ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO REPEAL UNUSED DEBT | TO EXTEND A MILL LEVY | TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE



PITKIN COUNTY BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED ON OCTOBER 10

LOCAL COUNTY CLERK OFFICE Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder's Office

ADDRESS 530 E. Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611

HOURS 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday

PHONE 970 429 2732 (Main) | 970 445 3007 (Fax)

THORE TO TEXT EIGE (Mailly | 710 113 3001 (Tax)

TYPE OF ELECTION All Mail Ballot and Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC)

RETURNING YOUR MAIL BALLOT

- Mail ballots cannot be forwarded through the United States Postal Service.
- ▶ We recommend you drop your voted ballot in a 24/7 secure, video-monitored drop box.
- You can track your mail ballot using BallotTrax.com. This service will notify you through text or email when your ballot is sent, when it is received by the clerk's office and when it is accepted for counting.
- After October 27, the Election Department can no longer mail a ballot to you. You can visit a Voter Service and Polling Center to vote or secure a replacement mail ballot in person.
- Our office must receive your ballot by 7 pm on Election Day for your vote to count. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT!

MAIL BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS (CLOSE 7 PM ELECTION DAY)

PITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & SHERIFF'S OFFICE

530 East Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611 Available 24/7 until 7 pm on Election Day

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE TOWN HALL

130 Kearns Road | Snowmass Village, CO 81615 Available 24/7 from Friday, October 10 until 7 pm on Election Day

BASALT TOWN HALL

101 Midland Avenue | Basalt CO 81621 Available 24/7 from Friday, October 10 until 7 pm on Election Day

WHERE TO VOTE IN PERSON

PITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & SHERIFF'S OFFICE

530 East Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611
Early Voting October 27-November 3 | Monday through Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday, November 1 | 10 am-2 pm
Election Day, Tuesday, November 4 | 7:00 am-7:00 pm

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH YOU!
You can find a full list of acceptable identification at PitkinVotes.com

PITKIN COUNTY

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALJEANETTE JONES
530 E. MAIN STREET, ASPEN, CO 81611
970 452 9023

PITKIN COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A: AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND BONDS

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING ANY TAX RATE, SHALL PITKIN COUNTY DEBT BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$340,000,000, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$940,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PLANNING, DESIGN, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, AND EXPANSION OF THE ASPEN/PITKIN COUNTY AIRPORT TERMINAL AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, AND AIRFIELD PAVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE, BY THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE FROM AND SECURED BY A PLEDGE OF THE REVENUES OF THE COUNTY'S AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND, WHICH BONDS SHALL BEAR INTEREST, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, BE ISSUED, DATED, AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, AND CONTAIN SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DETERMINE?

FISCAL INFORMATION FOR BALLOT ISSUE NO. 1A:

THIS ITEM DOES NOT RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN TAXES, REVENUES, OR DEBT, THEREFOR FISCAL INFORMATION ON THIS BALLOT MEASURE FROM THE PROPONENT IS NOT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO STATE CONSTITUTION

CITY OF ASPEN

970 429 2685

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALNICOLE HENNING
427 RIO GRANDE PLACE, ASPEN, CO 81611

CITY OF ASPEN BALLOT ISSUE 2A: TAX INCREASE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

SHALL THE CITY OF ASPEN TAXES BE INCREASED \$4.75 MILLION IN 2026 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL CITY SALES TAX AT A RATE OF .30% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND SHALL THE CITY SALES TAX OF .30% APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2012 AND EXTENDED BY APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS IN 2016 AND 2020 (WHICH EXISTING TAX IS ALSO EXPECTED TO GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$4.75 MILLION IN 2026, FOR AN AGGREGATE OF APPROXIMATELY \$9.50 MILLION), CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, WITH EACH SUCH TAX CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2031, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PRIOR BALLOT QUESTIONS; AND SHALL THE REVENUE FROM SUCH SALES TAX AND EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE CITY AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2A:

VOTE YES ON 2A TO KEEP TEACHERS ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITY, MAINTAIN CORE CURRICULUM AND MAKE CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS! 2A WILL GENERATE \$4.75 MILLION BY RAISING SALES TAXES BY .3% - AN INCREASE THAT AMOUNTS TO 30 CENTS ON A \$100 PURCHASE. DIFFERENT FROM PROPERTY TAX, SALES TAXES ARE GENERATED IN LARGE PART BY VISITORS. UNLIKE OTHER ALLOCATIONS FOR SALES TAX, THE FUNDS GENERATED BY 2A ARE NOT "FOREVER" TAXES. THAT TAX EXPIRES AFTER FIVE YEARS. STATE CUTS IN K-12 FUNDING HAVE COST ASD NEARIY \$24 MILLION OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS. NEW LAWS CAP FUNDING EVEN FURTHER, POTENTIALLY CUTTING ANOTHER \$5 MILLION PER YEAR. THIS LOSS LEAVES ASD ALMOST ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON LOCAL FUNDING AND MAKES ASD ONE OF ONLY 11 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT MUST RELY ON LOCAL TAXPAYERS FOR FUNDING. RISING COSTS

ONLY ADD TO THE PRESSURE. WITHOUT LOCAL SUPPORT, OUR SCHOOLS FACE LARGER CLASS SIZES, MORE TEACHER VACANCIES, AND A REDUCTION IN THE PROGRAMS THAT MAKE ASPEN UNIQUE. FOR YEARS, ASD RESIDENTS HAVE PRIDED THEMSELVES ON OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SMALL CLASS SIZES, AND INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM. WE TREASURE OUR DEDICATED, TALENTED STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE LONG DEFINED OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS UPON WHOM WE PIN OUR HOPES FOR A BETTER FUTURE. BUT MAINTAINING THE EXCELLENCE WE HAVE ACHIEVED HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING. IN ADDITION TO 2A, ASPEN VOTERS WILL ALSO VOTE ON BALLOT ISSUE 4A, A \$5 MILLION MILL LEVY OVERRIDE, PRIMARILY TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH COMPETITIVE SALARIES, AND BALLOT ISSUE 4B, A \$95 MILLION BOND PRIMARILY TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 55 EMPLOYEE HOUSING UNITS AND MAKE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. 2D IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE THAT WILL BE LEVIED ON HOMEOWNERS ONLY IN SNOWMASS VILLAGE, NOT ASPEN OR PITKIN COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS NOVEMBER, ASD VOTERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR CHILDREN. THESE FOUR BALLOT MEASURES - 4A, 4B, 2A, AND 2D -WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE ASD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION WHILE SUPPORTING THE TEACHERS AND STAFF WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. EACH MEASURE IS CRITICAL. TOGETHER, ALL FOUR BALLOT QUESTIONS FORM A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROTECT WHAT WE VALUE MOST. FOR OUR EXCELLENT TEACHERS, THRIVING STUDENTS AND EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLS, VOTE YES ON 2A.

THE STATE'S FUNDING FORMULA HAS CAUSED ASD TO LOSE \$6 MILLION IN FUNDING, WITH ANOTHER \$5 MILLION IN THE COMING YEARS. 2A STABILIZES FUNDING BY ENSURING THAT ALL USERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING OUR VISITORS, CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY. 2A IS ASPEN'S WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO PROTECTING OUR SCHOOLS.

AS LOCAL RESIDENTS KNOW, SCHOOLS HAVE WORKED HARD TO MANAGE THE STATE CREATED DEFICIT. 2A IS A WAY FOR VISITORS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY. VISITORS PAY THE LARGEST SHARE OF ASPEN SALES TAX. 2A IS THE MOST DIRECT WAY TO AVOID RELYING ON PROPERTY TAXES ALONE TO SOLVE THE BUDGET GAP. IT ENSURES THAT A MAJOR BENEFICIARY OF THE COMMUNITY, OUR VISITORS, CONTRIBUTE TO SUPPORTING AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY POSSIBLE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

CITY OF ASPEN BALLOT ISSUE 2B: DEBT FOR LUMBERYARD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

SHALL CITY OF ASPEN DEBT BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000, WITH A TOTAL REPAYMENT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$152,550,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE LUMBERYARD AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; SUCH DEBT TO BE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF MUNICIPAL REVENUE BONDS OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION, WITH SUCH TERMS, AND BEARING INTEREST AT A RATE HEREAFTER APPROVED BY COUNCIL, PAYABLE FROM THE CITY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND OR ANY OTHER AVAILABLE REVENUE OF THE CITY, WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN TAXES, AND TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUE AND INTEREST FROM THESE BONDS AS A VOTER-APPROVED CHANGE TO THE CITY'S REVENUE LIMITS UNDER COLORADO LAW, ALLOWING THE CITY TO USE THESE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE PROJECT OR ANY REFUNDING THEREOF?

TOTAL CITY FISCAL YEAR SPENDING:

FISCAL YEAR	
2025 (estimated)	\$ 227,400,000
2024 (actual)	\$ 198,800,000
2023 (actual)	\$181,600,000
2022 (actual)	\$ 158,300,000
2021 (actual)	\$ 157,100,000

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2021 TO 2025:

44.7%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2021 TO 2025:

\$70,300,000

PROPOSED TAX INCREASE BALLOT ISSUE 2A

CITY ESTIMATE OF 2026 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: \$250,140,000

INFORMATION ON CITY'S PROPOSED DEBT: BALLOT ISSUE 2B

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF PROPOSED BONDS:

NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000

MAXIMUM ANNUAL CITY REPAYMENT COST: NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500,000

TOTAL CITY REPAYMENT COST: NOT TO EXCEED \$152,550,000

INFORMATION ON CITY'S CURRENT DEBT*

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING DEBT: \$8,720,000

MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$3.511.000

REMAINING TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$9,367,635

*EXCLUDED FROM DEBT ARE ENTERPRISE AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OBLIGATIONS. THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT OF DEBT LISTED ABOVE AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2025, WILL BE REDUCED TO \$840,000 DUE TO THE RETIREMENT OF VARIOUS CITY BOND ISSUES.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2B:

YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B WILL ALLOW CONSTRUCTION TO PROCEED ON LANDS PURCHASED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVER A DECADE AGO WITHIN THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY IN KEEPING WITH THE ASPEN AREA COMMUNITY PLAN. YOUR YES VOTE YES ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B DOES NOT CREATE ANY NEW TAXES. THE HOUSING BONDS WILL BE PAID FOR WITH REVENUES FROM THE EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX. YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHLY ENERGY EFFICIENT, TRANSIT- ORIENTED ONE-, TWO- AND THREE-BEDROOM HOUSING UNITS AT THE AABC, A NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A PUB, BAKERY, RESTAURANTS, A GROCERY, AND LIQUOR STORE. YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B ALLOWS THE CITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL BRING AN ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION DOLLARS AND FINANCING TO THE PROJECT. YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B WILL HELP LOCAL BUSINESS FIND WORKERS, AND HELP CURRENT WORKERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS MOVE CLOSER TO ASPEN, SAVING THEM THOUSANDS OF COMMUTING HOURS A YEAR TRAVELING TO ASPEN JOBS AND REDUCING TONS OF CARBON EMISSIONS ANNUALLY. YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B SUPPORTS THE ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR RESORT. OBTAINING NEW FREE MARKET HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY HAS BECOME UNAFFORDABLE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF ASPEN'S WORKFORCE FROM BLUE COLLAR JOBS THROUGH CAREER PROFESSIONALS. YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B CREATES YEAR-ROUND RENTAL UNITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS, WHO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE OFF SEASON AND CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY VITALITY. YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B WILL HELP ADDRESS ASPEN'S SEVERE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LOCAL WORKFORCE SHORTAGES W/APPROXIMATELY 277 UNITS IN A MIX OF INCOME CATEGORIES, WITH ALL TENANTS QUALIFIED UNDER APCHA REGULATIONS. YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2B ALLOWS THE CITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MUCH-NEEDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN A WALKABLE, BIKEABLE DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN ASPEN, ON THE RFTA LOCAL AND BRT BUS LINES, TO BE ADDITIONALLY SERVED WITH AN AABC ROUTE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2B:

THE COSTS OF THE LUMBERYARD ARE GOING TO BE SOCIALIZED TO THE PUBLIC; THOSE COSTS INCLUDE NOT JUST THIS BOND, BUT ALSO A MAJOR NEW TRAFFIC IMPACT ON HIGHWAY 82 THAT WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE ENTRANCE TO ASPEN. MEANWHILE, THE PROFITS TO BE REAPED FROM THIS PROJECT ARE GOING TO BE PRIVATIZED AMONG THE BUILDER/DEVELOPER GORMAN AND THE BUSINESSES WHO WANT TO EMPLOY APCHA'S WORKER BEE TENANTS BUT NOT PAY A LIVING WAGE. THIS PROJECT IS CORPORATE WELFARE.

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

MEGAN BOUCHER

P.O. BOX 5010, SNOWMASS VILLAGE, CO 81615 970 922 2271

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE BALLOT ISSUE 2D: INCREASE PROPERTY TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

SHALL TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,200,000 ANNUALLY (REPRESENTING ESTIMATED REVENUES IN 2026, THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF COLLECTION) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNT IS GENERATED THEREAFTER FROM AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE OF 1.19 MILLS BEGINNING IN TAX YEAR

2025 (COLLECTION YEAR 2026) AND CONTINUING THROUGH TAX YEAR 2030 (COLLECTION YEAR 2031); SUCH MILL LEVY TO BE USED FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPORT TO ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REIMBURSING THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE FOR THE COSTS OF COLLECTION BY PITKIN COUNTY, WITH SUCH MILL LEVY REPLACING THE EXISTING TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE MILL LEVY SUPPORTING ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT GENERATES \$510,000 IN REVENUE ANNUALLY AND WAS MOST RECENTLY EXTENDED BY SNOWMASS VILLAGE VOTERS IN 2020; SHALL THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH MILL LEVY BE COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE AND DISBURSED THROUGH THE SNOWMASS VILLAGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND TO ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND SHALL SUCH REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX AND ANY INTEREST THEREON CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE THAT THE TOWN MAY COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND WITHOUT LIMITATION UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR), SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., OR ANY OTHER LAW?

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL TOWN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2025 (estimated)	\$ 75,907,793
2024 (actual)	\$ 57,390,527
2023 (actual)	\$ 51,580,758
2022 (actual)	\$ 40,933,244
2021 (actual)	\$ 31,919,464

NOTE: INCLUDES ALL TOWN FUNDS (EXCLUDING TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS) REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE RESTRICTED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2021 TO 2025: 138%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2021 TO 2025: \$43,988,329

PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

TOWN ESTIMATE OF THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE): \$1,200.000

ENTITY ESTIMATE OF 2026 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT PROPOSED TAX INCREASES: \$173,495,934

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2D:

 VOTE YES ON 2D TO KEEP OUR TEACHERS ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITY, MAINTAIN OUR CORE CURRICULUM AND MAKE CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS!

BALLOT ISSUE 2D IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE THAT WILL GENERATE UP TO 1.2 MILLION IN THE FIRST YEAR – MOSTLY TO HELP PROVIDE ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATORS WITH COMPETITIVE SALARIES. THE COST PER HOMEOWNER IS \$75 PER YEAR FOR EVERY \$1 MILLION OF ACTUAL HOME VALUE.

THE FUNDS GENERATED BY BALLOT ISSUE 2D - ALSO KNOWN AS THE SNOWMASS PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND - IS NOT A "FOREVER" TAX. IT'S A TEMPORARY TAX THAT EXPIRES AFTER FIVE YEARS.

STATE CUTS IN K-12 FUNDING HAVE COST ASD NEARLY \$24 MILLION OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS. NEW STATE LAWS CAP OUR FUNDING EVEN FURTHER, POTENTIALLY CUTTING ANOTHER \$5 MILLION PER YEAR. THIS LOSS OF REVENUE LEAVES ASD ALMOST ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON LOCAL FUNDING AND MAKES ASD ONE OF THE 11 COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT MUST RELY ON LOCAL TAXPAYERS FOR FUNDING. RISING COSTS — FROM HEALTH INSURANCE TO FACILITY MAINTENANCE — ONLY ADD TO THE PRESSURE. WITHOUT LOCAL SUPPORT, OUR SCHOOLS FACE LARGER CLASS SIZES, MORE TEACHER VACANCIES, AND A REDUCTION IN THE PROGRAMS THAT MAKE ASPEN UNIQUE.

FOR YEARS, ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS HAVE PRIDED THEMSELVES ON OUR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SMALL CLASS SIZES, AND INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM LIKE THE IB PROGRAM AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCES. WE TREASURE OUR DEDICATED, TALENTED STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE LONG DEFINED OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS UPON WHOM WE PIN OUR HOPES FOR A BETTER FUTURE. BUT MAINTAINING THE EXCELLENCE WE HAVE ACHIEVED HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING.

THIS NOVEMBER, ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR CHILDREN WITH FOUR

EACH MEASURE IS CRITICAL ON ITS OWN. WITHOUT ENOUGH HOUSING, WE CAN'T ATTRACT OR KEEP TALENTED EDUCATORS. WITHOUT COMPETITIVE PAY, WE WILL LOSE TEACHERS TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WITHOUT LOCAL FUNDING, WE RISK FALLING BEHIND. TOGETHER, ALL FOUR BALLOT QUESTIONS FORM A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROTECT WHAT WE VALUE MOST: EXCELLENT TEACHERS, SMALL CLASS SIZES, STRONG ACADEMICS, AND THRIVING SCHOOLS.

FOR OUR EXCELLENT TEACHERS, THRIVING STUDENTS AND EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLS, VOTE YES ON 2D!

• COLORADO'S SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA HARMS DISTRICTS WITH HIGH PROPERTY VALUES, RE-ROUTING THEIR STATE TAX DOLLARS TO OTHER DISTRICTS. ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS ALREADY LOST \$6 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING AND EXPECTS TO LOSE THE FINAL \$5 MILLION OF STATE FUNDING IN THE COMING YEARS. IN THIS ELECTION, EACH AREA IN OUR COMMUNITY SEEKS TO MAKE A SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO REPAIR THE SUBSTANTIAL DEFICIT THE STATE CREATED. 2D REPRESENTS SNOWMASS VILLAGE'S IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EFFORT TO PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2D:

NO COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

TOWN OF BASALT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

PAM SCHILLING 101 MIDLAND AVENUE, BASALT, CO 81621 970 927 4701

TOWN OF BASALT BALLOT ISSUE 3A: INCREASE LODGING TAX FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SHALL THE TOWN OF BASALT'S LODGING TAXES BE INCREASED BY NOT MORE THAN \$300.000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2026) AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING AN INCREASE IN THE TOWN'S LODGING TAX BY TWO PERCENT (2%), FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO SIX PERCENT (6%), TO BE PAID BY LODGERS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BASALT ON THE PURCHASE PRICE PAID OR CHARGED FOR THE FURNISHING OF ANY HOTEL ROOM, MOTEL ROOM, LODGING ROOM, LODGING FACILITY, GUEST HOUSE, OR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS OR DWELLINGS USED FOR SIMILAR SHORT TERM TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OF LESS THAN THIRTY (30) CONSECUTIVE DAYS; AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH LODGING TAX BE DEPOSITED IN A DEDICATED FUND TO:

INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF WORKFORCE HOUSING FOR TOWN OF BASALT RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BASALT BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PURCHASING REAL PROPERTY, ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE. AND REDEVELOPING EXISTING HOUSING:

PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THE TOWN TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT SECTORS, AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES, TO DEVELOP WORKFORCE HOUSING;

SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE COST OF RENTING OR PURCHASING WORKFORCE HOUSING, PROVIDE AVAILABLE HOUSING, AND MAINTAIN EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THE TOWN;

AND OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES OF THE TOWN TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROGRAMS EXCLUDING ANY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

TOTAL TOWN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING:

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL TOWN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2025 (estimated)	\$13,073,288
2024 (actual)	\$11,285,045
2023 (actual)	\$10,693,076
2022 (actual)	\$11,584,597
2021 (actual)	\$ 9,140,573

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2021 TO 2025:

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2021 TO 2025:

\$3,932,715

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE **ELECTION OFFICER:**

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 3A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 3A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

ELIZA ROBISON 0235 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, ASPEN, CO 81611 970 300 2250

ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1 BALLOT ISSUE 4A: GENERAL FUND MILL LEVY OVERRIDE

SHALL ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (RE) TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$5 MILLION IN TAX YEAR 2025 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2026) AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN AMOUNT THAT, WHEN COMBINED WITH TAXES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY DISTRICT VOTERS FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, EQUALS 47% OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM, AS PERMITTED BY STATE LAW FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL REVENUES, TO FUND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

CONTINUING TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS; PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY CLASSROOM MATERIALS, CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS; AND SUPPORTING ONGOING TRANSPORTATION, FACILITY, AND FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS;

BY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN THE DISTRICT'S 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH DISTRICT BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED ABOVE, WHICH TAXES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT AND SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND; AND SHALL INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT LIMITATION UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR) OR ANY OTHER LAW?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING ¹
2021-2022 (actual)	\$ 46,260,662
2022-2023 (actual)	\$ 51,297,907
2023-2024 (actual)	\$ 48,881,385
2024-2025 (actual)	\$ 50,684,043
2025-2026 (current year estimated)	\$ 51,269,975

¹FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INCLUDES AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR BONDED DEBT SERVICE.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021-2022 THROUGH 2025-2026: 10.83%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021-2022 THROUGH 2025-2026: \$5,009,313

ESTIMATED 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 4A: \$51,269,975

ESTIMATED 2026 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 4A: \$5,000,000

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE **ELECTION OFFICER:**

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 4A:

VOTE YES ON 4A TO KEEP OUR WORLD CLASS ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS ROOTED IN

OUR COMMUNITY, MAINTAIN OUR CORE CURRICULUM AND KEEP CLASS SIZES SMALL!

BALLOT QUESTION 4A IS A \$5 MILLION MILL LEVY OVERRIDE (MLO) THAT WILL MAKE UP FOR LOST STATE FUNDING, PROVIDING OUR TEACHERS WITH COMPETITIVE SALARIES, MAINTAINING SMALL CLASS SIZES AND SUPPORTING UNIQUE CURRICULUM, INCLUDING ASD'S COVETED INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

STATE CUTS IN K-12 FUNDING HAVE COST ASD NEARLY \$24 MILLION OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS. NEW STATE LAWS CAP OUR FUNDING EVEN FURTHER, POTENTIALLY CUTTING ANOTHER \$5 MILLION PER YEAR. THIS LOSS OF REVENUE LEAVES ASD ALMOST ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON LOCAL FUNDING AND MAKES ASD ONE OF THE 11 COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT MUST RELY ON LOCAL TAXPAYERS FOR FUNDING. RISING COSTS — FROM HEALTH INSURANCE TO FACILITY MAINTENANCE — ONLY ADD TO THE PRESSURE. WITHOUT LOCAL SUPPORT, OUR SCHOOLS FACE LARGER CLASS SIZES, MORE TEACHER VACANCIES, AND A REDUCTION IN THE PROGRAMS THAT MAKE ASPEN UNIQUE.

FOR YEARS, ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS HAVE PRIDED THEMSELVES ON OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SMALL CLASS SIZES, AND INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM LIKE THE IB PROGRAM AND BELOVED OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCES. WE TREASURE OUR DEDICATED, TALENTED STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE LONG DEFINED OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS UPON WHOM WE PIN OUR HOPES FOR A BETTER FUTURE. BUT MAINTAINING THE EXCELLENCE WE HAVE ACHIEVED HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING.

BOTH BALLOT QUESTIONS 4A AND 4B (BALLOT ISSUE 4B IS A \$95 MILLION BOND PRIMARILY TO ACQUIRE 55 EMPLOYEE HOUSING AND IMPROVE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND CLASSROOMS) WILL COST HOMEOWNERS AN ADDITIONAL \$127 PER YEAR FOR EACH \$1 MILLION OF ACTUAL HOME VALUE. THAT'S LESS THAN \$11 A MONTH TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING THAT KEEPS OUR EDUCATORS ROOTED IN ASPEN FOR YEARS TO COME, MAINTAIN OUR CORE CURRICULUM, PROVIDE A FAIR WAGE TO OUR HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS, AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC AND ARTS FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION TO 4A AND 4B, THERE ARE TWO LOCAL FUNDING MEASURES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION BEFORE ASPEN AND SNOWMASS VOTERS. BALLOT ISSUES 2A IS A 0.3% INCREASE IN ASPEN'S SALES TAX AND 2D IS A \$500,000 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN SNOWMASS VILLAGE.

THIS NOVEMBER, ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR CHILDREN. THESE FOUR BALLOT MEASURES — 4A, 4B, 2A, AND 2D — WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE ASPEN SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION WHILE SUPPORTING THE TEACHERS AND STAFF WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

EACH MEASURE IS CRITICAL ON ITS OWN. WITHOUT ENOUGH HOUSING, WE CAN'T ATTRACT OR KEEP TALENTED EDUCATORS. WITHOUT COMPETITIVE PAY, WE WILL LOSE TEACHERS TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WITHOUT LOCAL FUNDING, WE RISK FALLING BEHIND. TOGETHER, ALL FOUR BALLOT QUESTIONS FORM A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROTECT WHAT WE VALUE MOST: EXCELLENT TEACHERS, SMALL CLASS SIZES, STRONG ACADEMICS, AND THRIVING SCHOOLS. FOR OUR EXCELLENT TEACHERS, THRIVING STUDENTS AND EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLS, VOTE YES ON 4A!

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 4A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1 BALLOT ISSUE 4B: GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

SHALL ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (RE) DEBT BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$95 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$214 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$12.91 MILLION ANNUALLY, FOR PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING EMPLOYEE HOUSING TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF; ADDRESSING DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRING OUTDATED SYSTEMS TO EXTEND THE USEFUL LIFE OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND REDUCE COSTLY REPAIRS; IMPROVING INSTRUCTIONAL AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SPACES; IMPROVING ATHLETIC FACILITIES; RENOVATING THE BUS STORAGE FACILITY; UPGRADING THE DISTRICT THEATER, INCLUDING RESTROOMS AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS;

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, 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 BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE AND IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES THEREFORE; AND SHALL INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS AND TAXES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT LIMITATION UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR) OR ANY OTHER LAW?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING ¹
2021-2022 (actual)	\$ 46,260,662
2022-2023 (actual)	\$ 51,297,907
2023-2024 (actual)	\$ 48,881,385
2024-2025 (actual)	\$ 50,684,043
2025-2026 (current year estimated)	\$ 51,269,975

'FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INCLUDES AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR BONDED DEBT SERVICE.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021-2022 THROUGH 2025-2026: 10.83%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021-2022 THROUGH 2025-2026: \$5.009.313

ESTIMATED 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 4B: \$51,269,975

\$12,910,000

ESTIMATED 2025-2026 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 4B:

INFORMATION REGARDING BONDED DEBT PROPOSED BY BALLOT ISSUE 4B (ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS):

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$ 95,000,000

MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$12,910,000

MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$214,000,000

INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT BONDED DEBT:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$ 95,400,000

MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$ 8,095,200

MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$127,573,575

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 4B:

VOTE YES ON 4B TO KEEP OUR TEACHERS ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT INNOVATIVE AND SAFE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND CLASSROOMS.

BALLOT QUESTION 4B IS A \$95 MILLION BOND, PRIMARILY TO ALLOW ASD TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 55 EMPLOYEE HOUSING UNITS. BECAUSE HOUSING COSTS IN PITKIN COUNTY ARE SO FAR OUT OF REACH FOR THOSE LIVING ON A DISTRICT SALARY, THESE HOUSING UNITS HELP THE DISTRICT ATTRACT AND RETAIN WORLD-CLASS TEACHERS AND STAFF. 4B WILL ALSO IMPROVE ATHLETIC AND ARTS FACILITIES, ADDRESS ONGOING SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND MAKE CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT'S INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM.

FOR YEARS, ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS HAVE PRIDED THEMSELVES ON OUR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SMALL CLASS SIZES, AND INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM LIKE THE IB PROGRAM AND BELOVED OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCES. WE TREASURE OUR DEDICATED, TALENTED STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE LONG DEFINED OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS UPON WHOM WE PIN OUR HOPES FOR A BETTER FUTURE. BUT MAINTAINING THE EXCELLENCE WE HAVE ACHIEVED HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING.

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HOME VALUE. THAT'S LESS THAN \$11 A MONTH TO MAINTAIN OUR CORE CURRICULUM, PROVIDE A FAIR WAGE TO OUR HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS, MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC AND ARTS FACILITIES, AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING THAT KEEPS OUR EDUCATORS ROOTED IN ASPEN FOR YEARS TO COME.

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EACH MEASURE IS CRITICAL ON ITS OWN. WITHOUT ENOUGH HOUSING, WE CAN'T ATTRACT OR KEEP TALENTED EDUCATORS. WITHOUT COMPETITIVE PAY, WE WILL LOSE TEACHERS TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WITHOUT LOCAL FUNDING, WE RISK FALLING BEHIND. TOGETHER, ALL FOUR BALLOT QUESTIONS FORM A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROTECT WHAT WE VALUE MOST: EXCELLENT TEACHERS, SMALL CLASS SIZES, STRONG ACADEMICS, AND THRIVING SCHOOLS.

FOR OUR EXCELLENT TEACHERS, THRIVING STUDENTS AND EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLS, VOTE YES ON 4B!

YES ON 4B

- 1. COLORADO'S SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA HARMS DISTRICTS WITH HIGH PROPERTY VALUES, RE-ROUTING THEIR STATE TAX DOLLARS TO OTHER DISTRICTS. ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS ALREADY LOST \$6 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING AND EXPECTS TO LOSE THE FINAL \$5 MILLION OF STATE FUNDING IN THE COMING YEARS. 4A HELPS RESTORE CRITICAL FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PRESERVE HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- 2. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE THE COMMUNITY ASSET WHOSE BENEFITS GO PRIMARILY TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE STATE'S FUNDING FORMULA ELIMINATES STATE FUNDING FOR OUR DISTRICT DUE TO ITS HIGH AND INCREASING PROPERTY VALUES. THOSE HIGH VALUES ARE DRIVEN HEAVILY BY NON-RESIDENT BUYERS. 4A OFFSETS NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THOSE HIGH PROPERTY VALUES BY RECOVERING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS FROM THE SAME SOURCE, PROPERTY VALUE, THAT HAS CAUSED US TO LOSE STATE FUNDING.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 4B:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

ASPEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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ASPEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6A: SALES TAX

SHALL ASPEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$5,980,000 ANNUALLY (WHICH AMOUNT REPRESENTS ESTIMATED REVENUES IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF COLLECTION) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM A SALES TAX TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2026, AT A RATE OF ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENHANCING EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND FURTHER PROTECTING FIRST RESPONDERS TO: (I) ENHANCE WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES BY ADDING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT; (II) INTEGRATE ADDITIONAL FIRE-RELATED TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING WILDFIRE EARLY DETECTION AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS; (III) ATTRACT, RETAIN AND TRAIN FIREFIGHTERS, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL WILDFIRE AND SUPPORT STAFF; AND (IV) STRENGTHEN HEALTH AND WELLNESS EFFORTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING CANCER PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS; PROVIDED, THAT THE SALES TAX WILL EXCLUDE ALL TRANSACTIONS ON SALES OF FOOD FOR DOMESTIC HOME CONSUMPTION, PRESCRIPTIONS, DIAPERS, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND ALL OTHER CATEGORIES EXEMPT FROM STATE SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (PURSUANT TO TITLE 39, ARTICLE 26, PART 7, C.R.S.), SUCH SALES TAX, TO BE IN ADDITION TO OTHER TAXES LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT AND DEPOSITED INTO ITS GENERAL FUND,

TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2021 (actual)	\$ 7,967,729
2022 (actual)	\$ 8,771,543
2023 (actual)	\$ 9,263,318
2024 (actual)	\$12,718,877
2025 (current year estimated)	\$12,874,302

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021 THROUGH 2025: 61.58%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021 THROUGH 2025: \$4,906,573

ESTIMATED 2026 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6A: \$10,751,382

ESTIMATED 2026 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6A:

\$5,980,000

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6A:

WILDFIRE REPRESENTS A CLEAR AND PRESENT THREAT TO OUR COMMUNITY. ALL OF THE THINGS WE VALUE – FROM OPEN SPACE TO SCHOOLS TO COMMUNITY – ARE AT RISK. RECENT FIRES IN CALIFORNIA SHOW HOW LOSSES CAN REACH INTO THE TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITH PERMANENT IMPACTS TO COMMUNITIES.

VOTER APPROVAL OF ISSUE 6A, A HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE, WILL SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY BY:

- ENHANCING WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND RESPONSE
- HIRING ADDITIONAL WILDFIRE AND SUPPORT STAFF
- ADDING WILDFIRE-READY EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS
- EXPANDING FUELS REDUCTION AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAMS
- IMPLEMENTING EARLY DETECTION SYSTEMS AND ADVANCED FIRE TECHNOLOGIES
- SUPPORTING FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY WITH SECOND SETS OF GEAR, PFAS-FREE EQUIPMENT, CANCER PREVENTION, AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- STRENGTHENING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TO ATTRACT, TRAIN, AND RETAIN
 FIREFIGHTERS IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET

WILDFIRES ARE BECOMING LARGER, FASTER, AND MORE DESTRUCTIVE. INVESTING IN PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE NOW WILL PROTECT LIVES, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND HELP MAKE IT SAFER FOR RESIDENTS TO RETURN HOME AFTER A FIRE. THE ASPEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (AFPD) WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO IMPLEMENT WILDFIRE EARLY DETECTION SYSTEMS AND CAN CONTINUE TO LEAD IN ADOPTING FORWARD-LEANING TOOLS.

ASPEN HOSTS THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS AND SEASONAL VISITORS EVERY YEAR, AND THEY RELY ON OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES JUST LIKE RESIDENTS. A MODEST SALES TAX ENSURES EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES. NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS.

FIREFIGHTERS HAVE HIGHER RATES OF CANCER AND FACE JOB-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. 6A WILL SUPPORT EXPANDED HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND CANCER PREVENTION INITIATIVES, INCLUDING SAFER EQUIPMENT.

THE TAX IMPACT WILL BE MODEST, ADDING 5 CENTS TO A \$10 PURCHASE OR \$20 TO A \$4,000 PURCHASE. EXEMPT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES INCLUDE GROCERIES, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, DIAPERS, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, AND OTHER NECESSITIES. THE TAX WILL MOSTLY APPLY TO NON-ESSENTIAL PURCHASES, MANY MADE BY TOURISTS. THAT WAY, LOCAL FAMILIES AREN'T BURDENED, AND VISITORS HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES THEY RELY ON.

WITH RISING COSTS AND INCREASING DEMAND ON EMERGENCY SERVICES, AFPD IS FACING SERIOUS BUDGET CHALLENGES. MEASURE 6A PROVIDES A STABLE FUNDING SOURCE BY DIVERSIFYING REVENUE—REDUCING HEAVY RELIANCE ON UNPREDICTABLE PROPERTY TAXES, WHICH ARE SET AT THE STATE LEVEL AND HAVE BEEN DECLINING.

WE ALSO FACE GROWING RISKS THAT HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE WILL BE UNAVAILABLE

OR UNAFFORDABLE. THE BEST WAY TO GUARD AGAINST THAT IS TO INVEST IN WILDFIRE MITIGATION, PROTECTION, AND RESPONSE. BY SUPPORTING 6A, WE NOT ONLY PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO DEMONSTRATE TO INSURERS THAT WE ARE AT THE LEADING EDGE OF WILDFIRE PREVENTION. THIS SMALL SALES TAX HELPS INCREASE THE ODDS THAT INSURERS WILL CONSIDER ASPEN A RISK WORTH TAKING.

BY VOTING YES ON 6A, WE'RE INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY, SUPPORTING OUR FIREFIGHTERS, AND SECURING THE FUTURE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

ASPEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE **6B: PROPERTY TAX RATE EXTENSION**

WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE, SHALL THE ASPEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPERTY TAXES BE EXTENDED AT THE CURRENTLY IMPOSED RATE OF 0.24 MILLS (TWENTY-FOUR HUNDREDTHS OF ONE MILL) BY CONTINUING THE EXPIRING 2006 VOTER AUTHORIZATION TO MAINTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES, ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND LENGTHEN THE USEFUL LIFE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, INCLUDING: (I) REPLACING OUTDATED FIRE ENGINES AND OTHER APPARATUS AND IMPLEMENTING AN UPDATED REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE FOR APPARATUS TO REDUCE BREAKDOWNS, ACCIDENTS, AND DOWNTIME; AND (II) ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT DISTRICT FIRE STATIONS, INCLUDING ADDING POWER STORAGE SYSTEMS; REPLACING OUTDATED MECHANICAL SYSTEMS; ADDRESSING ROOFING, SIDING, AND RESURFACING NEEDS; IMPROVING HVAC AND DIESEL EXHAUST MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS; AND MAKING SUSTAINABILITY UPGRADES; THROUGH A PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 0.24 MILLS PRODUCING \$1,075,367 IN TAX REVENUES IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND WHATEVER IS GENERATED EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FROM THE EXTENDED MILL LEVY FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION?

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE **ELECTION OFFICER:**

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6B:

THIS MEASURE SIMPLY EXTENDS THE EXISTING PROPERTY TAX THAT GOES TO FUND OUR INCREDIBLE FIREFIGHTERS WHO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY EACH DAY. IT DOES NOT INCREASE ANY TAXES AND SIMPLY PROTECTS THEIR FUNDING.

VOTER APPROVAL OF ISSUE 6B, A MILL LEVY EXTENSION, WILL HELP ASPEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (AFPD) ADDRESS ITS HIGHEST PRIORITY EMERGENCY SERVICE NEEDS. INCLUDING:

- UPDATING AND MAINTAINING INFRASTRUCTURE AT FIVE FIRE STATIONS
- . ROOFING, SIDING, AND RESURFACING
- . HVAC, VENTILATION, AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS
- POWER STORAGE SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABILITY UPGRADES
- REPLACING OUTDATED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
- FIRE ENGINES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL APPARATUS
- ESTABLISH AN UPDATED REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE TO AVOID BREAKDOWNS
- RELIABLE EQUIPMENT AND EFFICIENT FIRE STATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR FAST, SAFE RESPONSE.

FROM 2013 TO 2023, AFPD'S TOTAL CALL VOLUME INCREASED BY 52%. THIS INCREASE WAS DRIVEN IN PART BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) CALLS. WITH THE FIRE DISTRICT SUPPORTING ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT AS PART OF A TIERED RESPONSE SYSTEM.

MEANWHILE, COSTS FOR LABOR, MAINTENANCE, UTILITIES, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, AND APPARATUS CONTINUE TO RISE-WHILE REVENUES ARE FALLING. THIS YEAR THE FIRE DISTRICT'S REVENUES DROPPED BY MORE THAN \$400,000 DUE TO CHANGES IN THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FORMULA. FEDERAL GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS ARE ALSO BECOMING LESS DEPENDABLE.

EXTENDING THE EXISTING 0.24 MILL LEVY WILL GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY, HELPING THE FIRE DISTRICT:

- MAINTAIN RAPID RESPONSE TIMES AND HIGH-QUALITY EMERGENCY SERVICES
- IMPROVE RELIABILITY OF LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS
- EXTEND THE LIFESPAN AND EFFICIENCY OF EXISTING FACILITIES
- POTENTIALLY IMPROVE ACCESS TO HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE AND LOWER PREMIUMS

ISSUE 6B WILL ADDRESS AFPD'S HIGHEST PRIORITY APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITY NEEDS, WITHOUT INCREASING THE CURRENT TAX RATE. IT'S A SMART PROPOSAL THAT WILL SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY-AND IT DESERVES OUR SUPPORT.

BY VOTING YES ON 6B, TO EXTEND AFPD'S EXISTING 0.24 MILL LEVY-WE SURE UP THE FUTURES FOR AFPD INFRASTRUCTURE WITHOUT RAISING TAXES.

AFPD HAS THE LOWEST MILL LEVY OF ANY FIRE DISTRICT IN THE STATE AND THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX OR A TAX INCREASE. IT SIMPLY CONTINUES THE FUNDING WE ALREADY PROVIDE, ALLOWING THE FIRE DISTRICT TO TAKE CARE OF URGENT NEEDS-LIKE REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING OUR FIRE STATIONS, REPLACING OUTDATED FIRE TRUCKS, AND EXTENDING THE LIFE OF CRITICAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

BY VOTING YES, WE'RE PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY-WITHOUT

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6B:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

TWINING FLATS ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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TWINING FLATS ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT **BALLOT ISSUE 6C: MILL LEVY INCREASE**

SHALL THE TWINING FLATS ROAD GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$29,210 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2025 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY FOR ALL FUTURE PROPERTY TAX YEARS THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE MILL LEVY FROM 2.769 TO 5.769 MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING TWINING FLATS ROAD IN THE TWINING FLATS GENERAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND SHALL ALL REVENUE AND ANY EARNINGS ON THIS TAX CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE **ELECTION OFFICER:**

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6C:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6C:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

ASPEN VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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ASPEN VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BALLOT **ISSUE 6D: INCREASE IN DEBT LIMIT AND TAXES** FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

SHALL ASPEN VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000,000 (IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT AUTHORIZED IN 2023), WITH A TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF \$18,000,000 FOR REPAYMENT OF THE VOTER AUTHORIZED DEBT; AND SHALL ASPEN VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 ANNUALLY, OR BY SUCH LESSER ANNUAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S DEBT AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, REIMBURSING, FINANCING, OR REFINANCING, ALL OR ANY PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RELOCATING, INSTALLING, COMPLETING, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING, WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING ANY INCREASED COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, A SANITARY SEWAGE COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY, INCIDENTAL, AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, LAND, AND EASEMENTS, SUCH DEBT TO BEAR INTEREST AT A NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT IN EXCESS OF 18% PER ANNUM, SUCH INTEREST TO BE PAYABLE AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES AND WHICH MAY COMPOUND PERIODICALLY AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF ANY SUCH DEBT AND ALL REVENUE AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON, BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER STATUTE, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

FOR THE DISTRICT TAX AND BONDED DEBT INCREASE BALLOT ISSUE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION APPLIES:

TOTAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR SPENDING:

FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2025 (estimated)	\$ 815,099
2024 (actual)	\$770,302
2023 (actual)	\$720,534
2022 (actual)	\$ 510,230
2021 (actual)	\$ 494,152

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO FISCAL YEAR 2025: 64.949%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE: \$320,947

DEBT TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE REFERRED MEASURE:

BALLOT ISSUE 6D (DEBT)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$5.000,000

MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$200,000

TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$8,792,298

FOR THE DISTRICT BONDED DEBT PROPOSED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION APPLIES:

CURRENT DISTRICT BONDED DEBT: PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING: \$186,059

MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$33,407

REMAINING TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$250,553

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6D:

- PASSAGE OF THIS BALLOT QUESTION WILL ENSURE FUNDING FOR A NEW WASTEWATER
 TREATMENT PLANT AND THAT AVMD MEETS STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON
 WASTEWATER QUALITY, WHICH NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE NEXT 2 TO 3 YEARS. IT
 WOULD ALSO PROVIDE IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND STANDARDS FOR THE
 DISTRICT, ITS RESIDENTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
- FAILURE TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT WILL LIKELY RESULT IN VIOLATIONS OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ASSOCIATED FINES.
- THE DISTRICT HAS SECURED APPROXIMATELY \$10,000,000 IN FEDERAL USDA GRANT FUNDS AND ADDITIONAL LOW INTEREST LOAN FUNDING. WITHOUT AN INCREASED DEBT LIMIT, ACCESS TO THESE FUNDS, BOTH GRANT AND LOAN, WILL BE AT RISK.
- MOST TAXPAYERS LIKE THE IDEA OF USING A MILL LEVY TO FINANCE THE PLANT UPGRADES BECAUSE OF THE TAX BENEFIT.
- THE ALTERNATIVE FINANCING METHOD WHICH THE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES
 NOT SUPPORT WOULD BE TO IMPLEMENT WATER/SEWER FEES FOR EVERY HOME. IN FACT,

- IF WATER/SEWER RATES WERE USED TO FINANCE THE UPGRADES, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT CUSTOMER WATER/SEWER BILLS WOULD INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 PER YEAR.
- . YOUR YES VOTE ON BALLOT A IS CRITICAL.
- PASSAGE OF BALLOT A WILL ENSURE THAT AVMD MEETS REGULATIONS. YOUR SUPPORT OF BALLOT A WILL ALSO PREVENT A MAJOR INCREASE IN SEWER RATES.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6D:

 THE ESTIMATED MONTHLY TAX IMPACT OF THE NEW MILL LEVY IS \$20.00 PER \$100,000 OF A HOME'S ACTUAL VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, OR ABOUT \$240.00 PER YEAR PER \$100,000.

CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7A

SHALL TAXES IN THE PROPOSED CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT BE INCREASED BY \$12.1 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS MAY BE RAISED THEREAFTER, TO FUND THE DISTRICT TO REDUCE THE COST OF AND PROVIDE MORE PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FOR FAMILIES IN GARFIELD, PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

ORGANIZING THE CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT:

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT A .25% SALES AND USE TAX (EQUAL TO 25 CENTS ON A \$100 PURCHASE) IN GARFIELD, PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES EFFECTIVE IN 2026. TO FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INCLUDING:

- LOWERING FAMILIES' COST OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE: AND
- EXPANDING CAPACITY OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES SO MORE CHILDREN CAN ATTEND; AND
- INCREASING WAGES FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE TEACHERS AND STAFF;

WITHOUT TAXING ITEMS EXCLUDED BY STATE LAW SUCH AS GROCERIES, GAS, DIAPERS AND MEDICINE;

REQUIRING AN ANNUAL AUDIT BY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY; AND

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL DISTRICT REVENUE AS VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE?

TOTAL DISTRICT PRIOR FISCAL YEARS SPENDING:

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL DISTRICT PRIOR FISCAL YEARS SPENDING
2021	\$0
2022	\$0
2023	\$0
2024	\$ 0
2025	\$0

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2021:

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE: \$0

ESTIMATE OF MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INCREASE OF FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITH THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

ESTIMATED FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INCREASE:

\$12,100,000

ESTIMATED FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT THE INCREASE:

\$0.00

0%

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE **ELECTION OFFICER:**

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7A:

CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL GIVE KIDS THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE. BUT THESE PROGRAMS ARE TOO HARD TO FIND AND TOO EXPENSIVE TO AFFORD. YOU CAN CHANGE THAT - AND GIVE EVERY CHILD FROM PARACHUTE TO ASPEN A STRONG START AND A BRIGHT FUTURE - BY VOTING YES ON 7A.

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF A CHILD'S BRAIN DEVELOPS BY AGE FIVE. CHILDREN WITH ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS ENTER KINDERGARTEN PREPARED TO LEARN, START READING EARLIER, GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL AT HIGHER RATES AND GO TO COLLEGE MORE OFTEN, SETTING THEM UP FOR SUCCESS BY GIVING THEM MORE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT SCHOOL AND LIFE. IT IS THE BEST INVESTMENT WE CAN MAKE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE.

BUT RIGHT NOW, ONLY 44% OF KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 5 IN OUR REGION HAVE ACCESS TO A LICENSED CHILD CARE SPOT. FAMILIES THAT CAN FIND CARE ARE BURDENED BY THE EXPENSE. WITH AN AVERAGE COST OF NEARLY \$17,000 PER YEAR FOR FULL TIME PROGRAMS, CHILD CARE CAN BE THE LARGEST EXPENSE A FAMILY FACES EACH MONTH, OFTEN COSTING MORE THAN HOUSING OR COLLEGE TUITION.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT IMPACTS A CHILD'S EARLY LEARNING EXPERIENCE IS THEIR TEACHER. IN OUR REGION, CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL TEACHERS CAN BARELY AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE, WITH SOME MAKING AS LITTLE AS \$15 PER HOUR.

THESE CHALLENGES ARE PRESENT IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS OUR REGION, AND OURS IS A REGIONAL ECONOMY. WORKERS REGULARLY CROSS CITY AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES AS THEY TRAVEL BETWEEN HOME AND WORK, BY PARTNERING REGIONALLY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SAFE, RELIABLE CHILD CARE, PARENTS CAN GO TO WORK AND BE PRODUCTIVE IN THEIR JOBS. HELPING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND BOOSTING OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY.

MEASURE 7A ASKS VOTERS IN GARFIELD. PITKIN AND SW EAGLE COUNTIES TO APPROVE A NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE DISTRICT AND FUND IT WITH A MODEST SALES TAX INCREASE. GENERATING ROUGHLY \$12 MILLION PER YEAR TO SUPPORT LOCAL KIDS, FAMILIES, AND TEACHERS AND STAFF. REVENUE WILL BE USED TO:

- REDUCE THE COST OF CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE.
- BUILD CAPACITY TO ENSURE MORE CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR REGION, AND
- SUPPORT PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE TEACHERS AND STAFF WITH WAGE INCREASES.

THIS WILL BE PAID FOR WITH A 0.25% SALES TAX INCREASE - JUST 25 PENNIES ON A \$100 PURCHASE - WITH EVERYDAY NECESSITIES, LIKE GROCERIES, GAS, MEDICINE AND DIAPERS, EXCLUDED FROM THE TAX. IT WILL BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH A NEW SERVICE DISTRICT -LIKE A FIRE OR TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT - WITH AN ELECTED BOARD AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS TO ENSURE DOLLARS ARE SPENT AS INTENDED.

MEASURE 7A WAS DEVELOPED BY LOCAL PARENTS, CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES, EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS DEDICATED TO MAKING OUR REGION A GREAT PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY. LEARN MORE AT WWW.YESON7A.COM. VOTE YES ON 7A.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7B

WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE. SHALL THE BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT PROPERTY TAXES BE EXTENDED TO RETAIN THE EXPIRING 2006 VOTER APPROVAL AT THE CURRENTLY IMPOSED RATE OF 1.08 MILLS TO:

- (I) PROPERLY FUND THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF LIBRARY FACILITIES;
- (II) PROVIDE FUNDING NECESSARY TO RETAIN STAFF AND MAINTAIN/EXPAND OPERATING HOURS AT THE LIBRARY;
- (III) PROPERLY FUND COMMUNITY ACCESS TO BOOKS, INTERNET, INFORMATION AND PROGRAMS;
- (IV) IMPROVE JOB SEARCH AND HOMEWORK SUPPORT; AND
- (V) SUPPORT OTHER ESSENTIAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

THROUGH A PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX PRODUCING \$782,000 IN TAX REVENUES IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND WHATEVER IS GENERATED EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FROM THE EXTENDED RATE OF 1.08 MILLS FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION?

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE **ELECTION OFFICER:**

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7B:

THE BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY IS A BELOVED COMMUNITY RESOURCE, OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF IN-PERSON AND ONLINE/DIGITAL BOOKS, SERVICES, PROGRAMS, RESOURCES, AND COMMUNITY MEETING/WORK SPACES TO RESIDENTS. THIS FUNDING MEASURE WILL ENSURE THAT THIS COMMUNITY TREASURE CONTINUES TO BE WELL-MAINTAINED AND PROVIDE OUTSTANDING SERVICES WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE YES ON THIS MEASURE:

NO INCREASE IN TAX RATE - THIS OPERATING LEVY EXTENDS AN EXPIRING 1.08 MILL LEVY WHICH HAS BEEN USED TO PAY OFF CONSTRUCTION BONDS. THERE IS NO INCREASE IN THE OVERALL LIBRARY TAX RATE.

AFFORDABLE - THIS MEASURE WILL CONTINUE THE EXISTING HOMEOWNER COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$67 ANNUALLY PER \$1 MILLION OF HOME VALUE.

A STRONG INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY - OUR LIBRARY IS A CRITICAL HUB FOR EDUCATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION. THIS MEASURE PROVIDES THE STABLE AND PREDICTABLE FUNDING NEEDED TO MAINTAIN AND GROW THESE SERVICES.

FUNDS CRITICAL NEEDS - FUNDING FROM THIS OPERATING LEVY WILL BE USED TO:

- PAY COMPETITIVE WAGES TO HIRE AND RETAIN QUALIFIED LIBRARIANS AND STAFF. COMPENSATION FOR LIBRARY STAFF HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE COST OF LIVING IN THE ROARING FORK VALLEY CAUSING ISSUES IN HIRING AND RETENTION.
- REPLENISH THE LIBRARY'S CAPITAL RESERVES TO PROVIDE FOR ONGOING BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO ENSURE THE FACILITIES REMAIN IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.
- MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE COLLECTION OF NEW BOOKS, ONLINE/DIGITAL RESOURCES, MEDIA/MOVIES, EBOOKS, MUSIC, AUDIOBOOKS AND MUCH MORE.
- MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE WELL-ATTENDED PROGRAMS (E.G., CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM) AND THE COMMUNITY MEETING SPACES AND PRIVATE STUDY/WORK SPACES IN THE LIBRARY.

NO EXTERNAL FUNDING - THE LIBRARY RECEIVES NO FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO, EAGLE OR PITKIN COUNTY, OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

LOCAL CONTROL - BY LAW, ALL FUNDS REMAIN UNDER LOCAL CONTROL AND MAY ONLY SUPPORT THE BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY.

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP - THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT STEWARD OF TAXPAYERS' FUNDING:

- IN 2021 THE TOTAL RATE TO TAXPAYERS OF ALL LIBRARY FUNDING WAS 5.94 MILLS: WITH THE PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE. THE TOTAL RATE TO TAXPAYERS WILL BE 3.69 MILLS.
- IN 2023, THE LIBRARY BOARD VOTED TO NOT EXTEND AN EXISTING SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING LEVY, REDUCING TAXES BY \$350,000 ANNUALLY
- THE LIBRARY WILL RETIRE THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BONDS IN 2025 BY PAYING OFF ITS DEBT ONE YEAR EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED.
- THE LIBRARY BOARD IS INTENTLY FOCUSED ON BALANCING THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE RESOURCES FOR THE LIBRARY AND BEING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS TO TAXPAYERS.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7B:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE BALLOT ISSUE 7C

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX AND WITHOUT EXCEEDING THE LIMIT APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2018, SHALL COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE WAIVE THE 5.25% PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS FOR INVESTMENT IN:

- EXPANDING SKILLED TRADES, INCLUDING AUTOMOTIVE, WELDING, AND CONSTRUCTION;
- TRAINING NURSES, FIREFIGHTERS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS;
- . HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO RETAIN LOCAL TALENT;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE **ELECTION OFFICER:**

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7C:

VOTE YES ON 7C

- COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE (CMC) IS ONE OF OUR REGION'S MOST IMPORTANT ASSETS - PROVIDING AFFORDABLE EDUCATION, TRAINING OUR WORKFORCE, AND SUPPORTING OUR MOUNTAIN ECONOMIES.
- BALLOT MEASURE 7C IS NOT A NEW TAX. IT SIMPLY RESTORES THE AUTHORITY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF VOTERS APPROVED IN 2018, ENSURING CMC CAN CONTINUE DELIVERING HIGH- QUALITY PROGRAMS THAT MEET LOCAL NEEDS. BUT WHAT MANY MAY NOT KNOW IS THAT THE CMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHOSE TO COLLECT ONLY WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY, AND BECAUSE OF THIS FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE DECISION, CMC DID NOT COLLECT OVER \$50 MILLION IN VOTER APPROVED TAX REVENUE.
- CMC'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS DEMONSTRATED INTEGRITY AND LEADERSHIP, AND HAS EARNED TRUST AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ITS LEADERSHIP. WHEN REVENUES SURGED UNEXPECTEDLY, CMC VOLUNTARILY REFUNDED NEARLY \$50 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAXES TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES - THE LARGEST REFUND OF ITS KIND IN COLORADO -BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
- UNFORTUNATELY, LEGISLATION PASSED IN 2024 TOOK AWAY CMC'S ABILITY TO USE THAT FUNDING IN THE FUTURE. IN OTHER WORDS, CMC'S "GOOD DEED" OF RETURNING MONEY TO TAXPAYERS ENDED UP LIMITING ITS ABILITY TO RESPOND WHEN THOSE FUNDS ARE NEEDED. THAT'S WHY BALLOT ISSUE 7C IS SO IMPORTANT. IT DOESN'T RAISE NEW TAXES -IT SIMPLY RE-AUTHORIZES THE FUNDING VOTERS ALREADY APPROVED IN 2018.
- CMC PLAYS A UNIQUE AND VITAL ROLE IN OUR REGION. PASSAGE OF 7C WILL ALLOW CMC TO EXPAND TRAINING IN SKILLED TRADES, FIRST RESPONDER PREPARATION, AND HEALTH CARE - FIELDS WHERE RURAL COLORADO FACES ONGOING SHORTAGES. CMC IS THE LARGEST, AND IN MANY AREAS THE ONLY PROVIDER OF SKILLED TRADES AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING IN THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS, MAKING THIS MEASURE AN INVESTMENT IN SAFETY, ECONOMIC VITALITY, AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING.
- CMC HAS A LONG TRACK RECORD OF PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENTS, AND EMPLOYERS. TODAY, 40% OF CMC ENROLLMENTS ARE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARNING FREE CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES THAT PREPARE THEM FOR GOOD JOBS HERE AT HOME. WITH 7C, THESE OPPORTUNITIES WILL GROW, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS VITAL TO OUR LOCAL WORKFORCE. ANOTHER FACT NOT WIDELY KNOWN IS THAT NEARLY HALF OF CMC'S STUDENTS ARE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL, TAKING COLLEGE CLASSES TUITION-FREE THROUGH "DUAL ENROLLMENT." MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PREPARING FOR CRITICAL CAREERS IN NURSING, FIREFIGHTING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE SKILLED TRADES - FIELDS WHERE WE NEED THEM MOST.
- . A "YES" VOTE ON 7C STRENGTHENS EDUCATION, WORKFORCE READINESS, AND THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES - WITHOUT CREATING A NEW TAX.
- 7C WILL ALLOW THIS IMPORTANT WORK TO CONTINUE AND GROW. SUPPORTING CMC MEANS SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS, OUR WORKFORCE, AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

VOTE YES ON 7C - FOR STUDENTS, FOR JOBS, FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR MOUNTAIN TOWNS.

VOTE YES ON 7C TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION, EXPAND CAREER PATHWAYS, AND SUPPORT ECONOMIC HEALTH OF OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES - WITHOUT RAISING TAXES.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7C:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION **DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7D**

SALES TAX

SHALL CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$4,300,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE), AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FROM A 1.50 PERCENT SALES TAX COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, WITH THE REVENUE BEING USED TO REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF NEW DEVELOPMENT ON EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS BY SHARING THE COST OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH BUSINESS PATRONS LIVING OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT, TO OFFSET THE SIGNIFICANT REVENUE THE DISTRICT HAS LOST FROM THE CONTINUAL REDUCTION IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATES, TO MAINTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDER STAFFING IN THE FIRE STATIONS AND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION, AND TO FUND SCHEDULED CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS, SUCH SALES TAX TO BE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES THE DISTRICT LEVIES, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT. RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUE GENERATED BY SUCH TAX THAT EXCEEDS THE LIMITATIONS IN SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7E

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

SHALL CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$30 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST UP TO \$61.7 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$2.8 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE, RESCUE, SAFETY, AND SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING:

- (I) CONSTRUCTING WORKFORCE HOUSING IN THE DISTRICT FOR VOLUNTEER AND CAREER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS: AND
- (II) CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION AND IMPROVING OTHER STATIONS IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND FOR **EMERGENCY RESPONSE:**

SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 5.85% PER ANNUM AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIMES AND PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL. PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS; AND SHALL ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND BONDS CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

FISCAL INFORMATION

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2025 (estimated)	\$ 9,943,087
2024 (actual)	\$ 8,723,727
2023 (actual)	\$ 7,418,764
2022 (actual)	\$ 7,494,471
2021 (actual)	\$ 9,247,185
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2021 to 2025:	7.5%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2021 through 2025:	\$ 695,902

PROPOSED DISTRICT SALES TAX INCREASE (BALLOT ISSUE #7D)

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax	
increase in first full fiscal year:	\$ 4,300,00
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the	
tax increase:	\$ 9,760,554

PROPOSED DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE (BALLOT ISSUE #7E)

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax	
increase in first full fiscal year:	\$ 2,800,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the	
tax increase:	\$ 9,760,554

PROPOSED DISTRICT BONDED DEBT (BALLOT ISSUE #7E)

Proposed Principal Amount:	\$ 30,000,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 2,800,000
Total Repayment Cost:	\$ 61,700,000

CURRENT DISTRICT BONDED DEBT

Principal Amount Outstanding:	\$ 7,500,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 585,425
Total Repayment Cost:	\$10,921,738

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7D:

IF PASSED, THIS FUNDING WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY SERVICES, PERSONNEL, AND FACILITIES TO SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY IN THE CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (CRFPD). CRFPD SERVES EVERYONE BY DIRECTLY PROTECTING THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY OR INDIRECTLY FOR THOSE DRIVING THROUGH THE DISTRICT ON HWY 82, HWY 133 AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATE IN MINUTES AND SECONDS BUT WHEN RESOURCES ARE INADEQUATE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE AT RISK. THIS FUNDING WILL ENSURE THE DISTRICT CAN MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS, KEEP EQUIPMENT OPERATIONAL, AND PROCURE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND TRAINING FOR FIREFIGHTERS TO MITIGATE EMERGENCY CALLS EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

TRAINING FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS IS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE SINCE MOST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE ON THE FRONT RANGE AND INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE COSTS FOR TRAVEL AND LODGING. THIS FUNDING WILL ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN ITS PARTNERSHIPS WITH COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE (CMC) AND THE ROARING FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT (RFSD) TO KEEP PROVIDING TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION NOT ONLY TO CURRENT RESPONDERS BUT, ENSURING THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RESPONDERS ARE READY FOR A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

WITH INCREASING FIRE HAZARDS IN THE RURAL AND SUBURBAN PARTS OF OUR COUNTIES, IT IS CRITICAL THAT CRFPD CONTINUES TO INVEST IN FIRE PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT, WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE. RECENT CATASTROPHIC FIRES IN THE WESTERN US AND HAWAIIAN ISLANDS UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR STAFFING, TRAINING AND PREPARATION TO DEAL WITH UNPRECEDENTED HAZARDS AND UNIMAGINABLE LOSSES IN LIFE AND PROPERTY.

A YES ON BALLOT QUESTION 7D WILL PROVIDE FOR INCREASED STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FIRE DISTRICT. ADDITIONALLY, PASSAGE OF 7D WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY APPARATUS/VEHICLE REPLACEMENT ON A PRUDENT AND REGULAR SCHEDULE. ENSURING THAT FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS ARE ABLE TO RESPOND ON UP-TO-DATE, MODERN AND SAFE EQUIPMENT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES AT CRFPD. FINALLY, A YES ON 7D WILL PROVIDE PROPER FUNDING FOR CRFPD'S EMERGENCY RESERVES AND ENABLE CRFPD TO CONTINUE TO BE A FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7D:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7E:

A YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 7E WILL ALLOW THE CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (CRFPD) TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE HIGHEST QUALITY PEOPLE TO SERVE AS FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE. WORKFORCE HOUSING IS A VITAL COMPONENT IN CRFPD'S ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CARE IN THE DISTRICT. WORKFORCE HOUSING CONSTRUCTED IN FOUR STRATEGIC AREAS OF THE DISTRICT, MARBLE, REDSTONE, CARBONDALE AND MISSOURI HEIGHTS WILL ENABLE VOLUNTEERS AND CAREER RESPONDERS TO NOT ONLY LIVE IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SERVE BUT, WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE ABILITY FOR THEM TO HAVE FAMILIES AND ONE DAY, SAVE ENOUGH TO PURCHASE A HOME IN THE VALLEY. CRFPD'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE IN THIS WAY IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TOOLS CRFPD HAS TO ELIMINATE EMPLOYEE "CHURN" AND KEEP EXCELLENT RESPONDERS HERE FOR THE LONG-TERM. WITHOUT THIS, CRFPD WILL INEVITABLY BEGIN TO LOOK LIKE MANY OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE HIGH RATES OF EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER TURNOVER.

VOTING YES ON 7E WILL ALSO ALLOW CRFPD TO REPLACE AND UPGRADE STATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THE STANDARDS FOR SAFETY, RESPONDER HEALTH AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE. SPECIFICALLY, REVENUE FROM A YES ON 7E WILL ALLOW CRFPD TO BUILD A NEW FIRE STATION IN THE REDSTONE AREA OF THE CRYSTAL RIVER VALLEY. THE CURRENT STATION IS 50 YEARS OLD AND HAS OUTLIVED IS OPERATIONAL LIFESPAN. A NEW FIRE STATION WITH RAPID ACCESS TO HWY 133 WILL ALLOW CRFPD TO IMPLEMENT PART OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE WHICH INCLUDES CREW QUARTERS AT THIS STATION FOR 24/7 RESPONDERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS NEW STATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF ENSURING CRFPD'S ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE EVER INCREASING CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THE CRYSTAL RIVER VALLEY.

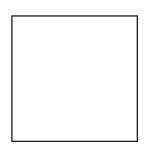
A YES ON 7E WILL ALSO PROVIDE FUNDING TO IMPROVE CRFPD'S 24/7 RESPONDER QUARTERS, TRAINING AND EDUCATION FACILITIES AND FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION PROGRAMS IN CARBONDALE. UPDATING RESPONDER CREW FACILITIES TO MEET NFPA HEALTH, SAFETY AND ALERTING STANDARDS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO CRFPD'S ABILITY TO ENSURE THAT EMERGENCY RESPONDERS HAVE THE BEST FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE TO STAY HEALTHY, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7E:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.



Aspen Colorado 81611



2025 ELECTION INFORMATION PITKIN COUNTY

ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

I, Ingrid K. Grueter, Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder, certify that the ballot issue notice is complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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