



LARIMER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

NOTICE OF ELECTION

**COORDINATED ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017
7 AM – 7 PM**

Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder

Election Office
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Normal Business Hours: Monday - Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

LOCAL BALLOT ISSUES

This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.

This Notice is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered electors. You may not be eligible to vote on all issues presented in this Notice.

The Larimer County Clerk and Recorder does not warrant, verify or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot titles, issues, text, and summaries of comments as presented, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation in the materials presented.

For information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot issues, contact the respective Designated Election Official as indicated herein.

Further, this Notice does not contain issues for those jurisdictions conducting separate elections. A Notice will be mailed to the appropriate voters within the jurisdictions conducting an election by mail or polling place. Voters may receive additional materials from other jurisdictions conducting independent elections.

A Coordinated Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM.

The election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. A mail ballot packet will be mailed during the week of October 16, 2017, to every active registered voter.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail (postage is 49 cents) or hand delivered to a Designated Ballot Drop-off Location or a Voter Service and Polling Center.

Ballots must be RECEIVED at the Larimer County Elections Office, Designated Ballot Drop-off Location or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Ballots received after 7 PM on Election Day will not be counted. **Postmarks do not count as a received date.**

Visit our website at www.votelarimer.org or call (970) 498-7820 to verify your ballot was received by the Larimer County Elections Office.

24 HOUR BALLOT BOX LOCATIONS (open October 16 – November 7)

Voters may drop off their voted ballots 24 hours a day at the following ballot drop box locations. Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7 PM Election Night:

Fort Collins

Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W Oak St

Loveland

Loveland Vehicle Licensing Branch Office, 205 E 6th St

Estes Park

Estes Park Vehicle Licensing Branch Office, 1601 Brodie Ave

ADDITIONAL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Fort Collins

King Soopers, 2602 S Timberline Rd

King Soopers, 1842 N College Ave

Safeway, 2160 W Drake Rd

Safeway, 1426 E Harmony Rd

Loveland

King Soopers, 1275 Eagle Dr

The grocery stores listed above will accept ballots only during the following times:

Friday, November 3 (8 AM – 5 PM)

Saturday, November 4 (9 AM – 1 PM)

Monday, November 6 (8 AM – 5 PM)

Tuesday, *Election Day*, November 7 (7 AM – 7 PM)

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS

Fort Collins

Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W Oak St, 1st Fl

Loveland

Loveland Police & Courts Building, 810 E 10th St

Estes Park

Estes Park Municipal Building, 170 MacGregor Ave

Voters may drop off their voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change their address or register to vote at the above Voter Service and Polling Centers only during the following times:

Monday thru Friday, October 30 – November 3 (8 AM – 5 PM)

Saturday, November 4 (9 AM – 1 PM)

Monday, November 6 (8 AM – 5 PM)

Tuesday, *Election Day*, November 7 (7 AM – 7 PM)

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 7, 2017

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

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder
200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547
Fort Collins, CO 80522
Telephone: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

**Ballot Issue 1A
Larimer County Fairgrounds (also known as The Ranch)**

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL THE EXISTING FIFTEEN ONE-HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (.15%) LARIMER COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND DEDICATED TO AN EVENTS CENTER, 4-H, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY BUILDING, RELATED FAIRGROUNDS FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS ("FAIRGROUNDS") BE EXTENDED FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY YEARS FROM ITS CURRENT EXPIRATION DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 2019; WITH THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX TO BE GENERATED AND USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION NO. 09052017R003 TO CONSTRUCT, EQUIP, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, IMPROVE, REMODEL, AND LEASE THE FAIRGROUNDS AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE LARIMER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND EVENTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN AS ADOPTED AND AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SAID TAX AND ANY INTEREST EARNINGS THEREON CONTINUE TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE FOR PURPOSES OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 1A:

As the Larimer County's population continues to grow, there is a need to improve The Ranch. The Master Plan improvements will benefit everyone in the Larimer County as it provides activities, such as Equine/Livestock/Agriculture, Exhibit/Meeting/Banquet, Festivals/Outdoor Events, Sports/Entertainment Events and the Larimer County Fair. Imagine these improvements attracting your favorite singer or band to The Ranch, you will no longer have to commute to and from Denver. Not only will these activities be there for your entertainment, they will also be memories that your children will remember when you take them to The Ranch for an event.

The Ranch has also served as a temporary shelter facility for displaced residents and animals during a disaster, which may be improved and help the county to be better prepared with the proposed Master Plan.

Let's not forget that The Ranch represents the Larimer County, so we want The Ranch to be better than the other counties.

Support The Ranch, show everyone who we are. Vote Yes on 1A!

Without raising taxes, the public's continued support of The Ranch will increase the economic impact to \$72 million every year while creating hundreds of new jobs locally. The Ranch for nearly 15 years has been a cultural treasure that has built community and has improved our local quality of life. The Ranch is creating hundreds of jobs, provides great recreation, and entertainment opportunities like the Colorado Eagles while generating revenue that helps the fund essential services. The Ranch has

also served as a safe haven for evacuees and their livestock in our recent natural disasters such as the High Park Fire and the 2013 Big Thompson Flood. A yes vote on 1A to maintain the 0.15 percent sales tax in an investment into our community where the taxpayer owned facilities will see a 600% plus return on every invested dollar.

The Ranch is owned by the citizens of Larimer County. It has been a great place for entertainment, sporting events, and 4-H activities for many years. It has also been a safe haven for the citizens of Larimer County and their animals. During the flood and the High Park fire the Ranch served as both the headquarters and needed services for our farmers and ranchers in Larimer County.

The extensive involvement of The Ranch is an integral part of almost every citizen's life in Northern Colorado as a venue for entertainment, cultural enrichment and community activities. If ever there was a community complex and facility so important to the lives of Coloradans, The Ranch is it. Please vote to approve the tax extension for The Ranch on November 7, 2017.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 1A:

Larimer 1A is an absurd and insulting request to maintain a sales tax that the citizens of Larimer County wisely approved with a sunset provision. The voters of Larimer County have never before been presented with a request to increase or continue taxation that demands a "no" vote as much as this ballot question. The voters have no idea what the effect of continuing this tax will be. Absolutely no justification as to the need for additional money has been presented.

There are many potential government services that might justify an increase in taxation. In past years, Larimer County voters have approved sales taxes for an animal shelter and extended a sales tax to support jail operations. The voters also have rejected sales taxes for mental health and substance abuse treatment and an arts district. Compared to any of these previous requests, this ballot question is ambiguous, open-ended, meritless and demands a 'no' vote.

If the Larimer County fairgrounds can not manage to be self-sustaining after receiving tens of millions of tax dollars for capital construction of its present facilities, then it is being mismanaged. Given the many other needs in the County and the complete lack of a plan for how the money would be spent, continuing taxpayer support for the fairgrounds, would be an incredibly imprudent choice for the voters to make.

Larimer County is primarily funded by property taxes. Large increases in property values in the last two reassessment cycles have created a massive windfall of tax revenue. If the continued subsidy of the fairgrounds is deemed to be an acceptable use of tax dollars, then the County should be using this windfall for this purpose.

The original tax rate of this sales tax, .15%, provided for a massive capital construction project as well as operations and maintenance of the fairgrounds. The construction is complete. Consequently, even if it were argued that continued subsidies from sales taxes are appropriate, the existing tax rate of .15% is far too high because there are no plans for and no need for new capital construction projects.

The use of the introductory phrase, "WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES", which is found at the beginning of this ballot question, is a deceptive and manipulative use of language employed by tax-and-spend Republicans who cannot be trusted to treat the voters with honesty and respect. It goes without saying that a 'yes' vote on this ballot question will increase the amount of tax paid by Larimer County taxpayers. This language has no other purpose than to hoodwink voters.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TOWN OF BERTHOUD, COLORADO**

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED ISSUE

Election Date and Hours: Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Local Election Office: Town of BERTHOUD
Town Clerk's Office
P. O. Box 1229
Berthoud, CO 80513-2229
(970) 532-0640

Ballot Title and Text:

Ballot Issue 2A

SHALL THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$100,000.00 OR SUCH GREATER OR LESSER AMOUNT WHICH MAY ACTUALLY BE RECEIVED IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, BY THE IMPOSITIONS OF A SALES AND EXCISE TAX ON THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA PRODUCTS (AS SUCH ARE AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO), COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 OR AT SUCH LATER TIME AS SUCH SALES MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR VOTERS OF THE TOWN, AT THE RATE OF SEVEN PERCENT (7%) OF THE PRICE PAID BY THE PURCHASER IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL SALES TAX, WHICH TAX REVENUES SHALL BE EXPENDED TO PROMOTE YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES, STREETS & SIDEWALKS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PARKS & RECREATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE TOWN, AND SHALL THE TOWN BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX, INCLUDING ALL INTEREST DERIVED THEREFROM, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE REVENUE RAISING, DEBT LIMITATION OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Spending</u>
2013 (Actual)	\$11,446,585
2014 (Actual)	\$9,014,350
2015 (Actual)	\$11,160,669
2016 (Actual)	\$18,735,615
2017 (Estimated)	\$18,357,657
Overall percentage change from 2013 to 2017	+60%
Overall dollar change from 2013 to 2017	+\$6,911,072

First Full Fiscal Year Estimates:

Estimated 2018 fiscal year spending without taking into account new tax authorized by Ballot Issue 2A:	\$25,811,433
Estimated 2018 new tax authorized by Ballot Issue 2A:	\$100,000

Summaries of Written Comments Filed with the Town Clerk:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Town of Timnath

Larimer County, Colorado

Election Date:

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Election Hours:

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

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Ms. Angela Myers
County Clerk and Recorder
Larimer County, Colorado
200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547
Fort Collins, CO 80522
Telephone: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

Ballot Issue 2D

SHALL TOWN OF TIMNATH TAXES BE INCREASED \$3,900,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY:

- INCREASING THE CURRENT TOWN SALES TAX RATE ON THE SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT RETAIL OR THE FURNISHING OF SERVICES FROM 3.00% TO 4.3%; AND
- INCREASING THE CURRENT TOWN SALES TAX RATE ON THE PURCHASE OF FOOD FOR HOME CONSUMPTION FROM 2.25% TO 3.45%,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING (1) CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO STREETS, PARKS AND RECREATION, STORM WATER AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, (2) THE COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SUCH PROJECTS; AND (3) GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND SHALL THE REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH TAX INCREASE AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES 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?

Total Town Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2017 (estimated)	\$ <u>18,144,691</u>
2016 (actual)	\$ <u>13,958,380</u>
2015 (actual)	\$ <u>11,268,275</u>
2014 (actual)	\$ <u>8,669,229</u>
2013 (actual)	\$ <u>7,020,956</u>
Overall percentage change from 2013 to 2017	<u>158%</u>
Overall dollar change from 2013 to 2017	\$ <u>11,123,735</u>

Proposed Tax Increase

Town Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2018
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE 2D: \$3,900,000

Town Estimate of 2018 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$22,518,378

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2D:

Town of Timnath Ballot Question 2D will provide much needed revenue for our town's long-term and short-term goals. Timnath residents are often invited to open house meetings to provide inputs for our town's future investments. The Comprehensive Plan is an output of these sessions, and without your vote for approval of 2D, the town will not have enough revenue to fund the Town's comprehensive plan. The funds collected will be used for capital projects such as street additions and improvements, parks and other recreation, storm water management and right-sizing our municipal facilities. After investing in these capital projects, the funds will also ensure a healthy budget to maintain these investments. For example, the comprehensive plan includes Harmony Road traffic improvements, expanded phases of our community park, and extending the Poudre Trail. The growth in Timnath has been exciting to see over the last several years, but with growth comes the need for investment in infrastructure, safety services, as well as funding larger community events and recreation locations. Ballot Question 2D will align our sales tax rate with the average of surrounding North Front Range I-25 communities. A YES vote is a vote for our Town's future.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2D:

Vote NO to increased basic-needs-taxation. When viewed thoroughly, this tax increase: Financially oppresses families; Lacks logical spending and wants vs. needs prioritization and; Negatively impacts current and future business. Timnath's Food for Home Consumption Tax rate will be the highest in Larimer County—53% higher than Fort Collins. General Sales Tax will exceed the rates of our surrounding communities—20% higher than Loveland—6% higher than Fort Collins—5% higher than Windsor.

Timnath families make tough prioritized decisions, based on their income. They regularly decide whether to eat chicken or mac-and-cheese, and if children can wear worn-out-sneakers or to purchase new shoes on credit. Approximately 35% of a families spending power is already reduced by taxation, leaving less than two-thirds for life's necessities, savings, emergencies, etc. Increased taxation appears miniscule to some—not to growing families.

Our town council tells us, "... without the additional sales tax revenues, the Town will be committed to trying to meet our needs but it will happen at a much slower pace commensurate with our income as our growth increases... require tough decisions on prioritization of needs and delay of projects, parks or reducing the community events."

Families routinely make tough prioritized decisions, commensurate with their income—so must our elected officials.

Spending identification and prioritization is key—wants vs. needs must be discerned.

Timnath's five-year Capital Improvement Project plan designates millions-of-dollars for the Dreambook vision, transforming downtown Timnath into an amusement-park setting. The Dreambook states:

- "The list of possibilities is as endless as a summer eve along the Front Range."
- "Downtown streets should feature wide sidewalks, points of interest (firepits, water features, benches, etc.), beautiful landscaping, banners, flags, and special lighting. It should feel magical."
- "The reimagined downtown core will become a Artisan and Creative District... the heart and soul of the New Frontier... magical nighttime events and shows and more."
- "The world's first fully interactive and participatory outdoor digital art walk." "... video and static projections... covering the clouds at 5000 feet."
- "Human Powered Monorail System from Neighborhoods to Downtown and Riverwalk."

Additionally, tens-of-millions of dollars are simply placeholder-values. —*"Something used or included temporarily or as a substitute for something that is not known."*

Council members have stated that a \$5.6 million landscaped-parkway is necessary because Main Street through downtown Timnath is the state's emergency detour route. However, Timberline Road through Fort Collins is the true designated route. We must clearly discern our needs.

The ability to foster a competitive edge for current and future business must also be a priority.

Businesses, especially brick-and-mortar businesses, do not thrive in an atmosphere of elevated taxation. Today's shoppers, particularly growing families, are very savvy and aware of total cost of ownership—evidence the increase in online sales. New businesses are repelled by high-taxes, they negatively affect an ability to compete in an extremely competitive marketplace.

Timnath's proposed tax increase: Financially oppresses families; Lacks logical spending and wants vs. needs prioritization and; Negatively impacts current and future business. Please Vote NO.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**ESTES PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT R-3
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO**

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: November 7, 2017

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

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Heather Gooch, Estes Park School District R-3, 1605 Brodie Avenue, Estes Park, Colorado 80517; telephone number (970) 586-2361, Ext. 3001

Coordinated Election Official: Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder; 200 West Oak Street, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522; telephone number (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

Ballot Issue 3A

SHALL ESTES PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT R-3 TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1,009,583 IN 2017 FOR COLLECTION IN THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY THE IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY THAT GENERATES REVENUE IN AN AMOUNT WHEN COMBINED WITH REVENUES PRODUCED BY PREVIOUS VOTER AUTHORIZED TAX INCREASES OF THE DISTRICT IS NOT GREATER THAN THE STATUTORY LIMIT AUTHORIZED BY 22-54-108, C.R.S., AS AMENDED, TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- RECRUITING AND RETAINING A STRONG DIVERSE POOL OF TEACHERS AND STAFF, AS WELL AS PROVIDE CONTINUOUS LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES;
- EXPAND COLLEGE AND CAREER PROGRAMS SUCH AS APPRENTICESHIPS, CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (VOCATIONAL) COURSES TO EXPLORE TRADE FIELDS: MECHANICAL, CARPENTRY, TECHNOLOGY, GREENHOUSE OPERATIONS AND AGRICULTURE;
- PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SAFETY RESOURCES BY EXPANDING ON SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) AND INCLUDING MORE WRAP AROUND SERVICES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS;
- EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY ACCESS TO MORE STUDENTS, INTEGRATE NEW FORMS OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATION;
- ADJUST CURRICULUM TO EXPAND ON: 21ST CENTURY SKILLS, ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS, HANDS-ON POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCE, FINANCIAL LITERACY, CAREER READINESS;

AND SHALL SUCH INCREASE BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVIES THE DISTRICT IS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO IMPOSE; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending¹
2013-2014 (actual)	\$15,389,262
2014-2015 (actual)	\$27,338,005
2015-2016 (actual)	\$14,448,775
2016,2017 (actual – currently unaudited)	\$14,350,687
2017-2018 (current year estimated)	\$15,315,860
Estimated 2017-2018 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3A:	\$1,009,583

Information regarding current bonded debt (As of June 2017):

Principal balance:	\$19,795,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$1,632,100
Maximum remaining total repayment cost:	\$25,017,137.50

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3A:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3A:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

¹ Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the District for bonded debt service and voter-approved revenue changes.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE
LARIMER COUNTY LITTLE THOMPSON
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 61**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Larimer County Clerk and Recorder
200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547
Fort Collins, CO 80522
Telephone: (970) 498-7820

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

Ballot Issue 5A

SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED \$50,000 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST YEAR) OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT AS IS RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED LITTLE THOMPSON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 61 BY THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES AT A MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 14.626 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SUCH REVENUES TO BE USED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AS REQUESTED IN THE PETITION FOR CREATION OF THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES; SHALL LITTLE THOMPSON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 61 BE CREATED; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES, THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON BOTH CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND/OR SPENDING CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND FROM ITS MILL LEVY ANY SUCH AMOUNT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PERMITTED UNDER THE 5½% LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES IN 2017 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

Financial Information:

Fiscal Year
2017 (estimated)
2016 (actual)
2015 (actual)
2014 (actual)
2013 (actual)

\$ 0
\$ 0
\$ 0
\$ 0
\$ 0

Overall percentage change from 2013 through 2017 0%
Overall dollar change from 2013 through 2017 \$0

Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of increase for fiscal year 2018: \$50,000

Estimate of the spending for fiscal year 2018 without the increase: \$0

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5A:

The proposed Little Thompson Public Improvement District (PID) will address and solve many challenges the neighborhood has faced for many years. With undeniable neighborhood growth in the years to come, this method of financing road maintenance will finally include all property owners and provide a self-regulating mechanism for the increasing maintenance costs brought about by inflation and development. A PID will provide the community with a reliable source of funds to carry out road maintenance while at the same time decreasing the volunteer workload. Unlike the existing road association, a PID is a viable organization, eligible for help in declared disasters such as the flood of 2013. Funds will be collected by Larimer County on a mill levy basis using assessed property values. All monies collected will go directly into the district's public road maintenance plan to provide reliable access to residences along the Little Thompson River near Blue Mountain. With a small Advisory Board formed to communicate closely with Larimer County Engineering, control of road maintenance activities will remain centric to the neighborhood.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5A:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**WELLINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
WELLINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO**

Designated Election Official:

Kammy K. Tinney
550 W. Eisenhower Boulevard
Loveland, CO 80537
Telephone: (970)669-3611

Election Date: November 7, 2017

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Ballot Title and Text:

Ballot Issue 5B

WELLINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – BALLOT ISSUE 5B

SHALL WELLINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$760,000 ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE ANNUALLY RAISED THEREAFTER, BY AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY OF 5.59 MILLS, COMMENCING IN TAX YEAR 2017 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018), AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER AS PROVIDED BY LAW, WITH SUCH TAX PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL EXPENSES; AND SHALL SUCH TAX PROCEEDS BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES IN EACH YEAR, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2017 (estimated)	\$1,928,554	
2016 (actual)	\$2,643,915	
2015 (actual)	\$1,720,255	
2014 (actual)	\$1,531,204	
2013 (actual)	\$1,149,183	
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:		67.82%
Overall dollar amount of change:		\$779,371
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2018:		\$760,000
Estimated 2018 fiscal year spending without tax increase:		\$1,870,587

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

Summary of written comments FOR Ballot Issue 5B:

I am a long-time resident of Wellington, and I am writing to express my full support for Ballot Question 5B to increase taxes to fund and support safety and emergency services for our community. Much like the rest of the Front Range, Wellington is experiencing rapid growth and I believe that the proposed tax increase is necessary to provide the funding the Wellington Fire Protection District needs to continue to provide quality emergency and fire services. The Fire Department has proven to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars by reducing homeowner's insurance with improved ISO ratings, coordinated ambulance services, and reduced response times all of which provide high quality public safety and emergency services for the community. I confidently support Ballot Question 5B to increase taxes in support of the services Wellington Fire Protection District provides to satisfy the demands of our growing community.

Summary of written comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5B:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT

Election Date: November 7, 2017
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office: City Clerk's Office
500 E. 3rd St., Ste. 230
Loveland, CO 80537
(970) 962-2000

**CITY OF LOVELAND
REFERRED BALLOT ISSUE 5C
CITY- INITIATED MEASURES TO AUTHORIZE
THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

Ballot Title and Text:

Ballot Issue 5C

SHALL CITY OF LOVELAND DEBT BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$61,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NO MORE THAN \$135,000,000, WITHOUT RAISING TAXES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE LOVELAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LOVELAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT, WITH SUCH DEBT PAYABLE FROM AND SECURED BY A PLEDGE OF THE SPECIAL FUND OF THE CITY WHICH SHALL CONTAIN TAX INCREMENT REVENUES LEVIED AND COLLECTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AUTHORITY.

WITHOUT RAISING TAXES, SHALL CITY OF LOVELAND DEBT BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$61,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NO MORE THAN \$135,000,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE LOVELAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LOVELAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT, AS IT MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, PARKING, UTILITIES, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYWAYS AND BEAUTIFICATION, AND APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF COLORADO LAW; SUCH DEBT AND THE INTEREST THEREON TO BE PAYABLE FROM AND SECURED BY A PLEDGE OF THE SPECIAL FUND OF THE CITY WHICH SHALL CONTAIN TAX INCREMENT REVENUES LEVIED AND COLLECTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AUTHORITY; AND SHALL SUCH DEBT BE EVIDENCED BY BONDS, NOTES, CONTRACTS OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT THEREOF, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND AS THE CITY MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM OF NOT MORE THAN 3% OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SO REDEEMED; AND SHALL THE CITY AND THE AUTHORITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE TAX INCREMENT REVENUES, THE BOND PROCEEDS AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total City Fiscal Year Spending:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2017 (estimated)	\$ 86,605,197
2016 (actual)	\$ 86,267,675
2015 (actual)	\$ 94,792,684
2014 (actual)	\$ 93,133,319
2013 (actual)	\$ 82,281,166

Overall percentage change from 2013 through 2017	5.3%
Overall dollar change from 2013 through 2017	\$ 4,324,031

Information on City's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE 5C:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 61,000,000
Maximum Annual City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$135,000,000
Total City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$135,000,000

Information on City's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$4,480,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$5,039,598
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$5,297,850

*Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5C:

The vote to approve the creation of Loveland's Downtown Development Authority, (DDA), was passed in 2015 by businesses, property owners and residents in the downtown area to address deteriorating property values, structures and infrastructure within the central business district and assist in downtown redevelopment efforts. The DDA serves the downtown community by managing and supporting the ongoing revitalization efforts.

This year 5C authorizes Loveland to incur debt for use on approved development and redevelopment projects. The DDA has worked with both City Council and the Planning Commission to adopt a Plan of Development, which includes projects for downtown that address the critical need for more parking, lighting and infrastructure.

Loveland has been making strides toward downtown revitalization. With the creation of the Downtown Development Authority and the Loveland Downtown Partnership, we are starting to see improvements like updated storefronts, new businesses, better lighting and additional parking. There is an exciting energy from those working, living, and visiting downtown. This will ensure the necessary funding for critical things like additional parking, street and sidewalk improvements, safety advancement and updated public utilities.

Passing 5C will mean we are investing in the future of downtown and creating a strong, functioning DDA with the necessary financing mechanisms to accomplish the long term vision. Loveland's DDA is as much about the economic reengineering of public spaces as it is about preserving a strong sense of community. Downtown is the heart and soul of Loveland, and 5C supports the critical funding initiatives needed to ensure it continues to thrive.

By supporting 5C, we, as downtown businesses, property owners, and residents are ensuring that we are investing in downtown and creating the funding needed to ensure our downtown continues to thrive for years to come. 5C supports an economically successful, vibrant and inviting downtown.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5C:

This ballot issue seeks voter approval for a \$61 million revolving line of credit for the City to be used by the City's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to give subsidies to privately owned, commercial businesses in the downtown area. All of Loveland's residents (and others, too) are being committed to keeping this line of credit available for the next thirty years, and it can be continued for another twenty years without further voter approval.

The money to pay each subsidy is borrowed from the line of credit. Interest of approximately 6% per year is charged on the outstanding balance. The diverted excess sales tax collection on new properties is used to pay the debt. Meanwhile, the diverted property taxes are not just those paid to the City, but to the County, ambulance district, mosquito-control district, water district, and above all the School District.

The ballot language deceptively says that payments on this line of credit will be "without raising taxes". It can't help but raise taxes. In the case of schools, the loss of revenue causes an automatic rise in the mill levy for repaying school bonds. For everything else in the schools, counties, etc., not getting all of the revenue to which they are entitled from past voter decisions, planned services will have to be curtailed or voters will have to be asked to raise tax rates.

Additional language has been added into the ballot question that permits the DDA to continue the sales tax diversion even after the line of credit is paid off and closed; again without further voter approval. They can even use it to make additional subsidies if they go beyond their credit limit.

This ballot issue has importance and costs well beyond downtown. Only 1% of the registered voters of Loveland will get to vote on it. The corporations getting the subsidies will get to vote on it. Out-of-town landowners downtown will get to vote on it; however, 99% of Loveland's registered voters will not.

The few registered voters in the DDA might consider the interests of the rest of Loveland when returning their ballots on 5C.

END OF BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE

As required by Colorado Statutes (C.R.S. 1-7-905), I hereby certify the ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.

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