton Fire Protection District Ballot Issues 6C and 6D

Designated Election Official:
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND INCREASE DEBT
PETITION ON REFERRED MEASURES
PEYTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Peyton Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6C

SHALL THE PEYTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S DEBT BE INCREASED \$2,500,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$7,750,000, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$325,000 ANNUALLY TO REPAY SUCH DEBT AND ANY REFUNDING THEREOF, AT AN INTEREST RATE THAT IS EQUAL TO, LOWER OR HIGHER THAN THE INTEREST RATE ON THE REFUNDED DEBT, ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE AND RESCUE SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

•DESIGNING, ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL PROPERTY, LANDSCAPING, TRAFFIC SAFETY DEVICES, AND ALL INCIDENTAL AND ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THE BUILDING'S COMPATIBILITY WITH NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES AND TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

•REPAIRING AND REPLACING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH AS THE EXISTING FIRE STATION; AND

•ACQUIRING ANY AND ALL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE AND RESCUE SERVICES FOR THE INCREASED SAFETY OF RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND BUSINESSES SERVED BY THE DISTRICT;

SUCH DEBT TO MATURE AND BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND TO BE ISSUED AND SOLD AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR, SUCH DEBT TO BE ISSUED AT ONE TIME OR FROM TIME TO TIME, TO BE PAID FROM ANY LEGALLY AVAILABLE REVENUES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE PROCEEDS OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES; SUCH TAXES TO CONSIST OF AN AD VALOREM MILL LEVY IMPOSED WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE AND IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE ANNUAL INCREASE SET FORTH ABOVE OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY SUCH DEBT; ALL OF THE ABOVE AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF ANY SUCH DEBT AND THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT, AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A PERMANENT VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING, AND OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Peyton Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6D

An Issue regarding authorization to collect and spend any and all amounts received as ad valorem property taxes imposed, collected or authorized by law in response to assessment rate adjustments:

SHALL THE PEYTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AD VALOREM MILL LEVY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED ANNUALLY, COMMENCING IN 2019, TO ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN LAW OR THE METHOD BY WHICH ASSESSED VALUATION IS CALCULATED, SO THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY THE MILL LEVY, AS ADJUSTED, ARE NEITHER DIMINISHED NOR ENHANCED AS A RESULT OF SUCH CHANGES; THE REVENUES FROM SUCH ADJUSTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL, OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER EXPENSES, AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A PERMANENT VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING, AND OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2019 - (current fiscal year estimated)	\$ 310,000.00
2018 - (actual)	\$ 243,941.00
2017 - (actual)	\$ 252,163.00
2016 - (actual)	\$ 298,237.00
2015 - (actual)	\$ 208,513.00

Overall Percentage Change From 2015 to 2019: 48.67%

Overall Dollar Change From 2015 to 2019: **\$ 101,487.00**

Peyton Fire Protection District Ballot Issues 6C and 6D (continued)

Peyton Fire Protection District Estimates of Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for First Full Fiscal Year of Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for Ballot Issue 6C: \$ 325,000.00

Estimated First Full Fiscal Year Spending without Proposed Tax Increases
(assumes no other tax increases are approved): **\$ 250,000.00**

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6C

Mill levy will only be adjusted to service any debt incurred under this debt authorization and the debt service is capped at \$325,000 annually. Any further increases would require additional voter approval. Currently, for a residence assessed at \$250,000 market ("actual") value by the El Paso County Assessor, the maximum increase would be \$13.17 a month, or less than \$0.44 per day.

Peyton Fire Protection District responds to calls for service 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The District covers 110 square miles. The District is currently working out of two dilapidated Fire Station buildings constructed in 1961 and 1989 that no longer comply with current codes. More than half of the structures currently located within the District and served by the Fire District were constructed after the Fire Station was built, according to El Paso County Assessor data. With even more growth coming into the District, it is important to expand the District's capabilities to allow for improved response times, increased water access, and updated equipment and facilities to more adequately serve the needs of our growing community.

It is the Fire Protection District's goal to continue improving upon our response times throughout the District by placing more auxiliary stations with additional cisterns to store water in strategic locations. Not only is water access important to protecting structures within the District, but it also helps to improve the ISO ratings that are a factor in calculating homeowners' insurance rates. With the number of structures currently present and expected to be built in the medium-term, it is prudent to expand current resources to provide the more extensive coverage that is necessary within the District. Peyton Fire Protection District is a volunteer Fire Department. As such it is important to attract and retain volunteers willing to serve the community. Due to age, there are a number of deficiencies in the current Fire Station that present difficulties and inefficiencies to the current crews. For example, crews must rely on neighboring districts to fill the air bottles required for use on fire or hazardous materials incidents. Another example, is the lack of exhaust removal systems in the station resulting in a build-up of diesel exhaust when crews respond to calls. Additionally, the station lacks a bathroom or HVAC in the bunkhouse, and as more volunteers join, there is limited storage for the necessary protective gear. Finally, radios and other emergency response equipment need updates, and current vehicles are too small to deploy full crews in a single vehicle. Supporting this measure would be a vote to provide your volunteers with the proper tools and facilities to do their jobs -- that of protecting the safety of all of the District's residents and visitors.

The Board of Directors for the Peyton Fire Protection District appreciates that citizens in our community are reluctant to approve measures that will result in mill levy increases. As fiscal conservatives ourselves, we believe that it is more cost-effective for the volunteers to have the right tools, training and equipment to provide the highest level of service when the time comes.

We request that you support our community, by voting "YES on 6C", for public safety.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6C

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6D

Ballot Issue 6D is designed to allow the District Board of Directors to adjust the District's mill levy in response to legislative changes to the residential property tax assessment percentage.

The Gallagher Amendment to the Colorado Constitution requires the Colorado Legislature to adjust the assessment ratio on residential property in order to maintain a statewide ratio between residential and commercial property tax revenues. This change in the residential assessment ratio has inadvertently caused the District to receive less revenue, even though the District's mill levy has remained constant since 2006. In Districts like Peyton Fire Protection District, where residential properties greatly exceed commercial properties, application of the Gallagher Amendment actually reduces the amount of tax revenues available to the District, at a time when demands for emergency response services are increasing.

Voting "YES on 6D" means the mill levy for Peyton Fire Protection District will increase ONLY if the Residential Assessment Rate decreases. The intent is to stabilize the amount of revenue Peyton Fire Protection District receives.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6D

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Stratmoor Hills Water District Ballot Issue 6E

Designated Election Official:
Kirk D. Medina
District Manager
1811 B Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
(719) 576-0311

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DETABOR STRATMOOR HILLS WATER DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stratmoor Hills Water District Ballot Issue 6E

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX, OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES, SHALL THE STRATMOOR HILLS WATER DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND OR RESERVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES, GRANTS, AND OTHER REVENUE COLLECTED FROM ALL SOURCES INCLUDING ALL REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2020 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR IN ANY OTHER LAW?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6E

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6E

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Stratmoor Hills Sanitation District Ballot Issue 6F

Designated Election Official:
Kirk D. Medina
District Manager
1811 B Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
(719) 576-0311

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DETABOR STRATMOOR HILLS SANITATION DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stratmoor Hills Sanitation District Ballot Issue 6F

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX, OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES, SHALL THE STRATMOOR HILLS SANITATION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND OR RESERVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES, GRANTS, AND OTHER REVENUE COLLECTED FROM ALL SOURCES INCLUDING ALL REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2020 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR IN ANY OTHER LAW?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6F

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6F

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Hanover Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6G

Designated Election Official:
Sue Blair
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Greenwood Village, CO 80111
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 5, 2019
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hanover Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6G

SHALL HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$133,170.00 IN 2020, AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF UP TO 3.00 MILLS, FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. MAINTAINING TIMELY EMERGENCY SERVICES AND 911 RESPONSE TIMES;
2. ATTRACTING TRAINING AND RETAINING EXPERIENCED FIRST RESPONDERS, AND MITIGATING COSTLY TURNOVER RATES; AND

Hanover Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6G (continued)

3. FUNDING A LONG-TERM APPARATUS REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE TO ALLOW FOR TIMELY REPLACEMENT OF FIRE APPARATUS; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL MILL LEVY OF UP TO 10.0 MILLS BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO OFFSET REVENUE LOSSES FROM REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND ANY CHANGE TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION, SO THAT TAX REVENUES COLLECTED ARE NOT LESS THAN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED HAD SUCH CHANGE NOT OCCURRED?

Total Hanover Fire Protection District fiscal year spending:

2019 (Estimated) \$ 413,355 (includes Grants and Deployments income of \$99,632)
2018 (Actual) \$ 347,136 (includes Grants, Insurance Claims and Deployments income of \$243,438)
2017 (Actual) \$ 290,064 (includes Grants and Deployments income of \$92,380)
2016 (Actual) \$ 303,550 (includes Grants and Deployments income of \$134,657)
2015 (Actual) \$ 199,046 (includes Grants and Deployments income of \$52,818)

Overall percentage change from 2015 – 2019: 52% representing an increase in spending

Overall dollar change from 2015 – 2019: \$214,309.00

Total Hanover Fire Protection District revenue changes:

2019 (Estimated) \$ 393,205
2018 (Actual) \$ 540,839
2017 (Actual) \$ 497,789
2016 (Actual) \$ 462,783
2015 (Actual) \$ 301,603

Overall percentage change from 2015 – 2019: 30.37%

Overall dollar change from 2015 – 2019: \$ 91,602.00

Hanover Fire Protection District estimates of maximum dollar amount of tax increase and of District fiscal year spending without the increase for first full fiscal year of proposed tax increase:

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$133,170.00

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase: \$420,000.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6G

VOTE YES ON 6G!

Ballot question **6G is a public safety initiative** that will allow Hanover Fire Protection District to **maintain & sustain** the current level of emergency services received by our community.

Hanover Fire relies solely on property taxes for operating revenue. **Voting yes on 6G** will allow our Fire Department to stabilize its operating revenues by offsetting revenue losses associated with Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) reduction in assessed property values. Gallagher Amendment restricts residential property tax to fund the government at 20%. The RAR is calculated by the Denver Boulder consumer price index. Since 2014 the RAR has been reduced 2 times. The RAR is due to be reduced again in 2020.

Hanover Fire responded to 250 calls for service in 2015 and in 2018 they responded to 642 calls for service. That is about 260% increase for emergency services calls. Even with this mill levy increase, Hanover Fire will still have a tax rate that is lower than majority of the County Fire Districts.

A **yes vote on 6G** will help restore the declining revenues the District has had since 2015. A **yes vote on 6G** will allow Hanover Fire to maintain the current equipment, buildings and would allow the District to continue to provide the current levels of service.

Hanover homeowners currently pay on average \$10.43 per month or 125.16 per year for a property valued at \$250,000 for emergency services and fire protection. Hanover Fire is and has always been a financially responsible organization.

The proposed modification to revenue will be shared throughout the fire district community at an additional **\$4.47 per month** or \$53.64 per year on a property valued at \$250,000.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6G

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

END OF BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE

As required by Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S. § 1-7-905),
I hereby certify the ballot issue notices are complete as
submitted by the political subdivisions.
Chuck Broerman
El Paso County Clerk & Recorder

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