



# 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 3, 2020, (7:00 p.m.)  
Election Day.**

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON REFERRED MEASURES

**COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL:** Chuck Broerman, El Paso County Clerk & Recorder  
**ELECTION DATE:** Tuesday, November 3, 2020  
**ELECTION DAY HOURS:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT:** Mail ballots for the General Election must be received by the El Paso County Clerk & Recorder’s Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.  
**ELECTION OFFICE:** El Paso County Clerk & Recorder (Citizens Service Center), 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Suite 2202, Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
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Most of the following ballot issues will not be on your ballot. Ballot issue(s) will only be on your ballot if you reside within that jurisdiction. Visit [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov) to check the jurisdictions in which you reside.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2A

**Designated Election Official:**  
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City Clerk  
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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2A

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING THE RATE OF ANY EXISTING TAX, AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AFTER THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTION CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, SHALL THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS BE PERMITTED: TO RETAIN AND SPEND UP TO \$1,900,000, THE AMOUNT OF CITY REVENUES RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2019 ABOVE THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITATIONS, SOLELY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY; FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF CITY REVENUES RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES; AND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND THEREAFTER, TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE AMOUNT ALLOWED BY REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITATIONS WHICH SHALL BE BASED UPON THE TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUES RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RECEIVED IN 2020, ADJUSTED IN EACH FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING IN 2021 AND THEREAFTER ONLY FOR INFLATION AND CITY GROWTH OCCURRING IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR AS PROVIDED BY CHARTER WHICH CONTINUES TO LIMIT FUTURE REVENUE GROWTH; ALL AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES AND EXCEPTIONS TO ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR CHARTER LIMITATIONS THAT MAY OTHERWISE APPLY?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A

A vote “FOR” Issue 2A will not raise taxes.

Because of the COVID pandemic and its impact on local business, Colorado Springs will likely collect significantly less in sales and use tax revenue in 2020 than it did in 2019. The shortfall is currently estimated to be between 5% and 10%. Under the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), when a city's revenue declines in a particular year the base from which future growth in revenue is permitted also declines. This is called the "ratchet down" and is problematic if there is a significant decline in revenue in a particular year, as there will be for 2020. City revenue can only grow from the ratchet down base by inflation plus city growth. Over the last several years the average allowable growth rate is about 3% per year. That means it could take about 3 to 4 years for the city to get back to its 2019 revenue base, and the projected loss in revenue to the City would be at least \$20 million. And that would be the case even if the economy recovers quickly and population growth places even greater demands on critical City services.

For this reason the Mayor and City Council are asking the voters, in Issue 2A, to allow the City to counteract the significant COVID caused revenue loss by allowing it to utilize the 2019 revenue base, rather than the 2020 base, from which to grow from in 2021 and future years. All such future growth in revenue will still be subject to the TABOR cap on revenue growth.

Voter approval of 2A will allow the city to recover from the 2020 revenue shortfalls much more quickly than otherwise. In 2008 and subsequent years, the ratchet down that followed the Great Recession resulted in significant cuts in City services, the most visible being turning off street lights and not maintaining City parks. It took at least 5 years for the city to recover. Approval of 2A can avoid that situation in the aftermath of the COVID crisis and allow the city to recover in 1 to 2 years.

Issue 2A would also allow the City to retain \$1.9 million in revenue in excess of the TABOR cap that it collected in 2019 and use it exclusively for public safety. The current attrition rate in the Police Department will require larger police academies in 2021 and the funds can be used to help cover the additional expense to the department. The Fire Department is reinstating a HAZMAT Unit in 2021 and the funds can also be used for additional expenses incurred. If the money was refunded to taxpayers it would only be approximately \$8 per household.

To reiterate, the approval of Issue 2A will allow the city to more effectively respond to the revenue shortfalls caused by the COVID crisis and does not involve any tax increase whatsoever.

City of Colorado Springs Ballot Issue 2A (continued)

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A

They're baackk! The city “Open” Budget is \$638 MILLION this year. 2020 population is 486,000, so the city costs each of us \$1,312, or \$5,250 for an average family of four. That's \$100 every week in direct taxes and higher store prices. Are you getting your money’s worth? Vote NO on 2A.

City politicians say they need more of your money. Their budget in 2002 was \$296 million, less than HALF their current budget. It grows automatically by inflation plus net new structure. The \$1.9 million they demand occurs after the growth they keep yearly. \$1.9 million is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of 1% of their 2020 budget, which has more than doubled.

We already gave a permanent public safety sales tax increase of 0.4% (\$26 million yearly) in 2001, weeks after 9/11. The city “promised” it would solve funding forever. Instead, we now have a 8.25% sales tax, the highest big city tax in Colorado---bigger than liberal Denver. The mayor said that his pothole tax and his \$17 million yearly illegal rain tax of \$60 on your utility bill at \$5 monthly, an 85% increase in city property tax revenue, would fix the roads forever; they have not.

The \$1.9 million in excess revenue was for 2019. They say they need it for the virus, which began only in March of THIS year. The City wants the excess for 2019, 2020, 2021, and “THEREAFTER” (forever). They want to keep revenue they haven’t even (over) collected yet! You would give up your right to vote on keeping excess tax revenue FOREVER!

Why did City revenue slow? Because politicians shut down business and fired tens of thousands of people. So you want to reward them for closing stores? Why should taxpayers pay more for getting less income? Should politicians take our tax refunds (tax increases) because they acted stupidly? “Economic disruption” was their doing!

Read it carefully. They want not only excess collection of sales tax, but property tax. Want to give up homeowner tax relief FOREVER?

They say it's for “public safety,” because that's popular. Changes in future budgets and economies are unpredictable and can't permanently fund more cops and firefighters. Politicians claim potholes and salaries equal “public safety.” CSPD motorcycles get personalized names printed on them, so no other cop can ride them—a vanity use of city vehicles so they are used only 25% of the day. The City shifts budgets around and claims any spending is new spending.

The City will pay you to vote “NO.” Vote “NO” and get \$5 back in a tax rebate on your next tax bill - it's your dough!

How many broken promises by politicians will you tolerate? How many millions more in wasteful spending? Make them live on a budget, not a blank check. Tell 10 friends to tell 10 friends to tell 10 friends to tell 10 friends. 10,000 votes is a powerful message. Vote NO on 2A.

Town of Monument Ballot Issue 2E

Designated Election Official:

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Town Clerk  
Town of Monument  
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
TOWN OF MONUMENT  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Town of Monument Ballot Issue 2E

SHALL TOWN OF MONUMENT SALES AND USE TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,400,000 IN 2021 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY AND THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF 0.50% (INCREASING THE TOWN'S SALES TAX AND USE TAX FROM 3% TO 3.50%), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DEDICATED FUNDING FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE SERVICES, TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE PROGRAMS, AND TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FACILITIES, WITHOUT CUTTING OR REDUCING CURRENT TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FUNDING LEVELS, INCLUDING: LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, ESSENTIAL POLICE CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT, PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICER SAFETY AND EMERGENCY-RESPONSE EQUIPMENT, AND OFFICER TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS; COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021; AND THEREAFTER SHALL THE TOWN OF MONUMENT BE ENTITLED TO EXCLUSIVELY COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE WITHOUT CONTRACTUAL, STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION OR CONDITION, INCLUDING LOCAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES §29-1-301, OR ANY OTHER LAW AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS OR AS IT MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE SERVICES, TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE PROGRAMS, AND TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FACILITIES, AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT THE TOWN MANAGER SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE EXPENDITURES DEMONSTRATING THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE SERVICES, TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE PROGRAMS, AND TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FACILITIES FOR WHICH THE REVENUES FROM THE TAX INCREASE HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED OR USED IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2020 (Current fiscal year estimated)	\$7,200,000.00
2019 (Actual)	\$7,074,220.68
2018 (Actual)	\$6,198,312.20
2017 (Actual)	\$5,662,794.67
2016 (Actual)	\$5,987,063.97
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	20%
Overall dollar amount change:	\$1,212,936.03
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2021:	\$1,400,000.00
Estimated 2021 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$7,078,369.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2E

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2E

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Colorado Springs School District 11 Ballot Issue 4A

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Colorado Springs School District 11 Ballot Issue 4A

WITHOUT INCREASING EXISTING TAX RATES, SHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES THAT MAY LAWFULLY BE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM ANY SOURCE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL GRANT MONEYS, AND ALL OTHER MONEYS LAWFULLY RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO OR ANY OTHER SOURCE, BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, WITH SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED OR SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Colorado Springs School District 11 Ballot Issue 4A (continued)

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A

Voting YES on 4A is a vote to level the playing field for our kids and schools without raising our taxes. Colorado is home to 178 school districts. One-hundred and seventy-four of them, including our neighbors D20, D49, D38, and D12, have already de-TABORed. Not being among the ninety-eight percent of districts in Colorado to de-TABOR means our schools are at a disadvantage when it comes to funding programs such as careers and trades, mental health services, and early childhood literacy. These programs are largely funded through grants, which is a source of revenue that supplements our tax dollars, but are also subject to the revenue restrictions of TABOR. Without our YES vote, these grants will be in jeopardy and our schools will see reductions to some of its most important programs and services.

More critical to this current moment is the impact COVID has had on our schools. Voting YES will ensure that when times are back to normal that our kids aren't feeling the impact through under resourced classrooms and schools. We've all felt the pinch of these difficult times, that pain extends to our schools and classrooms. We need to make sure these tough times don't further set our kids and future generations back. Voting YES will not raise our taxes, but will protect vital revenue streams to ensure our schools remain strong and the programs vital to producing our future workforce and leaders remain intact. Voting YES will not impact our pocket book, but will have a huge impact on our kids and District 11 schools.

Vote YES on 4A

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Triview Metropolitan District Ballot Issue 6A

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
TRIVIEW METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Triview Metropolitan District Ballot Issue 6A

WITHOUT INCREASING THE RATE OF THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT MILL LEVY, SHALL TRIVIEW METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO REPURPOSE REVENUES DERIVED FROM UP TO 7 MILLS OF ITS DEBT SERVICE MILL LEVY THROUGH A GENERAL OPERATIONS MILL LEVY IN COLLECTION YEAR 2021 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER TO FUND, IF NECESSARY, CONTINUED DELIVERY OF THE DISTRICT'S BASIC OPERATIONS AND SERVICES, PROVIDED THAT SUCH AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE SUSPENDED IN ANY FUTURE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH (I) THE DISTRICT'S BOARD ANTICIPATES RECEIVING SUFFICIENT SALES TAX REVENUES FROM THE TOWN OF MONUMENT, COLORADO TO FUND ITS BUDGETED OPERATIONS AND SERVICES EXPENDITURES OR (II) THE TOTAL MILLS LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT WOULD OTHERWISE EXCEED 35 MILLS TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND SHALL THE REPURPOSED REVENUES HEREBY AUTHORIZED CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6A

Triview Metropolitan District's ballot initiative is a good deal for our community and does not raise taxes. In 1985, the original developers issued bonds to pay for the initial construction of the roads, parks, and utility infrastructure. This debt currently amounts to approximately \$43 million and is a fixed rate bond. Over the next 10 years the principal and interest payments will average approximately \$2,658,000 per year. In the past, District taxpayers paid 35 Mills of property tax for the payment of principle and interest on these bonds. With the addition of many new homes and businesses over the past few years, the District is to the point where property tax income has exceeded the annual debt payments. In 2020 the District Board temporarily lowered the mill levy to 32 Mills. Given the fixed payments of the District's bonds, it is estimated that this mill levy will continue to decline as more homes and commercial properties are built and property values increase.

However, the District is faced with a dilemma. This increased development results in an increase in roads, parks, and open spaces. This infrastructure must be maintained by the Triview Metropolitan District. The maintenance includes plowing snow, overlaying streets, mowing and irrigating parks and open space, maintaining drainage facilities, and building and maintaining many miles of trails. All these things, when done well, increase the livability and attractiveness of our community, and the value of our individual properties. Currently, the District funds these operations from sales tax, vehicle registrations, along with one-time fees collected at the time a building permit for a new home or business is issued. These revenue streams are not always a guaranteed income and can fluctuate over the years, while the financial need for services increases. This ballot initiative will allow the district management and board of directors the option to repurpose up to 7 mills of existing property tax, if needed, to fund critical district operation and maintenance obligations as described above.

This ballot initiative gives the District's Board one more tool to ensure that the District's infrastructure is maintained at the highest level should sales tax revenues decrease and/or fewer building permits are issued.

Over the past three years, the District has proven to be good stewards of your money! Jackson Creek Parkway was widened and improved. Virtually every street in the District has been overlaid. Next year the remaining eight tenths of a mile of Leather Chaps will be overlaid. Parks and Open Space has never looked better, and snow removal is better than ever. This ballot initiative will ensure that the residents of the Triview Metropolitan District continue to enjoy the highest level of service possible no matter the state of our economy.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.



**Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6B**

**Designated Election Official:**

Stacey Popovich  
Administrative Assistant  
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6B**

SHALL DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE MILL LEVIES TO MAINTAIN REVENUE-NEUTRAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IF, ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION OF ONE OR MORE PROPERTY CLASS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION DUE TO ARTICLE X SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT) OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON SUCH AS ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE, SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD SUCH CHANGES NOT OCCURRED?

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6B**

The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District and Northern Subdistrict are not asking to raise your taxes, they are just asking you to allow them to keep the current voter approved income. The Gallagher Amendment will reduce your assessment value and inevitably cause a catastrophic reduction in your fire departments income. This means less income, less firefighters., less crucial services. If this ballot issue does not pass you will see the impact instantly. There will be firefighter layoffs and potential station closures as the district will not be able to afford to maintain proper staffing and building maintenance. Station closures and fewer firefighters will result in longer response times as well as the ability to properly handle fire and emergency medical responses. A yes vote will NOT raise your taxes, it will let the fire district continue to provide the excellent fire and emergency services that the community needs and deserves.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6B**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Subdistrict Ballot  
Issue 6C**

**Designated Election Official:**

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Administrative Assistant  
15415 Gleneagle Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NORTHERN SUBDISTRICT  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Subdistrict Ballot  
Issue 6C**

SHALL DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NORTHERN SUBDISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE MILL LEVIES TO MAINTAIN REVENUE-NEUTRAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IF, ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION OF ONE OR MORE PROPERTY CLASS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION DUE TO ARTICLE X SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT) OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON SUCH AS ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE, SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD SUCH CHANGES NOT OCCURRED?

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6C**

The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District and Northern Subdistrict are not asking to raise your taxes, they are just asking you to allow them to keep the current voter approved income. The Gallagher Amendment will reduce your assessment value and inevitably cause a catastrophic reduction in your fire departments income. This means less income, less firefighters., less crucial services. If this ballot issue does not pass you will see the impact instantly. There will be firefighter layoffs and potential station closures as the district will not be able to afford to maintain proper staffing and building maintenance. Station closures and fewer firefighters will result in longer response times as well as the ability to properly handle fire and emergency medical responses. A yes vote will NOT raise your taxes, it will let the fire district continue to provide the excellent fire and emergency services that the community needs and deserves.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6C**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7A

Designated Election Official:  
Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District  
Sharon Ellis, Designated Election Official  
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Woodland Park, CO 80863  
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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7A

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES IN 2021, SHALL NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED BEGINNING IN 2021 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO SET THE MILL LEVY AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE THE TAX REVENUES LEVIED IN 2020, AS SUCH AMOUNT IS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FOR LOCAL GROWTH, FOR GENERAL OPERATING AND OTHER EXPENSES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS AND HIGH QUALITY SERVICE?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2020 (estimated)	\$2,704,483
2019 (actual)	\$2,367,735
2018 (actual)	\$2,474,316
2017 (actual)	\$2,309,092
2016 (actual)	\$2,508,648

Overall percentage change from 2016 to 2020:	7.2%
Overall dollar change from 2016 to 2020:	\$195,835

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$0
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$2,704,483

\* The purpose of this Ballot Question is to stabilize District tax receipts to offset the reduction of its Assessed Valuation caused by the “Gallagher Amendment,” by authorizing a variable Mill Levy Rate starting in collection year 2021. Any adjustment to the Mill Levy Rate is intended to be revenue neutral in the adjustment year.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7A

The Gallagher Amendment was written to keep property taxes collected in check by establishing a balance between residential property taxes collected and non-residential property taxes collected. This works for big cities like Boulder, Denver, and Colorado Springs because they have a large distribution of non-residential properties to balance with the distribution of residential properties. In small towns, like Woodland Park, the number of residential properties far exceeds the non-residential properties. As a result, any change in the residential assessment rate for property taxes, as mandated by the Gallagher Amendment, can have a significant impact on the funding of small special districts such as the Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District.

When the Gallagher Amendment was passed in 1982 the Residential Assessment Rate was approximately 21%. Since then it has been lowered to its current rate of 7.15%. In 2021 the Residential Assessment Rate is expected to be near 5.88%, or a decrease of 18%. This means in 2022, the NETCFPD budget could take a 12% or \$300,000 hit in revenue. NETCFPD has done a great job over the years maintaining a tight budget and still provide world-class fire protection and emergency medical services. A loss of \$300,000 in revenue would mean significant cuts to department operations.

A YES vote on Issue 7A would allow NETCFPD to stabilize its budget by maintaining funding at 2020 levels.

Our fire department does a great job protecting us. Let’s protect our fire department by voting YES on 7A.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Calhan Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7B

Designated Election Official:

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Calhan Fire Protection District  
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
CALHAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Calhan Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7B

SHALL CALHAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$285,000 ANNUALLY (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021) AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE OF SIX (6) MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF

- MEETING OPERATIONAL COSTS TO MAINTAIN RESPONSE TIMES FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,
- ATTRACTING, TRAINING AND RETAINING FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND PARAMEDICS, AND
- REPLACING EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES THAT HAVE REACHED THE END OF THEIR SERVICE LIFE, INCLUDING AIR PACKS, BUNKER GEAR AND AMBULANCES,

WHICH INCREASE SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE MILL LEVY CURRENTLY IMPOSED BY THE DISTRICT; AND SHALL THE REVENUE FROM SUCH MILL LEVY INCREASE CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Calhan Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7B (continued)

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2016 (actual)	\$415,567
2017 (actual)	479,241
2018 (actual)	611,761
2019 (actual)	614,456
2020 (current year estimated)	905,219

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 through 2020:	117.82%
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Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 through 2020:	\$489,652
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Estimated 2021 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increases authorized by the ballot issue:	\$868,338
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Estimated 2021 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 7B:	\$285,000
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Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7B

Passage of Issue 7B will allow Calhan Fire Protection District (CFPD) to improve emergency response times and maintain emergency services.

CFPD's service population is growing and aging. In fact, emergency call volume has increased 35% in just the past five years alone. The District is trying to protect more than 5,000 residents who live in a 250-square-mile area with only two career firefighters and a shrinking number of volunteers.

About 80% of CFPD's calls are for medical emergencies. It's critical that the Fire District be able to quickly respond to 911 calls, as it can literally be a matter of life and death.

On the weekends, there are no career firefighters on duty. All emergency calls are handled by volunteers on those days, which can create many challenges.

In addition to a lack of first responders, the other big challenge facing CFPD is aging equipment. This includes two ambulances that have logged more than 6,200 service hours. Furthermore, the District's ambulances do not have four-wheel drive, putting our residents and first responders at greater risk.

Your YES vote on Issue 7B will fund CFPD's highest priority needs, including:

- Attracting, training and retaining firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics
- Replacing emergency equipment and vehicles that have reached the end of their service life, including air packs, bunker gear and ambulances
- Meeting operational costs to maintain response times for fire protection and emergency medical services

Issue 7B is not just about protecting residents, homes and businesses, it's also about protecting CFPD's firefighters and paramedics. First responders deserve equipment and vehicles that they can rely on, especially when every second counts. They also deserve to have an adequate number of first responders to safely address complex emergencies they encounter.

Compared to its peer districts, CFPD's has one of the lowest mill levies. In fact, many fire districts in the area have a tax levy that is two to three times greater than CFPD's mill levy.

Issue 7B is an investment of \$3.85 per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual value. For seniors and disabled veterans who qualify and apply for the Colorado Senior Property Tax Exemption, the tax impact is even lower.

Issue 7B is a no-nonsense, fiscally responsible request focused on saving lives and property by improving response times and maintaining emergency services. Issue 7B deserves our support.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7B

No comments were filed 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

2020 GENERAL ELECTION


VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPC) AND BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS

**MAIL YOUR BALLOT:** The 2020 General Election is a mail ballot election. Ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters beginning October 9, 2020. If mailing your ballot back, it is recommended you do so no later than October 26, 2020. You may also drop your ballot at any of the following Voter Service and Polling Centers or ballot drop box locations until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020.

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPC)

Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) will be available to register to vote, update voter registration, request a replacement ballot, mark your ballot on an ADA accessible ballot marking device, or drop off your ballot.

 **Indicates locations with a secure 24-Hour ballot drop box. Boxes will be open 24 hours starting October 9, 2020 through 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020.**

 **Indicates locations with a secure 24-Hour drive-up ballot drop box.**

**Beginning Monday, October 12, 2020, the VSPC location below is open the following days and hours:**

Monday, October 12 - Friday, October 30, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (not open weekends)

Saturday, October 31, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

  **Main Office (EPC Clerk’s Office) — Citizens Service Center**  
1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907

**The VSPC locations below are open the following days and hours:**


Monday, October 19, 2020, – Friday, October 30, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (not open weekends)

Saturday, October 31, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.


Monday, November 2, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.


Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.


**UCCS — Ent Center for Fine Arts**  
5225 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80918


 **Downtown Branch (EPC Clerk’s Office) — NW corner of Cascade Ave. & Vermijo St.**  
200 S. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Chapel Hills Mall — Northside**  
1710 Briargate Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80920

 **Citadel Mall — Northside by Food Court Entrance**  
750 Citadel Dr. E., Colorado Springs, CO 80909

 **Southeast Branch (EPC Clerk’s Office) — SE corner of Powers Blvd. & Airport Rd.**  
5650 Industrial Pl., Colorado Springs, CO 80916

 **Fort Carson (EPC Clerk’s Office) — Enter at Gate 1**  
6351 Wetzel Ave., Bldg. 1525, Ft. Carson, CO 80913

 **North Branch (EPC Clerk’s Office) — NW corner of Union Blvd. & Research Pkwy.**  
8830 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**The VSPC locations below are open the following days and hours:**

Friday, October 30, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Saturday, October 31, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.


**Victory World Outreach — SW corner of S. Academy Blvd. & Hancock Expy.**  
3150 S. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80916


**Zalman Center at Harrison High School — SE corner of Circle Dr. & I-25**  
2755 Janitell Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906


  **East Library — W of Union Blvd. between Montebello Dr. & Vickers Dr.**  
5550 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918

**Creekside Success Center — School District 49 facility— NW corner of Peterson Rd. and Pony Tracks Dr.**  
3850 Pony Tracks Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80922

  **Library 21c – NW corner of Chapel Hills Dr. & Jamboree Dr.**  
1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920

 **Manitou Springs City Hall — Memorial Hall — NW corner of Manitou Ave. & El Paso Blvd.**  
606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829

 **Pikes Peak Regional Development Center — NW of Printers Pkwy. between International Cir. & Airport Rd.**  
2880 International Cir., Colorado Springs, CO 80910


 **Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District — SE corner of Teachout Rd. & Burgess Rd.**  
11445 Teachout Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

**The Barn — Woodmoor Community Center — E. of Woodmoor Dr. between Moorwood Pt. and Deer Creek Rd.**  
1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument, CO 80132

**Fountain Library — SE corner of E. Missouri Ave. & S. Main St.**  
230 S. Main St., Fountain, CO 80817

**Sand Creek Library — E of Academy Blvd. between Chelton Rd. and Fountain Blvd.**  
1821 S. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80916

**The Independence Center — NE corner of E. Las Animas St. & S. Tejon St.**  
729 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

 **Town of Monument — Town Hall — SW corner of Beacon Lite Rd. & Highway 105**  
645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument, CO 80132









 **El Paso County Public Services Department — Calhan — SE corner of 10th St. & Golden St.**  
1010 Golden St., Calhan, CO 80808



The VSPC locations below are open the following days and hours:


















Monday, November 2, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

		<b>Norris Penrose — Indoor Event Center</b> — <i>S. of Lower Gold Camp Rd. between 21st St. &amp; 8th St.</i> 945 Lower Gold Camp Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80905
		<b>Calvary Fellowship Fountain Valley</b> — <i>NW of Alturas Dr. and Cable Ln. between Bradley Rd. and Main St.</i> 4945 Cable Ln., Colorado Springs, CO 80911
		<b>Corpus Christi Parish Hall</b> — <i>SW corner of N. Cascade Ave. &amp; W. Jackson St.</i> 2318 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80907
		<b>Solid Rock Christian Center</b> — <i>NE corner of Rainier Dr. and Arlington Dr.</i> 2520 Arlington Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80910
		<b>Family of Christ Lutheran Church</b> — <i>E. of Jackson Creek Pkwy. and W. Baptist Rd.</i> 675 W. Baptist Rd., Monument, CO 80921
		<b>Pikes Peak Community College — Centennial Campus</b> — <i>W. on Hwy. 83 from exit 135 on I-25</i> 5675 S. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906
		<b>Vista Grande Baptist Church</b> — <i>NW corner of N. Powers Blvd. and Stetson Hills Blvd.</i> 5680 Stetson Hills Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80917
		<b>Falcon Legacy Campus — School District 49 facility</b> — <i>NE of Meridian Rd. and Swingline Rd.</i> 11990 Swingline Rd., Falcon, CO 80831
		<b>St. Dominic Catholic Church</b> — <i>W of 85 between Main St. &amp; S. Academy Blvd.</i> 5354 US 85, Colorado Springs, CO 80911
		<b>Vanguard Church</b> — <i>Between American Dr. and Betty Dr. on N. Academy Blvd.</i> 3950 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80917
		<b>Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District — Community Center West</b> — <i>W. of Meridian Rd. and Woodmen Hills Dr.</i> 11720 Woodmen Hills Dr., Falcon, CO 80831
		<b>Pikes Peak Community College — Rampart Range</b> — <i>W. of Interquest Pkwy. between Cross Peak View and New Life Dr.</i> 2070 Interquest Pkwy., Colorado Springs, CO 80921
		<b>Charles C. “Chuck” Brown Transportation &amp; Environmental Complex</b> — <i>Between Constitution Ave. &amp; N. Carefree Cir.</i> 3275 Akers Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80922

ADDITIONAL SECURE 24-HOUR BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS ONLY

The ballot drop-off locations below provide no indoor registration, voting or ballot drop-off services. Each outdoor ballot drop-off location below will be open 24 hours a day from October 9, 2020 through 7:00 p.m. Election Day, November 3, 2020.

		<b>Bear Creek Park, Community Garden</b> — <i>21st St. and W. Rio Grande</i> 2002 Creek Crossing St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905
		<b>Black Forest Park-n-Ride</b> — <i>NW corner of Black Forest Rd. &amp; Woodmen Rd.</i> 7503 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908
		<b>Boot Barn Hall at Bourbon Brothers</b> — <i>To the left of the stop sign at main entrance to Boot Barn</i> 13071 Bass Pro Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80921
		<b>Broadmoor Towne Center at Southgate</b> 2007 Southgate Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906
		<b>City of Colorado Springs</b> — <i>NW corner of Nevada Ave. &amp; Colorado Ave.</i> 30 S. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903
		<b>Colorado Springs Senior Center</b> — <i>South of E. Caramillo St. on N. Hancock Ave.</i> 1514 N. Hancock Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903
		<b>Cottonwood Creek Recreational Center</b> — <i>Between Montarbor Dr. &amp; Rangewood Dr., next to the pool entrance</i> 3920 Dublin Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918
		<b>Ellicott School District Admin Building</b> — <i>N. of Handle Rd. &amp; E. of Ellicott Hwy.</i> 322 S. Ellicott Hwy., Calhan, CO 80808
		<b>Falcon Fire Department — Station 1</b> — <i>Corner of Meridian Ranch Rd. and Royal County Down Rd.</i> 12072 Royal County Down Rd., Falcon, CO 80831
		<b>First and Main</b> — <i>Westside of Dick’s Sporting Goods parking lot</i> New Center Pt., Colorado Springs, CO 80922
		<b>Fountain Creek Park</b> — <i>SW corner of Hwy. 85/87 &amp; Duckwood Rd., in the first parking lot</i> 2010 Duckwood Rd., Fountain, CO 80817
		<b>Fountain Police Department — Community Room</b> — <i>SE corner of Santa Fe Ave. &amp; Alabama Ave.</i> 222 N. Santa Fe Ave., Fountain, CO 80817
		<b>Leon Young Sports Complex</b> — <i>Between E. Fountain Blvd. &amp; Verde Dr.</i> 1335 S. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80910
		<b>Monument Park &amp; Ride</b> — <i>NE corner off of I-25 at exit 161</i> 1899 Woodmoor Dr., Monument, CO 80132
		<b>Rocky Mountain Calvary</b> — <i>SE corner of N. Academy Blvd. &amp; Montebello Dr. – Across from the Montebello Post Office</i> 4285 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918
		<b>School District 3 Federal Credit Union</b> — <i>NW corner of Grinnell Blvd. &amp; Crawford Ave.</i> 1180 Crawford Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80911
		<b>Tiffany Square — U-Haul Moving &amp; Storage at Rockrimmon</b> — <i>Westside of I-25 and Woodmen</i> 6805 Corporate Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919
		<b>UCCS</b> — <i>In front of main entrance to Kraemer Family Library (by the FedEx drop box).</i> 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Colorado Springs, CO 80918 — <b>NOTE:</b> VSPC located on campus at Ent Center for Fine Arts Building
		<b>Wilson Ranch Pool</b> — <i>Allegheny Dr. &amp; Split Rock Dr.</i> 2335 Allegheny Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919

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