



# LARIMER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

**GENERAL ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018  
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder**

Election Office  
200 W. Oak Street, Suite 5100  
PO Box 1547 Fort Collins, CO 80522  
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Normal Business Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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### 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 ballot 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.

Ballot issues for the State will be mailed separately via the State's "Blue Book."

Further, this Notice does not contain ballot issues for those jurisdictions conducting separate elections. A separate 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.

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A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

The election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballot materials will be mailed during the week of October 15, 2018, to every active, registered voter.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail (postage is 50 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, a Designated Ballot Drop-off Location or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Ballots received after 7:00 PM on Election Day will not be counted. **Postmarks do not count as a received date.**

Visit our website at [www.votelarimer.org](http://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 15 – November 6)**

**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 7:00 PM Election Night:**

### **Fort Collins**

Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak St.

### **Loveland**

Loveland Vehicle Licensing Branch Office, 200 Peridot Ave.

### **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 2. (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

**Saturday**, November 3 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

**Monday**, November 5 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

**Tuesday**, *Election Day*, November 6 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

## **VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS**

### **Fort Collins**

Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Carter/Boyd Room  
CSU Lory Center, Lory Student Center, North Ballroom  
Council Tree Covenant Church, 4825 S. Lemay Ave.  
Clearwater Church, 2700 S. Lemay Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Ave.  
Elks Lodge, 1424 E. Mulberry Ave.

### **Loveland**

Loveland Police & Courts Building, 810 E. 10<sup>th</sup> 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 22 – October 26 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

**Saturday**, October 27 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

**Monday thru Friday**, October 29 – November 2 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

**Saturday**, November 3 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

**Monday**, November 5 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

**Tuesday**, *Election Day*, November 6 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

## **ELECTION DAY ONLY VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS**

**Open Tuesday, November 6 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)**

### **Berthoud**

Brookside Gardens, 619 E. Highway 56

### **Fort Collins**

Hilton Hotel, Green and Gold Room, 425 W. Prospect Rd.

### **LaPorte**

American Legion, 2124 W. County Rd. 54G

### **Loveland**

King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2919 N. Wilson Ave.

The Ranch Events Complex, 5280 Arena Circle

### **Red Feather Lakes**

Red Feather Lakes POA, 58 Firehouse Lane

### **Wellington**

River of Life Fellowship Church, 3161 E. County Rd. 62E

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

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local election office address: 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 1A**

SHALL LARIMER COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED \$19,000,000 DOLLARS ANNUALLY (ESTIMATED FIRST FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE IN 2019), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS BY THE IMPOSITION OF A .25% (25 CENTS ON 100 DOLLARS) SALES AND USE TAX, WITH ALL REVENUE FROM SUCH TAX TO BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NO. 07242018R013 FOR THE FOLLOWING MENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PURPOSES:

- PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE, EARLY IDENTIFICATION, INTERVENTION, SUPPORT, AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR YOUTH, ADULTS, FAMILIES, AND SENIOR CITIZENS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF LARIMER COUNTY INCLUDING BERTHOUD, ESTES PARK, FORT COLLINS, JOHNSTOWN, LOVELAND, TIMNATH, WELLINGTON, WINDSOR AND RURAL COMMUNITIES OF LARIMER COUNTY, THROUGH IN-PERSON AND OTHER DELIVERY METHODS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE TELE-SERVICES, COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES AND OTHER SERVICE OPTIONS; AND
- ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, IMPROVE, MAINTAIN, LEASE, REMODEL, STAFF, EQUIP, AND OPERATE NEW AND/OR EXISTING MENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES;

AND SHALL THE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX WITHOUT LIMITATION BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT AN ANNUAL REPORT SHALL BE PUBLISHED AND PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE DESIGNATION OR USE OF THE REVENUES FROM THE TAX INCREASE IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR CONSISTENT WITH ITS APPROVED PURPOSES?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending</b>
2018 (Estimated)	\$268,448,888
2017	\$222,907,709
2016	\$211,799,286
2015	\$176,637,213
2014	\$162,001,417

Overall percentage change from 2014 through 2018 (estimated): 65.7%

Overall dollar change from 2014 through 2018 (estimated): \$106,447,471

Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase: \$335,561,111

Estimated 2019 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue: \$ 19,000,000

## Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

### **The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 1A:**

The increasing and inadequate demand for behavioral health care has reached a critical level for our Larimer County residents, our economy, and our quality of life, and the need for quality behavioral health solutions is real. Every year, 1 in 5 residents in Larimer County struggles with mental illness. This equates to approximately 75,000 people.

Yet, too many residents go without access to the care and treatment. We are uniquely positioned to facilitate a regional solution partnering service providers and community leaders with government to address our communities' priorities for behavioral health care services.

The solution requires a dedicated funding stream, and is 3-pronged:

- Expand and enrich local behavioral health services across the County.
- Coordinate care from Crisis Services to community services.
- Construct a regional behavioral health facility that provides detox, crises care and residential treatment to fill in the missing gaps.

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In 2016, 41,000 people had a mental illness and over 30,000 had a substance use disorder. Of these people, nearly 27,000 did not have access to treatment. For both mental illness and addictions, treatment works, and recovery is possible if the right treatment options are available and accessible to everyone. Currently we send people to Greeley for detox services and we don't have any affordable residential beds for people battling mental illness. In Larimer County more than 2,800 individuals with mental illness end up in jail each year.

Let's keep people who need treatment out of jail and emergency rooms by providing the appropriate care in the appropriate facility types designed for treatment.

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We need to support this Larimer County mental health solution for much needed short term investments for long term solutions. Together as a county we can support schools and professionals as they work to address our local high suicide rates through prevention programs. We can invest in early interventions to expand early identification and intervention so our youth can grow, learn and thrive. In 2017, 75 Larimer County residents died by suicide. There were 53 overdose deaths. Larimer County has a much higher suicide rate than the national average - Larimer 25 per 100,000, State 19.5 per 100,000, National average 13.3 per 100,000. Over 70% of those who died by suicide did not receive mental health treatment. Larimer County does not have a complete continuum of mental health treatment and support services sufficient to meet the current need. Research shows that addiction treatment saved state budgets between \$2.58 and \$7.00 for every dollar spent.

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Average medical costs during 18 months pre and post substance use treatment have been analyzed and findings indicate that the substance use treatment group had a 35% reduction in inpatient cost, 39% reduction in ER cost, and a 26% reduction in total medical cost compared with a matched group.

Analysis also found that family members of patients with substance use disorders had high healthcare costs and were more likely to be diagnosed with a number of medical conditions than family members of similar persons without substance use conditions.

### **The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 1A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**TOWN OF BERTHOUD  
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election date: November 6, 2018

Election hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Election by Mail Ballot

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 6, 2018 7:00 PM

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Christian R. Samora, Town of Berthoud, 807 Mountain Avenue, P.O. Box 1229, Berthoud, Colorado 80513; telephone number (970) 344-5800

Coordinated Election Official: Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder, 200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521; telephone number (970) 498-7820

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 3I**

TOWN OF BERTHOUD ISSUE REGARDING AUTHORIZATION OF NEW 1% SALES TAX TO FINANCE RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

SHALL THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,400,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS WITHIN THE TOWN; SUCH TAX TO CONSIST OF A RATE INCREASE IN THE TOWN SALES AND USE TAX OF 1.0% (WHICH REPRESENTS A ONE CENT INCREASE ON EACH DOLLAR) COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019; SHALL ALL REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE TAX, NET OF THE COSTS OF COLLECTION, BE DEPOSITED INTO A SEPARATE PARK AND RECREATION FUND AND RESTRICTED AS TO USE SOLELY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE EXISTING TOWN TRAIL SYSTEM;
- RENOVATING OR REPLACING EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES;
- DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A RECREATION CENTER AND RELATED FACILITIES; AND
- DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING ATHLETIC FIELDS;

AND, TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, EQUIPPING AND OPERATING PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS; AND SHALL THE TAX REVENUES DEPOSITED IN THE TOWN PARK AND RECREATION FUND AND ALL EARNINGS THEREON (REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT) CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending <sup>1</sup></b>
2014 (actual)	\$ 9,014,350
2015 (actual)	11,160,669
2016 (actual)	18,739,646
2017 (actual)	22,230,092
2018 (current year estimated)	34,913,301

<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the Town for bonded debt service.

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2014 through 2018:	287.31%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2014 through 2018:	\$25,898,951
Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3I:	\$16,874,573
Estimated 2019 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3I:	\$ 1,400,000

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3I:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3I:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**TOWN OF BERTHOUD  
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

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**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 3J:**

TOWN OF BERTHOUD ISSUE REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR BOND ISSUANCE TO FINANCE RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

SHALL THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD DEBT BE INCREASED \$30,000,000, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$59,000,000, SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS TO BE PAYABLE FROM ALL OR A PORTION OF THE TOWN'S SALES AND USE TAX AND ISSUED SOLELY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE EXISTING TOWN TRAIL SYSTEM;
- RENOVATING OR REPLACING EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES;
- DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A RECREATION CENTER AND RELATED FACILITIES; AND
- DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING ATHLETIC FIELDS;

SUCH BONDS TO BE DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME, AND AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL THE EARNINGS ON THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS (REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT) AND THE FUNDS USED FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending<sup>1</sup></b>
2014 (actual)	\$ 9,014,350
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2017 (actual)	22,230,092
2018 (current year estimated)	34,913,301

<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the Town for bonded debt service.



Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending  
over the five year period from 2014 through 2018: 287.31%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending  
over the five year period from 2014 through 2018: \$25,898,951

Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking  
into account the tax increases authorized by Ballot Issue 3J: \$16,874,573

Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 3J (on a calendar year basis):

Principal amount:	\$30,000,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$ 2,300,000
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$59,000,000

Information regarding current bonded debt (on a calendar year basis):

Principal balance:	\$11,810,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$ 2,948,025
Maximum remaining total repayment cost:	\$16,542,892

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3J:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3J:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT**

**THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R2-J  
(LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO)**

Local Election Office:  
800 South Taft Avenue, Loveland, Colorado 80537  
Telephone: (970) 613-5015

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 5A**

SHALL THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$13.8 MILLION ANNUALLY BY A LEVY OF UP TO 7.6 MILLS IN THE 2018-2019 BUDGET YEAR AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNT IS RAISED BY A LEVY OF 7.6 MILLS IN EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER BY THE COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, TO BE MONITORED BY A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

- MAINTAINING CURRENT CLASS SIZES AND PUPIL-TEACHER RATIOS;
- ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT AS A COMPETITIVE EMPLOYER BY INCREASING COMPENSATION TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY EMPLOYEES;
- UPDATING TEXTBOOKS, CURRICULUM, MATERIALS, TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS; AND
- INCREASING AND UPGRADING STUDENT SECURITY IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING EXPANDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM;

WITH A PORTION OF SUCH TAXES TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICT'S CHARTER SCHOOLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; AND WITH SUCH TAXES TO BE IN EXCESS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND MILL LEVY PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW WITHOUT SUCH INCREASE, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., OR ANY SUCCESSOR STATUTE; AND WITH THE DISTRICT TO BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES, TOGETHER WITH REVENUES FROM SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO, AND THE EARNINGS ON SUCH TAXES AND REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

**Fiscal Year Spending Information**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending (FYS)*</b>
2014-15 (Actual)	\$ 133,426,455
2015-16 (Actual)	142,084,178
2016-17 (Actual)	143,735,014
2017-18 (Unaudited Actual)	147,927,623
2018-19 (Current Year Estimated)	158,592,295

Overall FYS percentage change through 5 years (2014-15 – 2018-19):	18.9%
Overall FYS dollar change through 5 years (2014-15 – 2018-19):	\$25,165,840

Does not include payments on bonded debt of \$10,603,081 in fiscal year 2014-15; \$10,697,804 in fiscal year 2015-16; \$10,788,769 in fiscal year 2016-17; \$11,111,494 in fiscal year 2017-2018; and \$11,126,159 in fiscal year 2018-2019.

Fiscal year spending without the tax increase in the ballot proposal is estimated to be up to \$158,592,295 in the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, not including payment of bonded debt shown above and assuming no other tax increase is approved. The proposed maximum dollar tax increase in the ballot proposal is \$13,800,000 in such Fiscal Year.

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5A:**

It's time we passed a mill levy override for our kids. It's been twelve years -- since 2006 -- that voters last approved additional local revenue for our schools. During that period, the Thompson School District has been underfunded by nearly \$14 million each year.

We are losing good teachers to other school districts. With a teacher attrition rate at 17%, we lost 159 teachers between the 2016/17 and 2017/18 school year.

For too long our District has been making tough decisions to make ends meet. Any further delays to these much-needed expenditures next year will negatively affect our students' ability to learn. There are no more budget cuts possible.

Every school and student will benefit if 5A passes. All revenue raised by 5A will be spent locally on our kids and schools. None of the money will go to state education coffers.

If 5A passes, the District is required to convene a citizen-led audit committee to ensure the new revenue is spent in accordance with the plans the voters approved.

The main features of Issue 5A will:

- **Provide a safe and secure environment to learn.** If 5A passes, the District will expand its School Resource Police Officer program. These uniformed police officers provide a visible presence at school and sports events, as well as providing classroom instruction on anti-bullying and online safety.
- **Keep class sizes small by helping us compete for good teachers.** Because other school districts can afford to offer higher teacher salaries, our school district has the lowest teacher retention rate in northern Colorado. The bulk of mill levy revenue - \$10.5 million - will allow the District to adequately compete for good teachers, many of whom routinely leave Thompson School District for better salaries at other school districts.
- **Update textbooks, curricula and technology.** Our education infrastructure -- including the quality of our teachers, textbooks, curricula and technology have not kept up with the dramatic population growth we have experienced in the last decade.

Our local school tax rates are among the lowest in northern Colorado. In fact, if voters approve both 5A and 5B, our education-related mill levy rate will go no higher than 48 mills. If both 5A and 5B pass, we will still pay the lowest education tax rates of four surrounding school districts. Don't fall for the misinformation circulated by opponents of school funding!

If the voters approve both the mill levy (5A) and the bond (5B) questions, the owner of a \$350,000 home in Thompson School District will pay an additional \$23.85 per month. (The portion represented by the bond question is \$8.36 per month and the mill levy is \$15.49 per month).

The consequences if 5A fails will be impactful and immediate. The District will be forced to consider laying off teachers; safety and security measures will be postponed indefinitely; and class sizes will increase.

Let's provide our students the best learning environment possible. They deserve nothing less!  
Vote YES on 5A.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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Election Date:           Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Election Hours:         7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 5B**

SHALL THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J'S DEBT BE INCREASED \$149.0 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$265.4 MILLION OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY, AND SHALL THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$15.9 MILLION ANNUALLY OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH DEBT, FOR THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES, TO BE MONITORED BY A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

- UPGRADING SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS AND UPGRADING FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS TO CURRENT CODE;
- EXTENDING THE USEFUL LIFE OF AGING SCHOOL BUILDINGS BY REPLACING, REPAIRING, AND UPGRADING HEATING, VENTILATION AND COOLING SYSTEMS AND MECHANICAL CONTROLS, PLUMBING, ROOFS, WINDOWS AND DOORS, MAKING BUILDING EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS, REMOVING OR ABATING ASBESTOS AND UPDATING OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS;
- CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A NEW K-8 SCHOOL, AND ADDITIONS TO BERTHOUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IVY STOCKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND
- IMPROVING, CONSTRUCTING, EXPANDING, REMODELING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT BUILDINGS, ADDITIONS, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS;

AND WITH SUCH DEBT TO MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR, AND AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (I) TO INCREASE THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAXES WHEN REQUIRED AS STATED ABOVE IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT WHEN DUE AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND (II) TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT AND THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH PROCEEDS AND REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO COLLECT AND SPEND ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

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Fiscal year spending without the tax increase in the ballot proposal is estimated to be up to \$158,592,295 in the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, not including payment of bonded debt shown above and assuming no other tax increase is approved. The proposed maximum dollar tax increase in the ballot proposal is up to \$15,900,000 in any Fiscal Year.

The ballot proposal for bonded debt includes the following:

Principal Amount:	\$149,000,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	up to \$15,900,000 in any fiscal year
Maximum Total Repayment Cost:	up to \$265,400,000 (maximum principal and interest over the life of the debt)

The current bonded debt for the District is as follows:

Principal Balance:	\$ 75,205,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 11,707,500
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$ 89,255,175

### **Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

#### **Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5B:**

Vote YES on 5B!

Repair and maintenance challenges across our district will soon compromise the learning environment for our students. It has been 13 years since district voters have passed a bond to address these maintenance issues. Surrounding school districts have passed bonds to provide their students a safe and secure learning space. Our Thompson students deserve the same learning opportunities.

Water from leaking roofs is damaging ceiling tiles, compromising school foundations, and destroying floor tiles and grout. Twenty-eight of our thirty-one schools experienced roof leaks in the past year. Twenty-four of our schools' roofs are past or within five years of their expected

lifespan. Twenty aging boilers need replacement and leaking pipes need repair. Most buildings have decaying caulking around windows, doors and building perimeters.

Every school and student will benefit if voters approve 5B. The bond issue will:

- **Address a maintenance and repair backlog at every school.** These include repairs to school foundations and roofs, addressing water damage, asbestos removal, and replacing aging boilers.
- **Provide our kids more room to learn.** Population growth, which is hard to predict, has been uneven throughout the District. Issue 5B proceeds will build a new K-8 in the eastern part of the District and will provide eight more classrooms to Ivy Stockwell and Berthoud Elementary. This new construction and additional classrooms will accommodate 1,200 students. Modular classrooms — because they are made of pressed wood and plywood — cannot be insulated and are designed for temporary use only.
- **Upgrade safety and security measures.** Improvements include new door latches for fire protection compliance and secured entries in the front of each building.

All revenue raised by 5B will be spent locally on our kids and schools. None of the money will go to state education coffers.

Language in 5B guarantees that if the measure passes, the District will convene a citizen-led audit committee to ensure the new revenue is spent in accordance with the plans the voters approved.

Our local school tax rates are among the lowest in northern Colorado. In fact, if voters approve both 5A and 5B, our education-related mill levy rate will go no higher than 48 mills. If both 5A and 5B pass, we will still pay the lowest education tax rates of four surrounding school districts. Don't fall for the misinformation circulated by opponents of school funding!

If the voters approve both the mill levy (5A) and the bond (5B) questions, the owner of a \$350,000 home in Thompson School District will pay an additional \$23.85 per month. (The portion represented by the bond question is \$8.36 per month and the mill levy is \$15.49 per month).

If 5B fails, these pressing infrastructure needs will be further postponed, requiring Thompson School District to continue to close schools.

Our students deserve no less than the best learning environment we can provide. Making much-needed repairs to boilers, foundations, pipes, and roofs will promote the overall health and safety of our kids. Vote YES on 5B!

### **Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5B:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Erika Goetz, Designated Election Official  
901 N. Saint Vrain Avenue  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
(970) 577-0900

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 6A**

A MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE MILL LEVY RATE ADJUSTMENT

SHALL ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO OFFSET REVENUE LOSSES FROM REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION (IN PARTICULAR TO OFFSET REVENUES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE LOST DUE TO THE "GALLAGHER AMENDMENT" TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION) BY INCREASING ITS OPERATING MILL LEVY BEGINNING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2020 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, SO THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUE COLLECTED IS THE SAME AS IF SUCH CHANGES HAD NOT OCCURRED?

**Supplemental Information\***

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2018 (estimated)	\$1,690,152.40
2017 (actual)	\$2,060,184.00
2016 (actual)	\$1,463,938.00
2015 (actual)	\$1,292,115.00
2014 (actual)	\$1,324,588.00

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018: 28%  
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018: \$365,564.40

\*Proposed District Revenue Impact of Mill Levy Rate Adjustment:

Estimated maximum dollar amount impact of adjustment in 2019:	\$	0.00
Estimated 2019 spending without the adjustment (The 2019 estimate is based upon preliminary total District assessed valuation and 2019 budget estimates and can be less or more based upon final actual certified assessed valuation and receipt of grants, donations and other charitable contributions or other unanticipated revenues.):		\$ 1,710,099.48

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6A:**

Every time our community has asked our Fire District to step up and help, they have risen to the occasion. This measure is an opportunity for the community to show our support for our Fire District and all they do for us.

A key point of support for this measure is that the Fire District is NOT asking for an increase in their tax revenue. The requested issue will enable the Fire District to capture revenues lost due to the Gallagher Amendment. Gallagher was added to the State Constitution in 1982 to help relieve property tax levels for homeowners by setting their Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) at 21% and Commercial Assessment Rates at 29%. The amendment also required the ratio of property values in the state to maintain 45% residential, 55% all other property types. As we have experienced



significant residential growth in our state, the RAR has been consistently dropped to 18%, then 15%, then 12%, then 9%, down to 7.96% in 2003. It then dropped again to 7.2% in 2017 and is expected to drop again to 6.11% in 2019. Even the creator of the amendment has admitted it has had unintended impacts on special districts state wide.

In our Fire District, this amendment results in decreased property tax revenues that are beyond the District's control. And simply put, a decrease in revenues translates to a decrease in service. At the same time, our demands on our local Fire District has continually increased. The number and type of calls expands every year, and our 95% volunteer force has found a way to get the training, add the skills, and show up to solve our problem.

Since becoming a Special District in 2010 (approved in 2009), the Fire District has not once asked to increase their modest rate of 1.95 mills – and they still aren't. Thanks to a partial mix of sales tax from the Town of Estes Park, this comparatively low tax rate can remain low (the next lowest mill levy for a Fire District in Larimer County is >7.6). A median value home in Estes Park of \$500,000 pays a mere \$70.20 for fire protection and gets a top-notch organization for it. Thanks to the structure of the question, homeowners will still see a decrease in their taxes when an adjustment of the RAR occurs.

The Fire District has demonstrated they are good stewards with the money they receive – continually finding ways to better serve their community without asking for additional tax revenue. They have been able to upgrade their fleet to more modern equipment, all without having to come back to us asking for an increase.

Approval of this measure will help the Fire District continue to provide us with superb service at a reasonable price. We ask a great deal of our firefighters, and this simple request is a realistic and inexpensive way for us to continue to support their efforts without sacrificing our safety or service.

#### **Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
LARIMER, COLORADO**

**Election Date:**

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

**Election Hours:**

**7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:**

Glacier View Fire Protection District  
1414 Green Mountain Drive  
Livermore, CO 80536

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 6B  
MILL LEVY INCREASE**

SHALL GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$93,643 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2018 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2019) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 4.0 MILLS, TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING CRITICAL FIRE, AMBULANCE, RESCUE AND OTHER EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES TO ITS FAST-GROWING COMMUNITIES, 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?

**Total Glacier View Fire Protection District Fiscal Year Spending:**

2018 - (estimated)	\$ 103,691.10
2017 - (actual)	\$ 136,709.65
2016 - (actual)	\$ 113,698.73
2015 - (actual)	\$ 104,242.27
2014 - (actual)	\$ 126,604.00

Overall Percentage Change From 2014 to 2018: -18%

Overall Dollar Change From 2014 to 2018: \$ -22,913.00

**Glacier View Fire Protection District's Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for First Full Fiscal Year of Proposed Tax Increase and Estimated First Full Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:**

Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for First Full Fiscal Year of Proposed Tax Increase: \$ 93,643.00

Estimated First Full Fiscal Year Spending without Proposed Tax Increase: \$ 104,000.00

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

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

The proposal to increase the mill levy for the Glacier View Fire Protection District (GVFPD) has been a part of the District's Board of Director's strategic plan for years. As population and costs increase, the board is responsible for the critical decisions of how to maintain and improve the public safety needs of the district. If approved, the ballot issue 6B would add four mills to the district's mill levy resulting in a total mill levy of 11.65 mills. It is estimated that the additional four mills would raise total tax revenue from \$139,321 in 2018 to \$212,170 in 2019. The four mills would add an extra monthly cost of about \$12.00 for each property with \$500,000 in market value.

The board has budgeted spending the new funding to 1) recruit, equip, and train additional first responders commensurate with the square miles in the district and the projected increase of population; 2) properly maintain aging equipment; and 3) address operating expenses, facilities, and personnel equipment and training.

With the limited revenues the GVFPD now collects, it is barely able to keep pace with monthly operational costs. The last mill levy increase was in 2003. Costs for the gear for the first responders have gone up 6 times over those 15 years, and operational costs for fuel, utilities, building and truck maintenance, and training have also increased. Lacking the mill levy increase will hinder the ability of the district to maintain the kind of emergency services that citizens rightfully demand.

The GVFPD has always been active in pursuing donations and will continue to do so. However, those are projected to provide 5% of the funding needed at best.

Proponents believe this mill levy increase needs to go into effect in the tax year 2019 in order to protect our assets and meeting the district's obligations to maintain and stay current with the level of services that protect lives and property that are now rendered to the community.

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**WELLINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ADJUST MILL LEVY 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

County Election Office:

200 W. Oak Street, Fifth Floor  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
Telephone: (970)498-7820

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 6C**

IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND ONLY IF THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE IS REDUCED BELOW THE CURRENT RATE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SHALL THE WELLINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICT) BE PERMITTED TO ADJUST ITS PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY TO OFFSET ANY RESULTING DECREASE IN REVENUE; 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 CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATIONS INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

**Fiscal Year Spending Information:**

2018 (estimated)	\$2,230,473
2017 (actual)	\$2,158,277
2016 (actual)	\$2,643,915
2015 (actual)	\$1,720,255
2014 (actual)	\$1,531,204
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	45.67%
Overall dollar amount of change:	\$ 669,269
Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax extension authorized by ballot issue:	\$2,350,000
Estimated 2019 maximum tax extension authorized by ballot issue:	\$ 0

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**Summary of written comments FOR Ballot Issue 6C:**

VOTE YES on Issue 6C to support your fire department!

The Wellington Fire Protection District provides fire and rescue services to us and our neighbors and we pay for that service through our property tax each year. In 2017, we, as Wellington taxpayers approved the first district tax increase in 17 years to maintain and enhance these essential services. This taxpayer authorized funding is threatened by two colliding statewide amendments that change the way our taxes are calculated. Beginning in 2020, the statewide Gallagher and TABOR Amendments allow the State to undercut what we approved for OUR firefighters.

From my understanding this is how it works: an updated statewide calculation pushes down assessment rates on residential properties which, while slightly reducing property tax, will dramatically cut revenues to the fire district. If we don't address this by VOTING YES ON ISSUE 6C the fire district will lose over \$300,000 in 2020 (equal to 6 FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS) and even more annually thereafter. This cut will strangle the services we previously approved!

Voting YES on 6C would allow for a mill levy adjustment and extend current revenue to offset these statewide, compounding amendments which will cripple our fire and rescue services. Voting YES on 6C means OUR fire and rescue services will be protected and maintained. Please join me in voting YES on 6C!

**Summary of written comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6C:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO  
 AUTUMN CREEK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 63  
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local election office address: 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 6D**

SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED \$13,000 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST YEAR) OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT AS IS RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED AUTUMN CREEK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 63 BY THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES AT A MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 25.210 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 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 AUTUMN CREEK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 63 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 2018 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

**Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending	
2018 (estimated)	\$ 0	
2017 (actual)	\$ 0	
2016 (actual)	\$ 0	
2015 (actual)	\$ 0	
2014 (actual)	\$ 0	
Overall percentage change from 2014 through 2018		0%
Overall dollar change from 2014 through 2018		\$ 0
Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of increase for fiscal year 2019:		\$13,000
Estimate of the spending for fiscal year 2019 without the increase:		\$ 0

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6D:**

Larimer County does NOT maintain the public roads in the Vista Largo subdivision. Property owners in the subdivision are responsible for road maintenance and street repair. Voting yes to form the Autumn Creek Public Improvement District (PID) will provide the necessary collection of funds through the county property tax process, allow for volume discounts on labor and materials for road repairs and maintenance, and, if one itemizes on income taxes, taxes paid into the PID will be tax

deductible. The 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. The flexibility of the mill levy amount, coupled with the County Engineers and Advisory Board Road Maintenance Committee's decisions, will ensure that funds are collected properly, invested by the County Treasurer, and will be available to establish and execute a road maintenance program for the subdivision to keep property values growing. The PID is a long term plan for our community. Property owners and committee volunteers will come and go but the PID will provide stability and consistency for carrying out the road maintenance plan. Please consider a YES vote in November to form the Autumn Creek PID for roads in the Vista Largo subdivision.

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6D:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO  
 SOARING PEAKS RANCHES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 64  
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local election office address: 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 6E**

SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED \$25,000 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST YEAR) OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT AS IS RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED SOARING PEAKS RANCHES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 64 BY THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES AT A MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 25.630 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 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 SOARING PEAKS RANCHES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 64 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 2018 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending</b>	
2018 (estimated)	\$ 0	
2017 (actual)	\$ 0	
2016 (actual)	\$ 0	
2015 (actual)	\$ 0	
2014 (actual)	\$ 0	
Overall percentage change from 2014 through 2018		0%
Overall dollar change from 2014 through 2018		\$ 0
Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of increase for fiscal year 2019:		\$25,000
Estimate of the spending for fiscal year 2019 without the increase:		\$ 0

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6E:**

Larimer County does Not maintain the public roads in the Soaring Peaks Ranches (SPR) subdivision. SPR homeowners are responsible for the road maintenance and street repairs, as well as snow plowing costs in the Soaring Peaks subdivision. Failure to adequately maintain the Soaring Peaks streets could result in homeowner assessments in the thousands of dollars per home owner from liability issues. Voting yes to form a PID will provide the necessary collection of funds through the property tax process, allow for volume discounts on labor and materials for road repairs and maintenance, and unlike HOA dues, taxes paid into the PID may be tax deductible if one itemizes on income taxes. The flexibility of the PID mill levy amount, coupled with the SPR HOA Road



Maintenance Committee's decisions, will ensure that funds are collected properly, invested by the County Treasurer, and will be available to establish and execute a road maintenance program for the subdivision to keep property values growing, as well as keeping HOA dues and fees very minimal. Please consider a YES vote in November to form a Public Improvement District for roads in the Soaring Peaks Ranches subdivision.

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6E:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO  
 LARIMER COUNTY RIVIERA ESTATES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 65  
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local election office address: 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 6F**

SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED \$20,000 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST YEAR) OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT AS IS RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED RIVIERA ESTATES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 65 BY THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES AT A MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 27.290 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 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 RIVIERA ESTATES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 65 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 2018 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

**Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2018 (estimated)	\$ 0
2017 (actual)	\$ 0
2016 (actual)	\$ 0
2015 (actual)	\$ 0
2014 (actual)	\$ 0
Overall percentage change from 2014 through 2018	0%
Overall dollar change from 2014 through 2018	\$ 0
Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of increase for fiscal year 2019:	\$20,000
Estimate of the spending for fiscal year 2019 without the increase:	\$ 0

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6F:**

Proposed PID will help in the maintenance and improvement of our road over the next 20 plus years. It will allow our Home Owners Association the ability to grow our reserves so that needed upcoming road repairs will be fiscally possible. A yes vote on this will allow our road committee to utilize the resources of the county including an engineer to oversee proper work, bulk discounts with other county projects and warranty on the work. Proper maintenance of our roads will again help ensure that large costly repairs through the years don't occur. The funds collected will still be kept in a Riviera Estates PID fund and will only be utilized for our roads needing repairs.

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6F:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO  
 LARIMER COUNTY CARTER LAKE HEIGHTS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 66  
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local election office address: 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 6G**

SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED \$19,000 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST YEAR) OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT AS IS RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED CARTER LAKE HEIGHTS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 66 BY THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES AT A MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 18.213 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 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 CARTER LAKE HEIGHTS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 66 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 2018 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

**Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending</b>
2018 (estimated)	\$ 0
2017 (actual)	\$ 0
2016 (actual)	\$ 0
2015 (actual)	\$ 0
2014 (actual)	\$ 0
Overall percentage change from 2014 through 2018	0%
Overall dollar change from 2014 through 2018	\$ 0
Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of increase for fiscal year 2019:	\$19,000
Estimate of the spending for fiscal year 2019 without the increase:	\$ 0

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6G:**

Larimer County has never maintained Carter Lake Heights neighborhood roads. Creating a PID gives our community access to professional knowledge (County Engineers and Professional road crews) and funds to improve our roads unlike this community has never seen. Currently there are a handful of people maintaining almost 2 miles of road which is barely accessible for emergency services. The PID will create a mill levy which collects funds from all landowners and is the fairest way to distribute the responsibility amongst everyone for safe access to our homes. Having our districts funds managed by Larimer County, allows them to get volume discounts on labor and materials and also

allows the funds to be tax deductible if one itemizes on income taxes. The funds collected by the county will then go directly to our district to carry out professional improvements to our roads. Improvements to our existing roads will provide reliable access for homeowners and emergency services. Please consider a Yes vote on this ballot issue because if you know these roads, you know they need to be improved.

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6G:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ADJUST MILL LEVY ON A REFERRED MEASURE**  
**BERTHOUD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 6, 2018

Election hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Designated Election Official:

Debra S. Graves, DEO  
275 Mountain Ave.  
Berthoud, CO 80513  
970-532-2264 ext. 101

County election office address and phone number: 200 W. Oak Street, Ft. Collins, CO,  
970-498-7820

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 7B**

IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND ONLY IF THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE IS REDUCED BELOW THE CURRENT RATE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SHALL THE BERTHOUD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICT) BE PERMITTED TO ADJUST ITS PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY TO OFFSET ANY DECREASE IN REVENUE CAUSED BY THE REDUCTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE; 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 CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2014 (actual)	\$ 2,541,178.00
2015 (actual)	\$ 2,794,644.00
2016 (actual)	\$ 3,344,310.00
2017 (actual)	\$ 3,961,376.00
2018 (estimated)	\$ 3,700,000.00

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending  
over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: 31.32 %

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending  
over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: \$ 1,158,822.00

Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the  
tax extension authorized by ballot issue 7B: \$ 3,749,141.59

Estimated 2019 maximum tax extension authorized by ballot issue 7B: \$ 0.00

**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7B:**

A "Yes" vote on issue 7B will secure long term fiscal sustainability for the Berthoud Fire Protection District. The Fire District provides professional and quality fire protection, rescue, emergency medical and community outreach services to its residents. A "Yes" vote on issue 7B is not a property tax

increase, issue 7B stabilizes the current residential assessment rate. The Fire District has proven to be responsible stewards of tax payer dollars; lowering property owners insurance premiums and eliminating its bond debt mill levy three years early. The Fire District imposed, with local government approval, "impact fees" on new construction to fund future fire stations and fire trucks. A "Yes" vote on issue 7B will provide the District the financial means to operationally meet the growing demand for emergency services and maintain lowered home and commercial property insurance premiums.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7B:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ADJUST MILL LEVY ON A REFERRED MEASURE**  
**FRONT RANGE FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**LARIMER COUNTY COLORADO**

Election date: November 6, 2018

Election hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local election office address and phone number:

Front Range Fire Rescue Fire Protection District  
101 S. Irene Ave. Milliken, CO 80543  
info@frfr.co  
DEO/Christine Champlin (970) 587-4464

County election office address and phone number:

200 W. Oak Street, Fifth Floor, Fort Collins, CO 80521  
HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (except holidays)  
EMAIL: elections@co.larimer.co.us  
PHONE: (970) 498-7820

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 7C**

IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND ONLY IF THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE IS REDUCED BELOW THE CURRENT RATE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SHALL THE FRONT RANGE FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICT) BE PERMITTED TO ADJUST ITS PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY TO OFFSET ANY RESULTING DECREASE IN REVENUE; 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 CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2014 (actual)	\$ 2,854,006
2015 (actual)	\$ 2,496,000
2016 (actual)	\$ 2,705,280
2017 (actual)	\$ 2,833,559
2018 (estimated)	\$ 3,901,763

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending  
over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: % .26

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending  
over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: \$ 1,047,757

Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the  
tax extension authorized by ballot issue 7C: \$ 4,307,201

Estimated 2019 maximum tax extension authorized by ballot issue 7C: \$ 0



**Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7C:**

The first thing to know is that this amendment is NOT a tax increase. If passed, this amendment will counteract the Gallagher Amendment and allow FRFR to stabilize its revenue at its current valuation, in order to continue providing the high level of service that our communities currently receive. As of now, the Gallagher Amendment will result in an estimated loss of \$260,000 in tax revenue a year starting in 2020, for FRFR. In turn, the department will lose the funding needed to purchase equipment needed for life saving emergencies, the ability to provide adequate training for those employees of FRFR and the accessibility to offer competitive salaries to the men and women who serve. By voting in favor of this amendment, you are helping FRFR to continue to provide expedient and exceptional care throughout Milliken, Johnstown and the surrounding areas.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7C:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**POUDRE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

102 Remington Street

Fort Collins, CO 80524

Telephone: 970-416-2837

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 7D**

SHALL POUDRE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$0.00 (ZERO DOLLARS) IN COLLECTION YEAR 2019; AND IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE EVENT THAT THE COLORADO RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE IS REDUCED BELOW THE CURRENT RATE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT), SHALL THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPERATING MILL LEVY RATE OF 10.595 MILLS BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY TO OFFSET NET TAX REVENUE LOSSES RESULTING FROM CHANGES IN THE RATIO OF VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY AND FROM REFUNDS AND ABATEMENTS; AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW; FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING:

- MAINTAINING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT;
- MEETING INCREASED DEMAND FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES;
- PROVIDING SAFETY GEAR AND FIRE ENGINES FOR FIREFIGHTER-EMTS;
- PROVIDING COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION SERVICES INCLUDING SAFETY EDUCATION, INSPECTIONS, AND FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT; AND
- PROVIDING TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FOR LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL RESPONSE, RESCUE SERVICES, WATER RESCUE, WILDFIRE RESPONSE, AND OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2018 (estimated)	\$ 6,922,568
2017 (actual)	\$ 7,972,932
2016 (actual)	\$ 8,791,953
2015 (actual)	\$ 5,297,245
2014 (actual)	\$ 4,759,529

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018:

45.45%

Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018:

\$ 2,163,039

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:

\$ 0

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:

\$ 6,972,800

## **Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:**

### **Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7D:**

VOTE Yes on Issue 7D to support your fire department

The Poudre Valley Fire Protection District partners with the City of Fort Collins to provide fire and rescue services to us and our neighbors through the Poudre Fire Authority. We pay for that service through our property taxes each year.

The fire District's funding is threatened by a change in the way that our taxes are calculated because of the statewide Gallagher Amendment and the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). These measures were passed state-wide but will hurt our ability to decide for ourselves how much we will pay for our highly valued fire and rescue service. Starting in 2020, this problem will cut funding for our firefighters. If we don't fix this problem, our local services will suffer.

Here's how it works: the state-wide calculation pushes down assessment rates on residential properties, which would be good for homeowners, except that it cuts the budget of the fire department. If we don't do something about this by voting Yes on Issue 7D, the fire District will lose \$570,000 in 2020. That is a 10% cut in fire and rescue service funding in 2020, and those cuts would increase each year. This will strangle our fire department and put all of us at risk for not having the high quality service we've come to expect from our fire department.

This ballot question would allow the mill levy rate to "float" to maintain the funding of the fire District. That means that we know that a statewide constitutional amendment won't hurt OUR fire and rescue service.

The important thing to know about voting yes on Issue 7D is that the District's funding will increase \$0 in the first year. Zero Dollars.

The District will be able to adjust its mill levy rate in future years to offset Gallagher Amendment revenue reductions to allow the District to provide fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services, including:

- maintaining emergency response services throughout the district;
- meeting increased demand for emergency services;
- providing safety gear and fire engines for firefighter-EMTs;
- providing community risk reduction services including safety education, inspections, and fire code enforcement; and
- providing training and equipment for life-saving medical response, rescue services, water rescue, wildfire response, and other emergency response service.

Please join your neighbors in supporting our fire and rescue services and our firefighters by voting Yes on 7D

### **Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7D:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

## **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.

Angela Myers  
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