

# ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO INCREASE TAXES | TO INCREASE DEBT | ON A CITIZEN PETITION | ON A REFERRED MEASURE

## PITKIN COUNTY BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED ON OCTOBER 9

<b>LOCAL COUNTY CLERK OFFICE</b>	Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder's Office
<b>ADDRESS</b>	530 E. Main Street   Aspen, CO 81611
<b>HOURS</b>	8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday through Friday or by appointment at <a href="http://PitkinVotes.com">PitkinVotes.com</a>
<b>PHONE</b>	970.429.2732 (Main)   970.445.3007 (Fax)

**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](http://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 26, 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 7pm on Election Day for your vote to count. **Postmarks do not count!**

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

**PITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
530 East Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611  
Available 24/7 from Monday, September 21 until 7pm on Election Day

**TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE TOWN HALL**  
130 Kearns Road | Snowmass Village, CO 81615  
Available 24/7 from Monday, October 12 until 7pm on Election Day

**BASALT TOWN HALL**  
101 Midland Avenue | Basalt CO 81621  
Available 24/7 from Monday, October 12 until 7pm on Election Day

**THE CHURCH OF REDSTONE**  
0213 Redstone Blvd., Redstone, CO 81621  
Available November 3, Election Day only, 7am - 7pm

**ASPEN VILLAGE FIRE STATION**  
31350 Hwy 82 | Aspen, CO 81611  
Available November 2, 8am - 5pm, and  
November 3, Election Day, 7am - 7pm

## WHERE TO VOTE IN PERSON

**ASPEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER** 435 West Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611  
Early Voting October 19 - November 2  
Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Saturday, October 24 & October 31 | 10am - 2pm  
Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7am - 7pm

**SNOWMASS VILLAGE TOWN HALL (ELECTION DAY ONLY)** 130 Kearns Road | Snowmass Village, CO 81615  
Election Day only, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7am - 7pm

**BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY (ELECTION DAY ONLY)** 14 Midland Avenue | Basalt, CO 81621  
Election Day only, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7am - 7pm

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH YOU!**

You can find a full list of acceptable identification at [PitkinVotes.com](http://PitkinVotes.com)

# TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

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## BALLOT ISSUE 2A

### AN EXTENSION OF THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX

SHALL THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE CURRENT ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$510,000.00, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR COLLECTION IN 2022, BE EXTENDED COMMENCING IN 2022 THROUGH 2026, THE FINAL COLLECTION YEAR TO BE 2027, BY THE IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE \$510,000.00 ANNUALLY; SUCH TAXES TO BE USED FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO REIMBURSE THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE FOR THE COSTS OF COLLECTION BY PITKIN COUNTY; THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH MILL LEVY SHALL BE COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE AND BE DISBURSED THROUGH THE SNOWMASS VILLAGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND TO ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN 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 LAW?

FISCAL YEAR	SPENDING
2020 (ESTIMATED)	\$35,891,926
2019	\$34,839,052
2018	\$27,047,216
2017	\$28,188,909
2016	\$28,690,041

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2016 TO 2020: 25.10%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2016 TO 2020: \$7,201,885

ENTITY ESTIMATE OF 2021 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: \$36,127,373

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

#### FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2A:

A YES VOTE FOR ISSUE 2A PROTECTS THE QUALITY OF ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROGRAMMING AND ENHANCES INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT INCREASING THE CURRENT TAX RATE.

ISSUE 2A, THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE'S EDUCATION-FOCUSED MILL LEVY, WILL CONTINUE TO HELP OFFSET SEVERE STATE EDUCATION CUTS. THE STATE OF COLORADO HAS WITHHELD MORE THAN \$19.2 MILLION FROM ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT THE PAST 10 YEARS DUE TO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR.

PASSAGE OF ISSUE 2A—WHICH WILL PROVIDE \$500,000 ANNUALLY TO ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT THROUGH THE SNOWMASS VILLAGE EDUCATION FUND (SVPEF)—WILL GO TOWARD INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION, TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAMMING, ESL PROGRAMMING AND OTHER UNMET FUNDING NEEDS.

THE FUNDS GENERATED BY ISSUE 2A, COMBINED WITH THE CITY OF ASPEN'S 0.3% SALES TAX THAT ALSO PROVIDES EDUCATION-RELATED FUNDING, ARE A GAME-CHANGER GIVEN THE DISTRICT'S LACK OF STATE FUNDING.

ISSUE 2A IS AN INVESTMENT OF 64 CENTS PER MONTH PER \$100,000 OF A HOME'S ACTUAL VALUE, OR ABOUT \$77 PER YEAR FOR A \$1 MILLION HOME. IT'S A MODEST INVESTMENT WITH BIG BENEFITS FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS.

ISSUE 2A WILL AGAIN HAVE A FIVE-YEAR SUNSET. THIS WOULD ALLOW TAXPAYERS TO RE-EVALUATE THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS AND ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE FUNDING PROPOSAL BEFORE RENEWING IT.

ALL FUNDS FROM ISSUE 2A WILL CONTINUE TO STAY LOCAL. NONE OF THE SALES TAX REVENUES WOULD GO BACK TO DENVER.

SVPEF, THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT OVERSEES THE ALLOCATION OF THE MILL LEVY'S PROCEEDS, WILL REMAIN IN PLACE. THIS ORGANIZATION IS OVERSEEN BY A 10-MEMBER BOARD OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

WITH THE STATE LESS LIKELY THAN EVER TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE TO ADDRESS UNMET FUNDING NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT, LOCAL FUNDING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

ISSUE 2A WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS FOR A LIFETIME. IT'S A FAIR AND REASONABLE PROPOSAL THAT DESERVES OUR SUPPORT.

YOUR YES VOTE ON ISSUE 2A HELPS ENSURE ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUES TO DELIVER A QUALITY EDUCATION WITHOUT INCREASING THE CURRENT TAX RATE.

#### AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.



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# CITY OF ASPEN

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## BALLOT ISSUE 2B

### AN EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF ASPEN'S 0.3% EXISTING SALES TAX

SHALL THE CITY OF ASPEN'S EXISTING 0.3% SALES TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2021, BE EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH SALES TAXES AND THE EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR) OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL YEAR	SPENDING
2020 (ESTIMATED)	\$2,203,000
2019 (ACTUAL)	\$2,448,228
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$2,267,278
2017 (ACTUAL)	\$2,172,173
2016 (ACTUAL)	\$2,140,079
2015 (ACTUAL)	\$2,005,006
2014 (ACTUAL)	\$1,868,690

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

#### FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2B:

A YES VOTE FOR ISSUE 2B PROTECTS ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EDUCATION EXCELLENCE WITHOUT RAISING TAXES.

ISSUE 2B-THE RENEWAL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN'S 0.3% SALES TAX-WILL CONTINUE TO HELP OFFSET SEVERE STATE EDUCATION FUNDING CUTS.

OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE STATE OF COLORADO HAS WITHHELD MORE THAN \$19.2 MILLION FROM ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT DUE TO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR. WITH THE STATE UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, LOCAL FUNDING MEASURES-LIKE THE CITY'S THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX-ARE CRITICAL.

PROCEEDS FROM ISSUE 2B WILL CONTINUE TO GO TOWARD FUNDING OF THE EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS, STEM STAFFING, COUNSELORS AND INTERVENTIONAL SPECIALISTS, INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, SPECIAL EDUCATION, COLLEGE COUNSELING AND MORE.

THE SALES TAX-WHICH REPRESENTS \$3 FOR EVERY \$1,000 SPENT-WILL AGAIN HAVE A FIVE-YEAR SUNSET. THIS WOULD ALLOW TAXPAYERS TO RE-EVALUATE THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS AND ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE FUNDING PROPOSAL BEFORE RENEWING IT.

ALL FUNDS FROM ISSUE 2B WILL CONTINUE TO STAY LOCAL. NONE OF THE SALES TAX REVENUES WOULD GO BACK TO DENVER.

STRONG OVERSIGHT WILL REMAIN IN PLACE. A SINGLE PURPOSE, NONPROFIT ENTITY ADMINISTERED BY SEVEN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO OVERSEE THE GRANT PROCESS FOR THE FUNDS.

WITHOUT THE CITY'S EDUCATION-FOCUSED SALES TAX, ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDING WILL DROP BY AN ESTIMATED

\$1.6 TO \$2.4 MILLION ANNUALLY, SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING PROGRAMS, INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES. WITH THE STATE LESS LIKELY THAN EVER TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE TO ADDRESS UNMET FUNDING NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT, LOCAL FUNDING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

ISSUE 2B IS A MODEST, COMMON-SENSE INVESTMENT IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS THAT DESERVES OUR SUPPORT.

A YES VOTE FOR ISSUE 2B ALLOWS ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO RETAIN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROTECT THE PROGRAMS THAT MAKE THIS DISTRICT SPECIAL, WITHOUT RAISING TAXES.

#### AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2B:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

## ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BALLOT ISSUE 4A

### A TAX AND DEBT INCREASE FOR ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 1 (RE)

SHALL ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (RE) DEBT BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$94.315 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$161.9 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$10.55 MILLION ANNUALLY (WITH NO EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT DEBT SERVICE MILL LEVY), FOR PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF BY ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE EMPLOYEE HOUSING;
- REPLACING OUTDATED PLUMBING, HVAC SYSTEMS AND ROOFING TO EXTEND THE USEFUL LIFE OF EXISTING FACILITIES;
- ADDRESSING HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES DISTRICTWIDE;
- UPDATING INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY;
- IMPROVING CLASSROOMS, SCIENCE LABS, LIBRARIES AND PERFORMING ARTS SPACES;
- CREATING FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, INCLUDING OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES;

- CONSTRUCTING A NEW PRESCHOOL AND MIXED-USE FACILITY; AND
- ADDRESSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES DISTRICTWIDE;

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; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE AND IN AN AMOUNT (NOT EXCEEDING \$10.55 MILLION ANNUALLY) SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

FISCAL YEAR	SPENDING <sup>1</sup>
2020-2021 (CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED)	\$36,392,531
2019-2020 (UNAUDITED)	\$42,523,209
2018-2019 (ACTUAL)	\$37,713,234
2017-2018 (ACTUAL)	\$35,536,013
2016-2017 (ACTUAL)	\$33,017,751

<sup>1</sup> 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 2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021:** 10.22%

**OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021:** \$3,374,780

**ESTIMATED 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 4A:** \$36,392,531

**ESTIMATED 2020-2021 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 4A:** \$10,550,000

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

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	\$94,315,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$10,550,000
MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$161,900,000

**INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT BONDED DEBT:**

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	\$24,075,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$7,123,663
MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$26,711,732

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

**FOR** STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 4A:

A YES VOTE FOR ISSUE 4A ALLOWS ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE AND CONSTRUCT BADLY NEEDED TEACHER HOUSING AND ADDRESS CRITICAL UPGRADES TO FACILITIES DISTRICTWIDE, WITHOUT RAISING THE CURRENT TAX RATE.

THE REASON THAT THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT TAX RATE WILL NOT INCREASE WITH VOTER APPROVAL OF ISSUE 4A IS BECAUSE OUTSTANDING DEBT IS BEING RETIRED THIS YEAR AND THE NEW TAX IS STRUCTURED TO NOT EXCEED THE PREVIOUS TAX.

FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT ISSUE 4A WILL ADDRESS WITHOUT A MILL LEVY INCREASE:

- ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE EMPLOYEE HOUSING
- REPLACING OUTDATED PLUMBING, HVAC SYSTEMS AND ROOFING
- ADDING MORE SECURE FRONT ENTRANCES AND ACCESS CONTROLS
- IMPROVING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF AREAS TO ADDRESS CIRCULATION CHALLENGES
- UPDATING INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
- IMPROVING CLASSROOMS, SCIENCE LABS, LIBRARIES AND PERFORMING ARTS SPACES,
- INCLUDING THE DISTRICT THEATER
- CONSTRUCTING A NEW PRESCHOOL AND MIXED-USE FACILITY
- ADDRESSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES DISTRICTWIDE

THE ONLY WAY THAT OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A FIGHTING CHANCE OF SUCCESSFULLY RECRUITING AND RETAINING QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF—AND TAKING OUR SCHOOLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL—IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING. THERE IS ALREADY A LONG WAIT LIST FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. PROCEEDS FROM ISSUE 4A WILL ADD ABOUT 50 MORE HOUSING UNITS, A CRITICAL PIECE IN ATTRACTING AND RETAINING OUR QUALITY STAFF.

**OTHER BENEFITS OF ISSUE 4A INCLUDE:**

- EXTENDING THE USEFUL LIFE OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND REDUCING COSTLY EMERGENCY REPAIRS
- MAKING OUR SCHOOLS HEALTHIER, SAFER AND MORE SECURE, INCLUDING IMPROVING INDOOR AIR QUALITY
- BETTER PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE BY IMPROVING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM) SPACES AND LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY
- CREATING FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE SPACES WHERE STUDENTS CAN CREATE AND COLLABORATE
- PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED SPACE FOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMING
- SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT BY IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND MOVING TOWARD NET ZERO ENERGY

ALL REVENUES AND SPENDING ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUE 4A WILL BE DISCLOSED ON ASD'S WEBSITE. THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE HOSTING PROJECT UPDATES.

ISSUE 4A IS A SMART, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FUNDING PROPOSAL THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF BOTH OUR STUDENTS AND OUR LOCAL TAXPAYERS.

TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. WE WANT OUR NEXT GENERATION PROPERLY PREPARED TO FACE THE MANY CRITICAL CHALLENGES COMING THEIR WAY BY ENSURING QUALITY SCHOOLS AND A QUALITY EDUCATION. THE PASSAGE OF ISSUE 4A WILL HELP STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS AND BETTER PREPARE ASD STUDENTS TO COMPETE AND SUCCEED.

A YES VOTE FOR ISSUE 4A ALLOWS ASPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CREATE MUCH-NEEDED TEACHER HOUSING, ADDRESS THE DISTRICT'S MOST PRESSING FACILITY NEEDS, AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR A STRONG FUTURE, WITHOUT RAISING THE CURRENT TAX RATE.

**AGAINST** STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 4A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

# STARWOOD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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## BALLOT ISSUE 6A

### AN AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE AND ADJUST MILL LEVY FOR STARWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

SHALL THE STARWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE AND ADJUST ITS GENERAL OPERATING MILL LEVY BEGINNING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2021 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO OFFSET REVENUE LOSSES FROM REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS, AND CHANGES TO THE RATIO OF VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT, TO ALLOW FOR THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUE COLLECTED TO BE MAINTAINED AT THE SAME AMOUNT AS THE PRIOR YEAR, AND THE REVENUE THEREFROM TO PAY FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL EXPENSES; AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

FISCAL YEAR	SPENDING
2021 (ESTIMATED)	\$1,968,882
2020 (ACTUAL)	\$1,968,882
2019 (ACTUAL)	\$2,028,344
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$1,811,447
2017 (ACTUAL)	\$1,743,142

#### OVERALL CHANGE:

PERCENTAGE	0%
DOLLAR	\$0

**PROPOSED TAX REVENUE INCREASE:** DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2021): \$0

**ANTICIPATED TAX REVENUE WITHOUT INCREASE:** DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF THE SPENDING WITHOUT THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2021): \$1,968,882.00

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

##### FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6A:

THE "GALLAGHER AMENDMENT" (ARTICLE X, SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION) PLACES LIMITS ON TAX REVENUE GENERATED FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, WHICH, IN CONJUNCTION THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, "TABOR"), HAS THE POTENTIAL TO RESTRAIN AND "RATCHET DOWN" THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

OVER TIME. THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT WAS REFERRED TO COLORADO VOTERS BY THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1982 IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS ABOUT RISING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES AS A RESULT OF THE STATE'S RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IN THE 1970S. IN 1982, RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN COLORADO CONSTITUTED APPROXIMATELY 45% OF TOTAL PROPERTY VALUE IN THE STATE, WITH OTHER CLASSES OF PROPERTY SUCH AS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, AGRICULTURE LAND, VACANT LAND, INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES MAKING UP THE OTHER 55%. THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO FREEZE THE RATIO OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (45%) TO THE TOTAL VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (55%) IN PERPETUITY. SINCE 1982, THE GROWTH OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES HAS OUTPACED THE GROWTH OF THE VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE, TO THE POINT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CURRENTLY MAKES UP 80% OF THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY STATEWIDE. BECAUSE THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT REQUIRES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONSTITUTE 45% OF TOTAL STATEWIDE VALUATION, THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN REQUIRED REDUCE THE PROPERTY TAX "ASSESSMENT RATE" ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FROM 21% IN 1982 TO 7.15% IN 2020. IT IS EXPECTED CONTINUED RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN THE STATE OF COLORADO WILL FORCE THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FURTHER REDUCE THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE FROM 7.15% TO APPROXIMATELY 5.88% IN 2021, FURTHER ERODING THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX BASE. FOR THE DISTRICT, THIS WOULD MEAN A REDUCTION IN REVENUE AND, IN TURN, SERVICES. THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE WOULD ALLOW FOR THE DISTRICT ADJUST ITS MILL LEVY TO SIMPLY MAINTAIN PROPERTY REVENUES AT THEIR CURRENT LEVEL AND WOULD NOT RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN TAXES, ALLOWING THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT SERVICES.

##### AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

## COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

INCLUDING ALL OF DELTA, EAGLE, GARFIELD, GRAND, GUNNISON, MESA, MOFFAT, OURAY, PITKIN, RIO BLANCO, ROUTT, AND SUMMIT COUNTIES, AND THOSE PARTS OF HINSDALE AND SAGUACHE COUNTIES LYING WEST AND NORTH OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE AND WITHIN THE DRAINAGE BASIN OF THE GUNNISON RIVER, AND THAT PART OF MONTROSE COUNTY NOT INCLUDED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED IN SECTION 37-47-103 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

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## BALLOT ISSUE 7A

### A TAX INCREASE FOR COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SHALL COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ALSO KNOWN AS THE COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT, TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT UP TO \$4,969,041 IN 2021 (WHICH INCREASE AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$1.90 IN 2021 FOR EVERY \$100,000 IN RESIDENTIAL HOME VALUE), AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF 0.248 MILLS (FOR A TOTAL MILL LEVY OF 0.5 MILLS) TO ENABLE THE COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT TO PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD WESTERN COLORADO WATER BY:



- FIGHTING TO KEEP WATER ON THE WEST SLOPE;
- PROTECTING ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLIES FOR WEST SLOPE FARMERS AND RANCHERS;
- PROTECTING SUSTAINABLE DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES FOR WEST SLOPE COMMUNITIES; AND
- PROTECTING FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION BY MAINTAINING RIVER LEVELS AND WATER QUALITY;

PROVIDED THAT THE DISTRICT WILL NOT UTILIZE THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING TO FALLOW IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE; WITH SUCH EXPENDITURES REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC IN AN ANNUALLY PUBLISHED INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT; AND SHALL ALL REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT IN 2021 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

**TOTAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR SPENDING**

FISCAL YEAR	SPENDING
2020 (ESTIMATED)	\$4,535,680
2019 (ACTUAL)	\$3,741,037
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$3,904,492
2017 (ACTUAL)	\$3,949,075
2016 (ACTUAL)	\$4,433,415

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2016 TO 2020: 2.3%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2016 TO 2020: \$102,265

**PROPOSED TAX INCREASE:** DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASES):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7A: \$4,969,041

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF 2021 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT PROPOSED TAX INCREASE:  
\$4,554,680

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

**FOR** STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7A:

FUNDING IS NEEDED SO THAT THE RIVER DISTRICT CAN CONTINUE PROTECTING WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE FARMERS AND RANCHERS THAT PUT FOOD ON OUR TABLES. THE DISTRICT WILL USE THIS FUNDING TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES ON THE WESTERN SLOPE. THE DISTRICT HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE NEED FOR NEW REVENUES TO PROTECT WEST SLOPE WATER AND KEEP OUR WATER ON THE WESTERN SLOPE. THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY IS CONSISTENTLY ONE OF THE LOWEST LEVIES ON THE WEST SLOPE. 7A IS A MODEST INCREASE OF LESS THAN 1/4 OF A SINGLE MILL. THE DISTRICT DEVELOPED A ROBUST FISCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT EXPLAINS EXACTLY HOW THESE REVENUES WOULD BE SPENT. WITHOUT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, THE DISTRICT WILL BE FORCED TO REDUCE ITS WORKFORCE EVEN MORE, AND THIS WILL JEOPARDIZE ITS ABILITY TO PROTECT THE WEST SLOPE'S WATER SECURITY. THE DISTRICT IS ACCOUNTABLE TO TAXPAYERS AND UNDERGOES REGULAR INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE THAT TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE SPENT WISELY. THE DISTRICT'S BOARD MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED DIRECTLY BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN EACH OF THE 15 COUNTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO EVERY COUNTY HAS A SAY GUIDING THE WORK OF THE RIVER DISTRICT.

MY ROLE AS A WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER HAS PROVIDED ME WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING MORE IN THE PROTECTION OF WEST SLOPE WATER AND AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL,

MUNICIPAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL/RECREATIONAL USERS. THE RIVER DISTRICT'S MISSION IS TO PROTECT THESE RESOURCES AND THE CHALLENGES IN FRONT OF US WITH CHANGING CLIMATE, HYDROLOGY, AND WATER QUALITY ONLY EMPHASIZE THE CRITICAL NATURE OF YOUR ROLE.

THIS EFFORT IS NON-PARTISAN AND ENJOYS BROAD SUPPORT FROM CONSERVATIVE AND PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITIES -- AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS, CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE HAVE ALL COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT AND TO PROTECT WEST SLOPE WATER. THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES IS VERY SMALL BUT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS PROTECTING WEST SLOPE WATER AND KEEPING OUR WATER ON THE WESTERN SLOPE. THE COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT IS ACCOUNTABLE TO TAXPAYERS AND HAS CREATED INTERNAL SAFEGUARDS WITHIN A FISCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO DESCRIBE EXACTLY HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT. IT IS GOOD THAT THIS MEASURE DOES NOT INCLUDE A SUNSET PROVISION BECAUSE THE NEED FOR PROTECTING WEST SLOPE WATER WILL NOT GO AWAY. FRONT RANGE CITIES ARE BUYING UP WATER RIGHTS AND DRYING UP PRODUCTIVE FARMLAND ON THE WEST SLOPE - SOME OF WHICH HAS BEEN IN FAMILIES FOR GENERATIONS. THE COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT NEEDS THE RESOURCES TO PROTECT OUR WATER, KEEP LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION, AND PRESERVE HEALTHY RIVERS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE. I SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD MEAN ONLY \$1.90 PER YEAR FOR EACH \$100,000 IN HOME VALUE PER YEAR. THAT IS A VERY MODEST AMOUNT.

**AGAINST** STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7A:

UNLIKE MOST OTHER DISTRICTS WITH TAXING AUTHORITY, THE RIVER DISTRICT IS AN APPOINTED, NOT AN ELECTED BOARD AND DOES NOT HAVE DIRECT ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE TAXPAYERS. THE INCREASE IN MILL LEVY DOES NOT HAVE A SUNSET DATE AND DOES NOT REQUIRE THE BOARD TO COME BACK TO THE VOTERS TO PROVE THEY'VE USED THE MONEY WISELY IN ORDER TO REAUTHORIZE THE TAX. THERE IS NO CLEAR LIST OF PROJECTS THAT THIS MONEY WILL BE USED FOR. THE RIVER DISTRICT REFERS TO A FISCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BUT REFUSED TO BIND THE TAX INCREASE TO THIS PLAN. AS TAXPAYERS, WE DON'T HAVE ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL USE THE MONEY AS THEY SAY, AND A FUTURE BOARD COULD CHANGE THE PLAN. THE MILL LEVY IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE RATHER THAN SOMETHING MORE INCREMENTAL. THE LANGUAGE OF THE MEASURE IS NOBLE IN ITS AMBITION BUT VAGUE IN ITS APPLICATION. PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON BALLOT ISSUE 7A.



# CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BALLOT ISSUE 7B

### AN AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE OR DECREASE MILL LEVIES FOR CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SHALL CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE MILL LEVIES 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 VOTER-APPROVED MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD SUCH CHANGES NOT OCCURRED?

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

##### **FOR** STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7B:

A YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 7B WILL ALLOW THE CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT WAS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2018. MAINTAINING THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING IS VITAL FOR CRFPD'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN NEEDED EMERGENCY RESPONSE STAFFING LEVELS, CONTINUE AND IMPROVE DELIVERY OF HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING TO ALL MEMBERS, AND CONTINUE TO RAPIDLY RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, WILDFIRES, RESCUE CALLS AND BUILDING FIRES 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. THESE SERVICE STANDARDS REQUIRE TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO ADEQUATELY MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

##### VOTING YES ON 7B WILL ALLOW:

- THE FIRE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT FUNDING LEVELS THAT WERE APPROVED BY VOTERS IN THE 2018 ELECTION.
- THE FIRE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE ITS SUCCESSFUL SEASONAL STAFFING AND WILDLAND FIRE RESPONSE PROGRAMS.
- THE FIRE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE A 300-SQUARE MILE AREA WITH 15,000 PERMANENT RESIDENTS.
- THE FIRE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE A TURN-OUT TIME OF 4 MINUTES FOR AMBULANCE CALLS.
- THE FIRE DISTRICT TO RESPOND WITH PARAMEDIC LEVEL SERVICE ON CONCURRENT CALLS.

- THE FIRE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING CHANGES FROM THE MASTER PLAN.

WITHOUT THIS REQUEST, THE DISTRICT WILL EXPERIENCE A DECLINE IN REVENUES RESULTING IN:

- EXTENDED RESPONSE TIME FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE CALLS
- FURTHER DELAYED EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
- POTENTIAL REDUCTION OF PAID STAFF
- ELIMINATION OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS SUCH AS CPR CLASSES AND FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- ELIMINATION OF INITIAL ATTACK WILDFIRE PROGRAM
- REDUCED OPEN BURNING REGULATION
- REDUCTION IN CRITICAL TRAINING
- MEDICAL SERVICES WILL LIKELY BE REDUCED - IMMEDIATE RESPONSE OF FULLY CERTIFIED PARAMEDIC SERVICES MAY NOT BE SUSTAINABLE ON ALL SHIFTS.

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WAS ABLE TO LOWER ITS ISO RATING TO A 3 (BASED ON DISTRICT'S RESPONSE ABILITIES), THUS REDUCING FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS. THE DISTRICT ALSO REFINANCED THE EXISTING BONDS TO SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON BALLOT QUESTION 7B

##### **AGAINST** STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7B:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

## PLEASE VOTE YOUR MAIL BALLOT

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS.

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