



# LARIMER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

**GENERAL ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020  
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  
Phone: (970) 498-7820  
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Website: [www.votelarimer.org](http://www.votelarimer.org)

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 3, 2020, between the hours of 7AM and 7PM.

The election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballot materials will be mailed during the week of October 12, 2020, to every active, registered voter.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail (postage is 55 cents) or hand delivered to a designated ballot drop-off location or a Voter Service and Polling Center.

After October 26, 2020, it is recommended that voters personally deliver their ballot to any of the drop-off locations listed in the following pages of this Notice.

Ballots must be RECEIVED at the Larimer County Elections Office, a designated ballot drop-off location or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Ballots received after 7PM 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.

## **BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS**

**(Open October 12 – November 3)**

**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 7PM Election Night:**

### **Berthoud**

Berthoud Community Library, 236 Welch Ave.

### **Estes Park**

Estes Park Vehicle Licensing Office, 1601 Brodie Ave.

Estes Park Municipal Building, 170 MacGregor Ave.

### **Fort Collins**

Colorado State University, Lory Student Center

Elks Lodge, 1424 E. Mulberry St.

Fort Collins Police Services, 2221 S. Timberline Rd.

Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr.

Harmony Library, 4616 S. Shields St.

Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak St.

Larimer County Human Services, 1501 Blue Spruce Dr.

South Transit Center, 4915 Fossil Blvd.

### **LaPorte**

Overland Foods, 3333 County Road 54G

### **Loveland**

Loveland Police & Courts, 810 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave.

Loveland Vehicle Licensing Office, 200 Peridot Ave.

### **Red Feather Lakes**

Red Feather Lakes Community Library, 71 Fire House Ln.

### **Timnath**

Timnath Public Works Building, 4800 Goodman Rd.

### **Wellington**

Wellington Public Library, 3800 Wilson Ave.

## **GROCERY STORE BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

**(Open October 30 – November 3)**

### **Fort Collins**

King Soopers, 2602 S. Timberline Rd.

King Soopers, 1842 N. College Ave.

Safeway, 1426 E. Harmony Rd.

Safeway, 2160 W. Drake Rd.

### **Loveland**

King Soopers, 1275 Eagle Dr.

**Voters may drop off their voted ballot at the above grocery store locations. Ballots will be accepted at these locations only during the following dates and times:**

**Friday, October 30 (8AM – 5PM)**

**Saturday, October 31 (8AM – 5PM)**

**Monday, November 2 (8AM – 5PM)**

**Tuesday, November 3, *Election Day* (7AM – 7PM)**

**VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPC)**  
**(Open October 19 – November 3)**

**Estes Park**

Estes Valley Community Center, 660 Community Dr.

**Fort Collins**

Colorado State University, Lory Student Center

Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak St.

**Loveland**

Loveland Police & Courts Building, 810 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

**Voters may drop off their voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change their address, register to vote, or vote on an ADA accessible voting machine at the above Voter Service and Polling Centers only during the following dates and times:**

**Monday thru Friday**, October 19 – October 30 (8AM – 5PM)

**Saturday**, October 31 (8AM – 5PM)

**Monday**, November 2 (8AM – 5PM)

**Tuesday**, November 3, *Election Day* (7AM – 7PM)

**Additional Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC)**  
**(Open October 30 – November 3)**

**Fort Collins**

Council Tree Covenant Church, 4825 S. Lemay Ave.

Clearwater Church, 2700 S. Lemay Ave.

Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd.

Elks Lodge, 1424 E. Mulberry St.

**Loveland**

Grace Community Church, 240 Barberry Pl.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4650 Sunview Dr.

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

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**Saturday**, October 31 (8AM – 5PM)

**Monday**, November 2 (8AM – 5PM)

**Tuesday**, November 3, *Election Day* (7AM – 7PM)

**Additional Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC)**  
**(Open November 2 – November 3)**

**Fort Collins**

Front Range Community College, Longs Peak Student Center

**Voters may drop off their voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change their address, register to vote, or vote on an ADA accessible voting machine at the above Voter Service and Polling Centers only during the following dates and times:**

**Monday**, November 2 (8AM – 5PM)

**Tuesday**, November 3, *Election Day* (7AM – 7PM)

**Additional Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC)**  
**(Open November 3)**

**Berthoud**

Brookside Gardens, 619 E. County Road 8

**Fort Collins**

Council Tree Library, 2733 Council Tree Ave.

Hilton Hotel, 425 W. Prospect Rd.

**LaPorte**

American Legion, 2124 County Road 54G

**Loveland**

The Ranch, 5280 Arena Cir.

**Wellington**

River of Life Fellowship, 3161 County Road 62E

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**Tuesday**, November 3, *Election Day* (7AM – 7PM)

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**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
 ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO  
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 3, 2020

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

Local Election Office Address: Sue Blair, Community Resource Services of Colorado, LLC, 7995 E. Prentice Ave, Suite 103E, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

Telephone Number: (303) 381-4960

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**Ballot Issue 7A**

SHALL ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$3,337,003 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY OF 1.25 MILLS (WHICH INCREASE AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$9 IN 2021 FOR EVERY \$100,000 IN RESIDENTIAL HOME VALUE), FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE DISTRICT'S WATER PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES:

- PROTECT WATER QUALITY IN DRINKING WATER SOURCES;
- MAINTAIN HEALTHY RIVERS AND CREEKS;
- SAFEGUARD AND CONSERVE DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION;
- PROTECT FORESTS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO WATER SUPPLY AND REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRES;

WITH OVERSIGHT BY THE APPOINTED BOARD OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH INCREASE BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, OR SPENT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES AND AS AN EXEMPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY?

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

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2016 (actual)	\$ 376,176
2017 (actual)	\$ 307,535
2018 (actual)	\$ 419,755
2019 (actual)	\$ 519,591
2020 (estimated)	\$ 474,025

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 through 2020: 26%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 through 2020: \$ 97,849

Estimated 2021 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 7A: \$ 514,939

Estimated 2021 maximum tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 7A: \$3,337,003

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

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 7A:**

Threats to our water quality and supply are increasing. The District's Water Plan addresses these threats and new revenue will allow the District to leverage additional funding from private partners to meet those threats more quickly. The requested tax would sunset (expire) after 10 years, allowing voters the ability to evaluate the benefits of the District's work and decide on the value of any tax extension. Proactive creek improvements and wildfire mitigation are far less costly than reactive disaster recovery, and the District currently lacks funding for this essential work. The District's current property tax assessment is 0.156 mills, which generated \$421,000 revenue to the District in 2020. As an illustration, the current levy amounts to 46 cents per month tax on a \$500,000 residential property. This is the first time in the District's 50-year history that it has requested an increase in mill levy. The ballot measure would add 1.25 mills to the District's current levy and provide approximately \$3.3 million of additional revenue annually, enabling the District to aggressively defend our water quality, water supplies, and riparian environment, all essential to our quality of life. This measure provides substantial community benefit at a very reasonable cost.

The 2020 wildfires and 2013 flood are reminders of how vulnerable our forests and water supplies are to disaster. This small tax can be used to make our community and watersheds more resilient to these severe events. Our quality of life benefits from this life-giving valley where St. Vrain and Left Hand Creeks run through it. With a plan that includes efforts to improve fish habitat and increase water availability for local food, this tax fits perfectly with our community values.

For an annual investment of just \$9 per \$100,000 in property value, we can generate funding to ensure high quality, sustainable water supplies. This money will be spent in OUR basin that provides OUR water supply. Our community does not currently have a dedicated source of funds to protect and enhance this critical life sustaining element -- our water.

Previous generations invested in water. Those investments are one of the reasons this area is such a tremendous place to live and work. The District has put forward a vision for selfless, regional solutions that provide for a desired future that we can all benefit from now and into the future. It is our time to invest in water. This is a tax I can finally support.

Water shouldn't be politicized. The District is a trusted local government led by volunteers. These selfless leaders have worked hard to put forward a plan that ensures our water will be available for our community, the environment, and local food production.

Support the plan proposed, as it (1) protects water quality and water sources; (2) safeguards and conserves drinking water; (3) creates water for local food production; (4) banks water for climate change; (5) maintains healthy rivers and creeks. This is a small tax that has a tremendous return on investment for current and future generations.

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 7A:**

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angela Myers".

Angela Myers  
Larimer County Clerk & Recorder

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