

Notice of Election

BY MAIL BALLOT
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / TO RETAIN EXCESS REVENUES / TO
INCREASE DEBT ON A CITIZEN PETITION / ON A REFERRED MEASURE

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ADAMS COUNTY COLORADO

CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE



To Registered Voters:

The 2018 General Election includes local issues that impact you. This booklet contains information provided by local jurisdictions regarding tax or debt-related issues on the ballot, and state statute requires my office to send it to you. I hope you will find this information helpful.

Ballots will be mailed to active voters starting on Monday, Oct. 15. You may register to vote or verify your voter registration at **GoVoteColorado.com** to ensure you receive a ballot. Please note, because of the number of contests in this election, the ballot is two pages—one of which is front and back. Don't forget to include both pages when you return your voted ballot!

You may return your ballot by mail with \$0.50 postage (one Forever stamp), or deliver it for free to any of our 24-Hour Drop Boxes by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 6. Citizens may also visit any of our early-voting Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) from Oct. 22 – Nov. 6. Additional VSPCs open on Monday, Nov. 5. For your convenience, we've added additional Drop Box and VSPC locations for this election. See all locations on the back of this booklet.

To learn more about Adams County's elections process and security, or to sign up for our free ballot tracking service, BallotTrax, visit **AdamsVotes.com** or scan the QR code below.



Regards,

Stan Martin
Adams County Clerk and Recorder



About This Booklet

This pamphlet contains summary statements for ballot propositions as required by the State of Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20, also known as the **Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)**.

This information contained in this booklet was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.

The Adams County Clerk & Recorder does not warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the summaries as submitted by other political subdivisions, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of the submitted statements.

A **"YES"** vote on any issue is in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances; a **"NO"** vote on any issue is against changing current law or existing circumstances. You may not have all issues on your ballot.

This notice is mailed to each address with one or more registered voters. Receipt of this notice does not mean that every resident of the household is eligible to vote.

This notice does not contain information on statewide measures. Find an analysis of statewide measures in the Colorado Legislative Council's Blue Book at **Colorado.gov/bluebook**.

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

**CITY OF ARVADA
Adams and Jefferson Counties, Colorado**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Kristen Rush, City Clerk
City of Arvada
8101 Ralston Road
Arvada, Colorado 80002
Telephone: (720) 898-7550

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3F:

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING ANY TAX RATE, SHALL THE CITY OF ARVADA DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$79.8 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$125 MILLION, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS AND FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BY ENHANCING INTERSECTIONS, SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS, AND IMPROVING DRIVER SAFETY BY EASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG MAJOR EAST-WEST ROADS IN THE CITY, SPECIFICALLY RALSTON ROAD BETWEEN YUKON AND GARRISON STREETS, AND ON 72ND AVENUE BETWEEN KIPLING AND SIMMS STREETS;

PROVIDED THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF PROCEEDS WILL BE MONITORED BY A COUNCIL APPOINTED OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF RESIDENTS, AND SUCH EXPENDITURES WILL BE REPORTED IN THE CITY'S INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AND NO PROCEEDS MAY BE USED FOR CITY ADMINISTRATION.

Total City Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>		
2018 (estimated)	\$ 164,049,000	*
2017 (actual)	\$ 132,853,000	*
2016 (actual)	\$ 145,569,000	*
2015 (actual)	\$ 122,718,000	
2014 (actual)	\$ 114,432,000	
Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018		43.36%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018		\$49,617,000

*The increase in estimated and actual expenditures for 2016, 2017 and 2018 is related to capital project spending on a few large projects.

Information on City's Proposed Debt*

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3F:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 79,800,000
Maximum Annual City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 6,200,000
Total City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$125,000,000

Information on City's Current Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$3,885,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$4,040,400
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$4,040,400

*Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3F:

Voting Yes on Arvada Issue 3F will fund critical road improvements on two of the City's major east-west travel corridors. The Issue 3F projects are focused on improving safety for pedestrians and drivers and reducing congestion across Arvada—without increasing taxes.

Issue 3F, placed unanimously on the 2018 ballot by Arvada City Council, seeks voter approval of a \$79.8 million bond, repaid out of current revenue without a tax increase, to significantly enhance safety and traffic flow along Ralston Road and West 72nd Avenue. The proposal includes transparency and accountability measures for taxpayers through annual reviews that will be released to the community. Additionally, the bonding funds will not go toward City administration and salaries.

Both projects are a direct response to public feedback following extensive outreach to gauge local needs and concerns. Arvada citizens provided their feedback through community surveys and a telephone town-hall meeting, an effort that was guided by the City and its Transportation Advisory Committee and two citizen capital improvement committees. Through this process, Arvadans made it clear that they want the City to prioritize safety and reducing traffic congestion.

Issue 3F's primary focus is the safety of Arvadans, including pedestrians and drivers. Anyone who has walked or driven along Ralston Road from Garrison to Yukon streets is familiar with the unsafe pedestrian conditions there. Access to buses and local businesses is limited. Improvements from the Ralston project will include widening travel lanes, rebuilding sidewalks and enhancing pedestrian crossings. The goal is substantially safer travel for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Along West 72nd Avenue, Issue 3F will allow for much needed sidewalks and bike lanes and will upgrade intersections with the latest traffic-signal technology. Once again, the objective is safety for all who travel along West 72nd. Another critical piece of the West 72nd project will be an underpass at the railroad crossing near Oak Street to alleviate current and future backups along this arterial corridor.

Issue 3F is a direct response by Arvada City Council to address citizen concerns about safety and traffic. Of the many services the City provides, one of the most fundamental is to keep traffic moving efficiently and safely. Arvadans expect City Hall to take up that responsibility with the highest degree of transparency and accountability. Issue 3F will help to accomplish that goal.

Issue 3F allows the City of Arvada to utilize existing City resources, instead of asking for a tax increase. By bonding, the City is able to leverage current funding to pay off the bonds—allowing these projects to start immediately after voter approval and move toward completion faster, with fewer disruptions to the community.

Voting Yes on Issue 3F allow Arvadans to place a higher priority on public safety, reducing traffic congestion and increasing mobility—for all residents of the City. Please take time to complete and return your ballot. And please be sure to Vote Yes on Issue 3F for Safer Streets in Arvada.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3F:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

CITY OF AURORA

ELECTION DATE: November 6, 2018
ELECTION HOURS: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CITY OF AURORA
15151 E. ALAMEDA PARKWAY
AURORA, CO 80012
KAREN GOLDMAN, DEO
303-739-7094; 303-739-7637

Ballot Title and Text:

CITY OF AURORA REFERRED BALLOT ISSUE 3G
MEDICAL MARIJUANA SALES AND USE TAX

SHALL AURORA TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1,800,000.00 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF SUCH INCREASE, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL 4.0% SALES AND USE TAX ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS; PROVIDED THAT (I) THE RATE OF SUCH TAX MAY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE DOES NOT EXCEED 10%, AND (II) THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX SHALL BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 11-27 OF THE AURORA CHARTER, OR ANY OTHER LAW WHICH PURPORTS TO LIMIT AURORA'S REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2018 (estimated)	\$390,495,241
2017 (actual)	\$371,602,947
2016 (actual)	\$356,621,287
2015 (actual)	\$348,266,377
2014 (actual)	\$334,408,489

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2014 to 2018 16.8%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: \$56,086,752

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$1,800,000

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$420,000,000

COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF BALLOT ISSUE 3G

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline

COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO BALLOT ISSUE 3G

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline

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

CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Local Election Office: Patti K. Lowell
City of Federal Heights
2380 W. 90th Ave.
Federal Heights, CO 80260
(303) 412-3536

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

SHALL THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO, TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$683,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2019) AND WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN INCREASE IN BOTH THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX BY ONE QUARTER PERCENT COMMENCING WITH LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION IN THE YEAR 2019, AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER; SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING CURRENT LEVELS OF FIRE, AMBULANCE AND POLICE SERVICES, BY DEFRAYING OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSES FOR THE FIRE, AMBULANCE AND POLICE SERVICES, AND SHALL THE CITY BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAXES, AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT THEREOF, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Total Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2014 (Actual)	\$ 11,004,051
2015 (Actual)	\$ 11,876,075
2016 (Actual)	\$ 12,633,166
2017 (Actual)	\$ 12,988,164
2018 (Estimated)	\$ 15,162,378

Overall percentage change to FYS (2014-2018):	37.8%
Overall dollar change to FYS (2014-2018):	\$ 4,158,327
Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of the proposed tax increase for FY (2019):	\$ 683,000
Estimate of (2019) FYS without proposed tax increase:	\$ 15,720,385

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2A:

Voting Yes on 2A is a vote for the City to maintain its high quality and highly-valued ambulance, fire and police services. Expenses required to provide these services continue to grow at a rapid pace due in part to the increased expense of recruitment, training and retention of personnel, equipment and apparatus, care, treatment of patients and interoperability demands of communication equipment and facilities. A Yes vote means spending an additional 2 ½ pennies for every \$10 spent in Federal Heights. This is a small price to pay to help keep quality firefighters and police officers in our community. Many surrounding communities have a public safety tax and Federal Heights should not be the exception. The public safety tax would be paid for by everyone who shops in Federal Heights, not just the Federal Heights residents. These services are offered to anyone who needs them in Federal Heights, not just residents, so it makes sense that the financial burden isn't placed solely on the residents.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

CITY OF NORTHGLENN
ADAMS AND WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Local Election Office: Johanna Small, Designated Election Official
City of Northglenn
11701 Community Center Drive
Northglenn, CO 80233
(303) 450-8757

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 3E: MARIJUANA SALES TAX

SHALL CITY OF NORTHGLENN TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1,400,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING A NEW SALES TAX OF 4% ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA, AND RETAIL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE MUNICIPAL SALES TAX ON SUCH SALES, AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX BE COLLECTED AND SPENT TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES WITH THE RATE OF THE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE NO MORE THAN 1% ANNUALLY WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF TAXATION DOES NOT EXCEED 10%, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY EXPENDITURE, REVENUE RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, § 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total City Fiscal Year Spending:

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2018 (Estimated)	\$ 44,455,347
2017 (Actual)	\$ 43,201,285
2016 (Actual)	\$ 42,614,912
2015 (Actual)	\$ 40,696,273
2014 (Actual)	\$ 37,676,344
Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018	17.9%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018	\$ 6,779,003

First full fiscal year estimates:

Estimated 2019 new tax authorized by Ballot Issue 3E: \$ 1,400,000

Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the new tax authorized by Ballot Issue 3E: \$ 44,903,487

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3E:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3E:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

**Adams 12 Five Star Schools
County of Adams and the City and County of Broomfield**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Frances Mullins
Designated Election Official
Adams 12 Five Star Schools
1500 East 128th Avenue
Thornton, Colorado 80241
Telephone: 720-972-4007,
Fax: 720-972-4092

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5C:

SHALL ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$27 MILLION ANNUALLY COMMENCING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2019 AND IN EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AND INCREASED FOR INFLATION BASED ON THE ANNUAL CHANGES IN THE DENVER-BOULDER CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF BY ALLOWING THE DISTRICT TO OFFER COMPETITIVE, MARKET-VALUE WAGES;
- IMPROVING STUDENT SAFETY BY SECURING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ENTRYWAYS, AND CLASSROOMS;
- EXPANDING VOCATIONAL, JOB TRAINING, AND CAREER-FOCUSED PROGRAMS;
- ALLOWING THE DISTRICT TO REDUCE CLASS SIZES AND MANAGE GROWTH;
- EXPANDING COURSE OFFERINGS IN SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS LIKE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH, AS WELL AS ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND OTHER COURSES;
- UPDATING TEXTBOOKS AND LEARNING MATERIALS THAT ARE OUTDATED OR DON'T MEET CURRENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS;

ANY FUNDS EXPENDED PURSUANT TO THIS QUESTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO STATE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND DISTRICT POLICIES FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY;

AND SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S.; 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 UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2018-2019 (estimated)	\$443,708,904
2017-2018 (unaudited)	\$425,529,656
2016-2017 (actual)	\$404,632,411
2015-2016 (actual)	\$401,813,607*
2014-2015 (actual)	\$406,385,772**
Overall percentage change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	9.2%
Overall dollar change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	\$37,323,132

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Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2019-20
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5C: \$27,000,000

District Estimate of 2019-20 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$521,456,635***

*Includes \$3,000,000 of proceeds of general obligation bonds and Certificate of Participation refunding proceeds as well as proceeds from a bus lease financing.

**Includes \$27.9 million of proceeds from a Certificate of Participation financing.

***This number is a good faith estimate only and assumes the passage of Amendment 73, which will be considered by the voters of the State on November 6, 2018, and is based on information and projections received by the District from other sources

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5C:

Vote Yes on 5C. Our community is growing rapidly and no one feels that more than our schools. Adams 12 Five Star Schools has grown by more than 2,000 students over the last 5 years, and all that growth is increasing class sizes and stretching school resources thin. New funding is critical to address our schools' biggest needs, including:

Providing competitive teacher pay in order to retain and attract high-quality teachers.

Expanding successful job training, workforce readiness, and vocational education programs so that every student is on the path to a good-paying job.

Updating outdated textbooks and learning materials to allow our kids to be competitive in the 21st century economy. Nearly 50% of textbooks and learning materials are out-of-date.

Securing school entryways and classrooms, ensuring that the only people in our schools are the people who are supposed to be there.

High quality schools in our community attract businesses and good jobs, and make life better for all of us. We are fortunate because Adams 12 Five Star schools have been high quality schools for a long time. However, the chronic underfunding of our public schools is taking a toll and is placing our students, schools, and community at risk. Our schools belong to us, the taxpayer, and now is the time to vote yes on this critical mill levy override, Ballot Issue 5C.

Since the state first started cutting education funding in the 2009-2010 school year, Adams 12 Five Star Schools has experienced a cumulative shortfall of \$373 million. The cut for funding in 2018-19 alone is \$32 million. And even though our economy is thriving, state allocations have not kept up with inflation and growing student enrollment. In the 2016-17 school year, Adams 12 was funded about 11.5% lower than the 2008-2009 school year.

Over the last 10 years, the average number of students per class has increased, especially at our middle and high school levels. Our district struggles to attract and retain high quality teachers because it doesn't offer competitive salaries to new teachers.

5C will provide the funding to address these urgent issues. Adams 12 Five Star Schools' five-year strategic plan, ELEVATE, was developed with the involvement of more than 7,000 people and reflects the community's priorities for "Elevating" student success and making every school a high-quality school. 5C means an investment of \$6.48/month per \$100,000 home value. All 38,000 students attending Adams 12 schools are counting on us to invest in their future. After all, the children who are attending school today will be your plumber, electrician, doctor, mechanic, and neighbor tomorrow.

Adams 12 has a long and successful track record of being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars. Voters can be assured that the ballot language states that all funds from the mill levy override (5C) are "subject to state laws, regulations and district policies for accountability and transparency."

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5C:

Before approving any public school tax increase, the voters should demand that the following four common sense reforms be implemented:

1. Prohibit paying anyone to perform union work. Public schools exist to educate children — not to benefit the union. Tax funded union work is taxpayer abuse and has no place in a free civil society.

2. Abolish teacher tenure. Tenure protects low performing teachers at the expense of our children's education. Furthermore, protecting low performing teachers is insulting to the average and high performing teachers.

3. Slash the number of non-teaching employees. Almost half of Adams 12 employees are not teachers. That's almost one non-teaching employee for every teacher. Adams 12 has become bloated with non-teaching employees. The focus needs to be put back on the classroom by capping the number of non-teaching employees, to at most one non-teaching employee for every three teachers. That way, the number of non-teaching employees would be reduced from an outlandish 1,995 Full Time Equivalents to a more reasonable 695, which is more than enough for a district the size of Adams 12.

4. Enforce the Colorado law against seniority-based reduction-in-force (RIF) procedures, and remove these illegal procedures from union contracts. RIF the lowest performers first — not short timers.

If Adams 12 were to implement the above four common sense reforms, more than enough money would be saved to provide the funding for the items that the district proposes to fund with the ballot issue 5C tax increase.

Vote NO on 5C to help incentivize the district to implement discipline and prioritization in its spending.

Parents, teachers, taxpayers need to VOTE NO on 5C. We need to keep what affordable housing is left.

FACT: Over 10% of Adams County residents live in poverty and are least able to shoulder the burden of this property tax increase.

FACT: 80,000 Adams County households are already housing cost burdened meaning they pay over the standard set by Housing and Urban Development and as a result may experience difficulty affording other necessities such as food, clothing and medical care.

FACT: Adams County incomes are expected to increase slower than inflation causing the purchasing power of the average household to decrease on net over the next five years.

FACT: Adams 12 already has its budget increasing by the rate of inflation.

FACT: This property tax increase will raise the cost burden of housing making the limited supply of low income housing harder to attain.

FACT: This decrease in housing affordability will put an unexpected strain on local governments to make up the difference.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
Notice of Election to Increase Taxes
on a Referred Measure

Joint School District No. 28J Aurora Public Schools
Adams and Arapahoe Counties, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Aurora Public Schools
Educational Services Center 1
15701 E. 1st Ave.
Aurora, CO 80011
Telephone: (303) 344-8060

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5A:

SHALL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28J AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TAXES BE INCREASED \$35 MILLION IN COLLECTION YEAR 2019 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED 13.7 MILLS, FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

SUPPORTING STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY BY:

EXPANDING STAFF AND TRAINING DEDICATED TO STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH;

INCREASING PAY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS;

EXPANDING AFTER-SCHOOL LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR K THROUGH 5 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS;

ADDING AND PROVIDING SEAT BELTS ON BUSES;

BY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., SUCH ADDITIONAL TAXES TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND; 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 WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2018-2019 (estimated)	\$ 442,462,885
2017-2018 (estimated actual)	\$ 448,656,038
2016-17 (actual)	\$ 422,473,947
2015-16 (actual)	\$ 404,304,852
2014-15 (actual)	\$ 391,896,446
Overall percentage change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	12.90%
Overall dollar change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	\$50,566,439

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2019-20
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5A: \$35,000,000

District Estimate of 2019-20 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$501,455,577*

*This number is a good faith estimate only and assumes the passage of Amendment 73, which will be considered by the voters of the State on November 6, 2018, and is based on information and projections received by the District from other sources.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5A:

Yes on 5A – Safe Learning and High-Quality Teachers for Aurora’s Children

Aurora’s kids need you to Vote YES on 5A, which provides healthy and safe learning environments for students and helps Aurora Public Schools (APS) recruit and retain high-quality teachers for every classroom!

YES on 5A is Critical for Student Safety and Success:

Over the past two years, Colorado has dropped in national rankings from 19th to 48th in mental health programming provided to children.

State legislators took away \$39 million in funding from APS during the 2017-18 school year due to the Negative Factor. Colorado has consistently ranked near the bottom when it comes to K-12 education funding.

APS’ school counselor to student ratio is 1 to 804. National best practice recommends a ratio of 1 to 250. Our kids need more counselors/mental health professionals at schools to ensure safer learning environments for all students.

Over 55% of APS teachers have less than six years of experience. APS invests significant dollars in teacher training and professional development. The district needs your support to help retain these high-quality teachers because competition in the metro area is extremely tough.

Having high-quality teachers in every APS classroom helps maintain safe learning environments for our kids. Experienced teachers have a keen eye for early intervention!

Several other metro school districts are asking voters for funding this November. If they are successful and we are unsuccessful, those districts would have a competitive edge in attracting high-quality teachers. That would put our local economy at risk. Great schools are the foundation for competitive home values and a great community!

APS provides incredible value for the price. It’s all about being FRUGAL in Aurora! It has been more than six years since APS asked Aurora voters for operational support!

APS has momentum: Graduation rates are up and student achievement is improving!

YES on 5A:

Funds innovative staffing and programming for student mental health

Keeps high-quality teachers here in APS

Keeps APS competitive with Cherry Creek, Douglas County and Denver schools

Strengthens property values, job opportunities and the Aurora economy

Vote YES on 5A to:

Expand staff and training dedicated to student mental health

Recruit and retain high-quality teachers and staff

Expand after-school learning programs for K-5 elementary students

Add seatbelts to school buses

Important! Seniors 65 and over may benefit from the Colorado Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption for some property tax relief. Check with your county assessor for more information.

If we don’t pass 5A, our best teachers may be forced to look for higher-paying jobs in other school districts. It would leave our kids and schools at risk.

Now is the time to invest in OUR children, OUR economy and OUR community! Yes on 5A will accomplish this for only \$8.22 per month for \$100,000 of actual home value, that’s less than 96 cents per day on a \$350,000 home. YES on 5A is a frugal and wise investment. Please Vote Yes on 5A...APS CARES!

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

**BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29J
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 6, 2018

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

Election by Mail Ballot

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 6, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Debra Matis, Bennett School District No. 29J, 615 7th Street, Bennett, Colorado 80102; telephone number (303) 644-3234 ext 8202

Ballot title and text:

Ballot Issue 5B: General Fund Override

SHALL BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29J TAXES BE INCREASED \$1.6 MILLION (2019 ESTIMATE) ANNUALLY FOR A LIMITED SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD (COMMENCING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2019) AND AFTER COLLECTION YEAR 2019 BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED FOR THE LIMITED PERIOD (ENDING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2025) FROM AN OVERRIDE MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE OF 9.971 MILLS, WHICH AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE ANNUAL RATE AUTHORIZED BY THIS BALLOT ISSUE SHALL BE REDUCED TO THE EXTENT OF ANY BOND REDEMPTION MILLS LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT IN THE FUTURE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING BONDS, THE NET AFFECT BEING THAT THIS VOTER AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT CAUSE A NET INCREASE IN THE TOTAL MILL LEVY CURRENTLY IMPOSED BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT FUTURE VOTER APPROVAL, WITH THE MONEYS FROM THIS OVERRIDE TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT AND USED FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE FACILITY NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending ¹
2014-2015 (actual)	\$848,715
2015-2016 (actual)	845,945
2016-2017 (actual)	849,257
2017-2018 (actual)	848,519
2018-2019 (current year estimated)	847,500

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending
over the five year period from 2014-2015 through 2018-2019: (0.14)%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending
over the five year period from 2014-2015 through 2018-2019: \$(1,215)

Estimated 2018-2019 fiscal year spending without taking
into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 5B: \$847,500

Estimated 2018-2019 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 5B: \$1,600,000¹

¹Fiscal year spending does not include amounts expended by the District for bonded debt service.

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 5B:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 5B:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

**Westminster Public Schools
Adams County, Colorado**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Veronica Gleaton, Designated Election Official
Westminster Public Schools
6933 Raleigh St
Westminster, CO 80030
Telephone: 720-542-5015

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A:

SHALL WESTMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$9.9 MILLION IN 2018 FOR COLLECTION IN 2019 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF A PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY OF UP TO 14.5 MILLS, TO BE USED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES INCLUDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES WHICH MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

IMPROVING SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY BY MAKING PRIORITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT ENHANCE SAFE STUDENT ENVIRONMENTS;

PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CONTINUING AND EXPANDING EXISTING VOCATIONAL/CAREER PROGRAMS AND TO CREATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TO ENABLE AND ENHANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY YOUTH;

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND COUNSELORS TO BE COMPETITIVE WITH SURROUNDING DISTRICTS IN ADAMS COUNTY;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT ANNUAL REVENUES PURSUANT TO THE MILL LEVY OVERRIDE APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 2002 EQUAL TO THE GREATER OF \$5.95 MILLION OR THE AMOUNT WHICH IS GENERATED BY A MILL LEVY OF UP TO 11.3 MILLS;

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 WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending*

Fiscal Year	
2018-2019 (estimated)	\$ 129,998,960
2017-2018 (actual)	\$ 120,091,533
2016-2017 (actual)	\$ 114,523,182
2015-2016 (actual)	\$ 115,477,946
2014-2015 (actual)	\$ 113,543,056
Overall percentage change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	14.49 %
Overall dollar change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	\$16,455,904

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2019-20
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A: \$9,900,000

District Estimate of 2019-20 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$150,870,000**

* Fiscal year spending numbers for the District include various forms of revenue received by the federal government for Title 1 funding and school lunch programs.

**This number is an estimate only and assumes the passage of Amendment 73, which will be considered by the voters of the State on November 6, 2018, and is based on information and projections received by the District from other sources.

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Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 4A:

By voting YES on 4A the residents of the Westminster Public School District have an opportunity to ensure that students from every neighborhood—regardless of zip code—will have access to quality teachers, mental health support, improved safety, as well as educational opportunities that prepare them to get a job or a college degree after graduation.

The funding would allow the district to improve school safety and security for every student.

Part of the funding would be dedicated to paying for maintenance and upkeep of District buildings and bus fleet. Many WPS buildings have a long list of needed repairs and passing this proposal would allow us to address issues before they become more expensive to fix.

The revenue will directly fund expanding opportunities for WPS students for both college and career. All resources from this proposal will go into classrooms, not administration, and a citizens committee will ensure accountability and transparency in reports of how tax dollars are being spent.

The funds would allow the district to make additional investments in technology, help expand vocational programs such as career education and job training, and provide access to quality learning materials to put students on a path to college or a good paying job.

To remain competitive with surrounding markets, the measure would allow the District to offer market value wages to recruit and retain quality educators, counselors, and mental health professionals. Offering reasonable, yet competitive salaries would help the district Address the teacher shortage, keep classroom sizes manageable, and improve teacher-student ratios.

In an effort to continually create opportunities for the students in our District, this proposal would also allow WPS to partner with organizations like the Boys and Girls club to encourage productive growth and develop leadership skills.

Westminster Public Schools has not had a funding increase approved by voters since 2006, but in that time, Colorado has cut \$90 million from the WPS budget.

The state is facing an educational budget crisis, and issue 4A would allow our community to invest in our schools so we can continue to deliver the best opportunities for our students and a quality, diversified education for everyone in our district.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 4A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

**ANYTHINK
(AKA RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT)
Adams County, Colorado**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Michele M. Barrasso, Designated Election Official
c/o Seter & Vander Wall, P.C.
7400 E. Orchard Road, Suite 3300
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
303-770-2700

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6A:

SHALL ANYTHINK, ALSO KNOWN AS RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT, SERVING THORNTON, NORTHGLENN, COMMERCE CITY, BRIGHTON, PERL MACK AREA, BENNETT AND UNINCORPORATED ADAMS COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED 11.6 MILLION DOLLARS IN 2019, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNT IS RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED 2.2 MILLS TO BE USED TO OPERATE AND EXPAND LIBRARY FACILITIES AND TO IMPROVE LIBRARY SERVICES WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

EXPANDING LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, TEENS, FAMILIES, ADULTS AND SENIORS, INCLUDING LITERACY PROGRAMS, AFTER SCHOOL ARTS AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS, AND MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES;

EXPANDING INTERNET ACCESS, TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS, ONLINE SKILLS TRAINING, CAREER COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND LIFELONG- LEARNING CLASSES;

PURCHASING ADDITIONAL BOOKS, E-BOOKS, DVDS, AND CDS;

EXPANDING LIBRARY HOURS AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES;

CONSTRUCTING NEW LIBRARIES AND MAINTAINING EXISTING FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ADAMS COUNTY'S GROWING COMMUNITY

AND ANY OTHER USES PERMITTED BY LAW; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE MILL LEVY INCREASE, AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO ANY STATUTORY LIMITS, INCLUDING SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S. AND ANY CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS, INCLUDING ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2018 (estimated)	\$18,769,385
2017 (actual)	\$16,476,413
2016 (actual)	\$15,689,651
2015 (actual)	\$14,099,480
2014 (actual)	\$13,781,054
Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018	36.2%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018	\$4,988,331

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2019
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6A: \$11,600,000

District Estimate of 2019 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$19,700,000

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Summary of Written Comment FOR Ballot Issue No. 6A:

Vote YES on 6A

I wholeheartedly support Ballot Issue 6A. Anythink Libraries is asking for a small increase in funding that translates to a significant investment for our community. The levy is only a slight increase of an existing property tax appropriation that funds our public libraries. Anythink Libraries (A.K.A. Rangeview Library District) is asking for an additional 2.2 mills, which translates to \$4.29 a month for an average valued home. This small increase will result in expansion of library hours, so our neighborhood branches can all be open a minimum of 6 days per week, expanded collections to support education, including home schooling and vocational education, as well as popular reading materials, DVDs, and e-books.

Our community has asked the library for additional programs including cultural programs, story hours, afterschool programs, and expanded lifelong learning programs including art, music, and writing. The money from this measure would be used to directly fund these programs. To expand opportunities for people from all walks of life, this proposal would pay for new computers and expand digital technology to support students, seniors and job seekers.

This ballot issue also provides funding for the additional operating expenses and capital funding to open at least two new libraries in the county. One potential location is in Reunion and the other library location is yet to be determined. Both new locations would expand library services to include additional capacity for collections, learning programs, and local partnerships that would provide cultural and business support. The positive impact of Ballot Issue 6A on the growing Adams County community would be significant with this additional funding.

Anythink Libraries have a proven track record of providing extraordinary value for their tax revenue. A recent comment from a customer stated: "Worth every mill levy dollar. Anythink is the best library in the West." The community has embraced our public libraries as destinations, places to learn anything and everything, and places where the community can gather and thrive.

Over the past 12 years, as Adams County has grown rapidly, the library has seen an increase in use of its collections by 300 percent. The predictions for growth of Adams County demand additional services to meet basic library needs of our community. Without additional funding today, our community's gathering places will begin to deteriorate, translating into deferred maintenance, limited access to materials, and a reduction of resources that support the education and programs for our families. The library is already at capacity for programs such as children's story hours and without an increase in funding our growing communities will have fewer opportunities.

I feel fortunate that I live in a county that values education and innovation and relies on its public libraries for learning and programs. Our citizens voted in 2006 to protect this wise investment and it is time to invest in our community again.

Summary of Written Comment AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 6A:

Vote No on the Rangeview Library District (RDL) tax increase. RDL is asking for nearly a 60 percent increase in funding from property taxes. RDL already gets over 14 million dollars from annual property taxes (14,424,507 in 2017). Public libraries are becoming more and more unnecessary with today's technology. Taxpayers saw a massive 21 percent increase in Adams County's overall assessed values from the 2015 assessments vs the 2017 assessments in Adams County costing taxpayers millions. RDL has built many new libraries and has 8 locations throughout the county. RDL does not need any more funding. Lastly this is a blank check to RDL with no accountability. Vote No.

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

ABERDEEN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO 2

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Election Hours: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Local Election Office: Charles Wolfersberger
3600 S. Yosemite Street, Suite 500
Denver, CO 80237-1829
(720) 541-7725

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

ABERDEEN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO 2 BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6C

SHALL ABERDEEN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO 2 TAXES BE INCREASED \$4,500,000 ANNUALLY OR BY SUCH LESSOR AMOUNT AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FINANCIALLY ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PAY FOR ITS OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATIONAL-RELATED EXPENSE OBLIGATIONS; SUCH TAXES TO CONSIST OF AN AD VALOREM MILL LEVY IMPOSED WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE, OR WITH SUCH LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, AND IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE ANNUAL INCREASE TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER OPERATIONAL-RELATED EXPENSES; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE IN 2019 AND IN EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Total Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2014 (Actual)	\$ 66,675
2015 (Actual)	\$ 43,397
2016 (Actual)	\$ 217,543
2017 (Actual)	\$ 75,128
2018 (Estimated)	\$ 86,800

Overall percentage change to FYS (2014 to 2018):	30.18%
Overall dollar change to FYS (2014 to 2018):	\$ 20,125
Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of the proposed tax increase for FY 2019:	\$ 230,000
Estimate of 2019 FYS without proposed tax increase:	\$ 87,000

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 6C:

The primary purpose of this ballot measure is to lower the cost of home ownership within the Aberdeen Metropolitan District No. 2 (the District). Specifically, approving this ballot measure will allow homeowners to pay for most neighborhood services from tax-deductible property taxes rather than from non-deductible HOA dues.

Many of the services and responsibilities of the Bonnyview HOA can be provided by the District. Both entities are controlled by the homeowners.

HOA dues are NOT tax deductible for most homeowners. Whereas, property taxes ARE tax deductible for most homeowners.

Approximately 90% of the District's 240+ acres of land remains undeveloped. The nature and type of construction that will occur on this undeveloped land is unknown. However, the District is large enough to accommodate between 700 and 1,200 single family and/or townhome units. (Assumes lot sizes are similar to nearby neighborhoods such as River Oaks, Turnberry and Potomac Farms.)

The Bonnyview HOA currently collects \$143,000/year in HOA dues from 40 townhome units. Upon full build-out of the District, the property tax revenue required to provide "HOA" type services to all residents in the District will be substantially higher than \$143,000/year.

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Establishing the District's property tax revenue structure now (by allowing the District to fund "HOA" type services) will also help promote a lower cost structure for all District residents in the future. One entity providing neighborhood services to all 900+ residential units will cost less than allowing multiple HOAs to be created by the multiple builders that will eventually be building out the rest of the District. (The administrative costs to operate one entity is typically much less than the administrative costs to operate multiple entities.)

For those voters who are unfamiliar with the boundaries of this property tax district:

The District boundaries essentially includes the following three land areas: (1) the land between Peoria Street and the canal – north of 104th Avenue [which includes the 40 Bonnyview townhome units], (2) seven 2-acre parcels of land north of the canal between Peoria Street and I-76 freeway and (3) approximately 193 acres of undeveloped/ agricultural land between the I-76 freeway and Highway 2 – north of the intersection of Peoria Street and the canal.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 6C:

None

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

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT
OF THE CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 6, 2018

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

Election by Mail Ballot

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 6, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Danyelle McCannon, Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, 3209 West 28th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80634; telephone number (970) 330-4540

Ballot title and text:

BALLOT ISSUE 7E – Ground Water Management Subdistrict Debt

SHALL THE GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$48.7 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$91.9 MILLION, AND SHALL SUBDISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$4.4 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING, ACQUIRING AND MANAGING RELIABLE WATER RESOURCES THROUGH DEBT FINANCING TO:

LESSEN DROUGHT IMPACT THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF SENIOR WATER RIGHTS,

REPLACE LEASED MUNICIPAL WATER RESOURCES THAT ARE BEING CONSUMED BY GROWTH IN AREA MUNICIPALITIES,

INCREASE WATER SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN A VIABLE FARMING AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF WATER PROJECTS TO CAPTURE WATER DURING TIMES OF HIGH SUPPLY FOR USE DURING TIMES OF NEED, AND

CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE WATER STORAGE RESERVOIRS AND OTHER FACILITIES TO MORE EFFICIENTLY USE WATER AVAILABLE TO THE SUBDISTRICT,

SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF BONDS OR SIMILAR LIMITED TAX OBLIGATIONS, WHICH DEBT SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 5.5% PER ANNUM AND SHALL BE DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL (I) AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR AT A LIMITED MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6 MILLS, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 37-45-126 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS SET FORTH ABOVE AND (II) THE SUBDISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ENCUMBER AND PLEDGE ANY OTHER REVENUES OF THE SUBDISTRICT TO BE USED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AS THE SAME BECOME DUE AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending ¹
2014 (actual)	\$4,442,274
2015 (actual)	4,702,424
2016 (actual)	4,118,919
2017 (actual)	4,325,859
2018 (current year estimated)	11,915,424
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2014-2018:	168.23%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2014-2018:	\$7,473,150
Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 7E:	\$11,915,424
Estimated 2019 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 7E:	\$4,400,000

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Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 7E (on a calendar year basis):

Principal amount:	\$48,700,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$4,400,000
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$91,900,000

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

Principal balance:	\$6,102,378
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$740,766
Maximum remaining total repayment cost:	\$7,007,554

¹Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the Subdistrict for bonded debt service.

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

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

Voting YES on ballot issue 7E will help ensure access to a reliable water supply. This is critical to our farmers and ranchers, especially the family farms that have contributed to the heritage and character of this region. More than \$1.5 billion of agricultural products are produced in Weld County alone, and thousands of jobs are tied to the region's ag economy in Adams, Morgan and Weld counties. This proposal is vital to maintaining our rural way of life to continue to provide locally grown vegetables, and also raise the crops which support the important area beef, dairy and poultry operations.

Access to reliable water supplies and the ability to store our water for future use is critical to the Weld, Adams and Morgan County region served by Central Colorado Water Conservancy District (CCWCD). CCWCD and its Groundwater Management Subdistrict (GMS) are focused on developing water supplies to meet area water demands now and in the future.

Voting YES on this proposal will let the District develop adequate water supplies to mitigate the impact of continued farm dry-ups by the Front Range water entities. The projects to be funded by passage of 7E are necessary because of the shift in water needs and future growth in the region and state. The Colorado Water Plan estimates that 267,000 acres of irrigated farm ground downstream of Denver will be sacrificed by 2050 because of projected growth. Family farms along the South Platte River will be threatened in the future if additional water storage is not developed and if additional water rights are not secured.

Passage of Issue 7E will enable the District to develop additional water storage reservoirs and replenish groundwater aquifers in Weld, Adams and Morgan counties. Having well-maintained infrastructure that can effectively capture water for storage will improve the District's overall water yield. Issue 7E will allow the District to make use of available South Platte River water otherwise destined for the Colorado-Nebraska state line.

Your YES vote will allow CCWCD to leverage state and federal grants obtained by the District, which will reduce the cost of building water storage to the benefit of our region. Furthermore, NONE of the bonding funds will go to District administration and salaries.

Passage of Issue 7E will result in a tax impact of about \$8.00 per year for a home valued at \$200,000; and for those seniors who benefit from the Homestead Exemption, the tax impact is even lower. It's a very modest investment with significant returns for our local economy, municipalities and property values.

Your YES vote on issue 7E is critical. It's about protecting not only access to water but thousands of jobs and protecting our available local food supply. A vibrant agricultural economy translates into a healthy overall community. Irrigated farms, ranches and water storage reservoirs provide many benefits to local wildlife and the environment. Please vote YES on 7E.

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
GREATER BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date and Hours: Tuesday, November 6, 2018; 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Coordinated Mail Ballot Election)
Designated Election Official: Chief Mark Bodane, 500 S. 4th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Brighton, CO 80601, Telephone 303.659.4101.

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

Ballot Issue 7F – Mill Levy Increase

SHALL GREATER BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$2,897,826 (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 3.72 MILLS, TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING CRITICAL FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, 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 Greater Brighton Fire Protection District fiscal year spending:

2018 (Estimated)	\$13,139,100
2017 (Actual)	\$13,725,103
2016 (Actual)	\$13,875,982
2015 (Actual)	\$ 8,266,805
2014 (Actual)	\$ 8,068,735

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018: 63%

Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018: \$5,070,365

Greater Brighton Fire Protection District estimates of maximum dollar amount of tax increase and of District fiscal year spending without the increase for first full fiscal year of proposed tax increase:

Ballot Issue 7F:

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$2,897,826

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase: \$12,117,376

Summary of written comments FOR Ballot Issue 7F:

We all want a Safer Brighton! Since 2000, the population of our Fire District has grown by 220%. Emergency call volume has increased 20% in the last 3 years alone. Response times are longer because of the increased volume of calls. Firefighter safety is compromised because too few Firefighters are on duty and equipment is becoming obsolete. These are the challenges faced by our Fire District!

Voting YES on 7F means the following plan will be instituted: the hiring of 15 Firefighters over the next three years, the replacement of vital Firefighter breathing equipment, increasing the capacity of fire stations, the replacement of fire and emergency medical response vehicles that are more than 20 years old, and the building of additional fire stations needed to provide appropriate response.

Other measures have already been taken by the Fire District. Developers are now required to help pay for the impact their development has on the future needs of the Fire District. One time revenue spikes from oil and gas development is set aside for capital projects. These steps have reduced the amount of the requested increase. In addition, the Fire District continually seeks and receives grants to help pay for new stations or equipment, which also helps lower the tax burden. For example, the Fire District obtained \$2 million in grants to offset the cost of the station it built in 2017.

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Your fire insurance costs have probably already been lowered because of the Fire District's recent improvements in its ISO rating. Currently a Class 2 rating in most areas, the Fire District is rated within the top 3% of fire departments in the country. In order to maintain this lower rating, the Fire District must keep up with the growth and increased call volume.

Our Firefighters need your help to maintain the current level of service. As a community, we also need to ensure that our Firefighters have the staffing and equipment needed to keep them safe. Voting YES on 7F will improve the safety of our community and the safety of our Firefighters!

Summary of written comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7F:

Voters should vote NO on the Greater Brighton Fire Protection District GBFPD tax increase. In the last ten years the GBFPD property tax revenues have gone from \$6,016,243 in 2008 to \$9,227,875 in 2018 that is a 53% increase in property tax from the growth in the district. With a current mill levy at 11.795 and if this mill levy is past, GBFPD mill levy will be close to the highest in all of the Adams County Fire Districts.

The GBFPD went from an all-volunteer district to paid union fire department costing taxpayers millions. The elected board has always be stack with past firefighters elected in May election by less than 1% of voters at times. Today's current pay with benefits for the paid firefighter positions are way over paid. The following positions include pay and benefits- firefighter 2008-53,263 now 85,164; Engineer 2008-63,763 now 92,758; Captain 2008 84,117 now 107,820; Battalion Chief now 123,704.

The board needs to freeze wages and start letting the growth in the budget pay for additional firefighters instead of over paying the firefighters. There is no shortage of qualified firefighters, 100's apply when there is only one paid opening and many fire department hire only from within given those with in a huge promotion advantage. It only takes a few years of training to be qualified for the paid firefighter position.

GBFPD call volume is still very low for the majority of the stations. Remember that firefighters do ten 24 hour shifts a month getting paid when they sleep, eat, and watch TV. Vote No and tell the fire board to manage the taxpayers funds more equable to the citizens they serve instead of outrageous pay and benefits for the union firefighters. Remember that the Adams County real property assessments form 2015 to 2017 went up 21% costing taxpayers millions more in property taxes already.

Lastly, elected official have no respect for those who can least afford tax increases i.e. senior citizens on fix incomes and middleclass family living paycheck to pay check. Vote NO.

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

SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number: Sue Blair, Designated Election Official
Community Resource Services
7995 E. Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
303.381.4960

Ballot Title and Text:

Ballot Issue 6B - Mill Levy Increase

SHALL THE SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$5,506,000 (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 4.85 MILLS, TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING CRITICAL FIRE, MEDICAL, 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 South Adams County Fire Protection District #4 Fiscal Year Spending:

2018 (Estimated)	\$ 12,189,203
2017 (Actual)	\$ 9,958,876
2016 (Actual)	\$ 17,576,006
2015 (Actual)	\$ 8,631,498
2014 (Actual)	\$ 8,858,615

Overall Percentage Change from 2014 to 2018: increase of 38%

Overall Dollar Change from 2014 to 2018: \$3,330,588

South Adams County Fire Protection District #4 Estimates of Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase and of District Fiscal Year Spending Without the Increase for First Full Fiscal Year of Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for 2019:	\$ 5,506,000
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Estimated 2019 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$12,189,203
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Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6B:

In 2013, my family moved to the area covered by the South Adams County Fire District. We were surprised to find that the 72 square miles that encompass Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, Commerce City, Henderson, and unincorporated Adams County to the boundary of DIA were covered by a contingent of volunteers who served when work and family allowed and responded from home. We happily voted to give the SACFD the means to hire 18 full time career firefighters from the ranks of their volunteers and to staff two fire stations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

That's the same year my husband began his time as a volunteer with the department and we immersed ourselves in the work the department does for the businesses and citizens - families just like ours - in this community.

In just five years, the SACFD has exceeded its promise, now employing 44 firefighters and staffing 4 stations full time. The dedication shown by these men and women, all of whom began, in the proud tradition of the department, as volunteers, is reflected in the department's recent ISO 2 rating, improving from a previous rating of six. The department has seen a steady increase in the number of calls to which they respond, from 7000 in 2014 to over 9000 in 2018.

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Unexpected increases in residential homes in Commerce City, the planned development of the dog track and the area around Dick's Sporting Goods Park, coupled with the steady stream of new businesses springing up from the industrial park in the southern end all the way to 120th Avenue, requires the department grow, too. Passage of 6B will mean two more fully staffed fire stations to better serve the community. Passage of 6B means at least 20 new full time firefighters hired from the current contingent of volunteers who have already selflessly dedicated themselves to serving the people of our community. Passage of 6B means the SACFD can grow as we grow, as our community grows.

However, without the passage of 6B, the SACFD will have to close two fire stations and consolidate into one house, spreading those extra firefighters to existing crews. This will mean delayed responses to our emergencies and the inherent risk to life and safety that entails. How could this happen? This year the Gallagher Amendment will mandatorily reduce our residential assessment rate, meaning the money we have already approved for the operating budget of the department will automatically, without any input from us, be reduced.

The passage of 6B will stabilize revenue for the department well into the future, allowing it to meet the increasing demands of our growing city.

As a mother and wife, as your neighbor, as someone who is invested in the future of this area, this city, and the safety and well-being of you and your families, I urge you to VOTE YES on 6B.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO ADJUST MILL LEVY ON REFERRED MEASURES**

**SOUTHEAST WELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 6, 2018

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

Local election office address and phone number: 95 W. Broadway, Keenesburg, CO 80643 (303)732-4203

SOUTHEAST WELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7H:

SHALL SOUTHEAST WELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$625,000 ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE ANNUALLY RAISED THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF 2.5 MILLS (FOR A TOTAL MILL LEVY OF 10.264) UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT, COMMENCING IN TAX YEAR 2018 (FOR COLLECTION IN FISCAL YEAR 2019) WITH SUCH TAX PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR GENERAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSES, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- UPGRADING AND INCREASING NECESSARY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY AND WELFARE; AND
- PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME STAFFING TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASES IN CALL VOLUME, TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE, AND TO IMPROVE RESPONSE TIMES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT;

AND SHALL SUCH TAXES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES IN EACH YEAR, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

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

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2014 (actual)	\$ 1,577,315
2015 (actual)	\$ 1,693,911
2016 (actual)	\$ 2,266,029
2017 (actual)	\$ 2,888,947
2018 (estimated)	\$ 2,953,151

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: 46 %

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: \$ 1,375,836

Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by ballot issue 7H: \$ 2,678,207

Estimated 2019 maximum tax increase authorized by ballot issue 7H: \$ 625,000

Summaries of written comments on ballot issue 7H filed with the election officer:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7H: The services the Southeast Weld Fire District provides the community are necessary, important and invaluable. This tax increase is very minimal considering the services it will provide. This increase will allow the Fire District to add an additional ambulance to our community, at a very nominal increase to the taxpayer.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7H: No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

SOUTHEAST WELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7I:

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 SOUTHEAST WELD 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?

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Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending
over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: 46 %

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending
over the five-year period from 2014 through 2018: \$ 1,375,836

Estimated 2019 fiscal year spending without taking into account the
tax extension authorized by ballot issue 7I: \$ 2,678,207

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

Summaries of written comments on ballot issue 7I filed with the election officer:

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7I: The services the Southeast Weld Fire District provides the community are necessary, important and invaluable. This tax increase is very minimal considering the services it will provide. This increase will allow the Fire District to add an additional ambulance to our community, at a very nominal increase to the taxpayer. This will not cost the fire district any additional tax increase in 2019.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7I: No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Micki L. Mills, Designated Election Official
390 Union Boulevard, Suite 400
Lakewood, Colorado 80228
303-218-7206

Ballot Title and Text:

URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7G:

SHALL URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$14.9 MILLION IN 2019 (RESULTING IN AN ANNUAL TAX INCREASE NOT TO EXCEED \$1.97 IN 2019 FOR EACH \$100,000 OF ACTUAL RESIDENTIAL VALUATION) AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM A LEVY NOT TO EXCEED 1.0 MILLS TO PAY FOR DISTRICT WORK IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING:

1. MAINTAINING EARLY FLOOD WARNING GAUGES TO PROVIDE POTENTIAL EVACUATION WARNINGS,
2. PROVIDING TRAILS, WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO RESIDENTS BY PRESERVING THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE IN FLOODPLAIN AREAS WHICH PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND
3. REMOVING DEBRIS, GARBAGE AND OBSTRUCTIONS FROM STREAMS, CREEKS AND RIVERS RESULTING IN REDUCED RISK TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF RESIDENTS, PROTECTING PROPERTY, AND RESTORING NATURAL BEAUTY;

WITH THE DISTRICT'S ENTIRE MILL LEVY RATE SUBJECT TO STATUTORY CAPS AND TO ADJUSTMENT TO OFFSET REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION; AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

<u>Total District Fiscal Year Spending</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>Non-Government</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018 (estimated)	\$31,804,022	\$700,000*	\$32,504,022
2017 (actual)	\$30,594,495	\$0	\$30,594,495
2016 (actual)	\$29,375,465	\$0	\$29,375,465
2015 (actual)	\$28,405,608	\$0	\$28,405,608
2014 (actual)	\$26,624,268	\$0	\$26,624,268
Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018:	19.46%	N/A	22.08%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018:	\$5,179,754	\$700,000*	\$5,879,754
<u>Proposed District Tax Increase:</u>			
Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$14,900,000	\$0	\$14,900,000**
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$33,000,000	\$16,000,000*	\$49,000,000

*Non-Government Spending consists of 100% voluntary land development fees through the District's Development Services Enterprise to guide responsible development and preserve floodplains.

**If the District were to certify the maximum mill levy authorized by statute, the 2019 tax increase would be estimated as \$24,900,000.

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Summary of Written Comments For Ballot Issue 7G:

We All Agree...Vote Yes on 7G

The Metro Area is at risk of severe flooding, unchecked development, and contamination of our water. YES on 7G protects people, property and the environment. The measure restores funding to prevent flooding and provide flood warnings, preserve open space, create trails and recreation, and keep our waterways clean.

Why 7G?

The Flood Control District's current mill levy has been reduced over time from 1.0 mill authorized by the Legislature to 0.56 mills. That 44% reduction in revenue means a current annual funding decrease of \$23 million.

Almost \$300 million has been deferred on vital infrastructure construction and maintenance needed to protect lives and property, and to preserve open space and trails in floodplains.

Because Anywhere it Rains...it can Flood

What the District Does for You

The District partners with metro cities and counties to design and construct flood control and early warning measures, open space and trails, and debris removal.

Flood Prevention

- Maintains a system of Early Flood Warning gauges to provide alerts for evacuations to keep your family safe.
- Coordinates alerts with NOAA, first responders and the media so you are first to know.
- Works with FEMA and local governments to develop Flood Maps for the community.

Open Space & Trail Development

- For almost 50 years, the District has been providing families and people the ability to enjoy Colorado's beautiful open spaces and amazing trails.
- The District has been the leading force preventing unwise growth in low-lying floodplains in the Metro Area; so instead of housing and industrial growth, those areas are now open space for public use and enjoyment while providing a safe buffer from high water.

Debris & Garbage Removal

- Removes debris and garbage from streams, creeks and rivers making them not only safer and more beautiful but also allowing for recreational use.
- Works with local governments to clear out and clean-up encampments and illegal activity along waterways. The District pays for 100% of clean-up costs.

The District is a very lean agency, utilizing a staff of only 32 to cover a 1,600 square mile area that includes almost 60% of Colorado's population. Contracting out the work keeps overhead low, costs down and ensures all the jobs stay local.

What will YES on 7G cost me?

That's the best part. Tabor requires the ballot to say 'tax increase' but by passing this de-Bruce measure the District will simply restore their mill levy to the statutory cap set by the Legislature at 1 mill.

By law the mill levy cannot exceed 1.0 mill set by the Legislature

In its 50-year existence the District has NEVER asked voters for a tax increase. Restoring the mill levy means the cost to taxpayers is just "Two Bucks" a year (\$1.97) for each \$100,000 of actual home value. So a \$400,000 home would pay \$8/year or 66 cents per month.

We All Agree...Vote Yes on 7G

Summary of Written Comments Against Ballot Issue 7G:

Ballot Issue 7G asks you to give up your rights under TABOR. TABOR protects your right to vote on tax increases before it happens. UDFCD doesn't mention TABOR in the ballot language because they know voters like it.

Ballot Issue 7G allows UDFCD to double the mill levy for Boulder and Broomfield Counties from .5 to 1.0. In the other five metro area counties, the rate would increase from .557 to 1.0. UDFCD's tax revenues have increased more than

\$3.7 million since 2014. Now they want to increase their revenues by 50% in the first year. The ballot issue mentions a \$14.9 million tax increase but fails to clarify that without the protection of TABOR the Board can increase the property tax up to \$24 million, without having to ask you again.

There is no accountability to voters for how UDFCD would spend the revenue. They are the one rare special district where the Board members are not elected. That is taxation without representation. They have already wasted money on an advertising campaign trying to approve the tax increase.

Most voters will experience no benefit. Local cities and counties contribute your tax dollars to half of the cost of all drainage and flood-control projects. Trails, wildlife habitat and recreation are handled by your local government. Higher property tax will increase the cost of homeownership and rent. This tax increase would make housing even more unaffordable.

UDFCD's mill levy has been reduced from 1.0 mills authorized by the Legislature to .56 mills. That means an annual decrease of \$23 million. That's exactly what we wanted TABOR to do when we voted it in – cut their budget.

UDFCD claims "almost \$300 million has been deferred on vital infrastructure construction and maintenance needed to protect lives and property, and to preserve open space and trails in floodplains." UDFCD has been doing just fine with the budget they have.

Those who live near flood zones can buy flood insurance from FEMA and we can save tax dollars. The Early Flood Warning gauges are a waste of tax dollars. Flooding is rare and you'd never have time to evacuate. People in flood zones can just listen to the news like the rest of us.

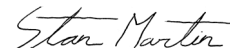
UDFCD says they have been the leading force in preventing unwise growth in low-lying floodplains. Preventing growth shouldn't be their job, that should be left to local zoning authorities. If people want to build homes and businesses in low-lying areas, they should be on their own.

UDFCD removes debris and garbage from streams, creeks and rivers making them safer and more beautiful but we should just find and fine people who pollute and dump in our rivers. I'm upset our tax dollars go to clean up encampment and illegal activity along waterways. These homeless camps should be illegal.

UDFCD claims this simply restores their mill levy. It is a tax increase and \$.66 a month per \$100,000 of home value is just too much to pay.

Vote NO on 7G.

I hereby certify that this booklet contains all of the notices as provided by the various governmental entities pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.



Stan Martin
Adams County Clerk and Recorder



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Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.			Monday, November 5, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.		
Election Day (Tuesday, November 6, 2018), 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.			Election Day (Tuesday, November 6, 2018), 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.		
Aurora	Moorhead Recreation Center	2390 Havana St.	Commerce City	Commerce City Rec. Center (Eagle	6060 Parkway Dr.
Bennett	Bennett Motor Vehicle	355 S. First St.	Denver	Perl Mack Recreation Center	7125 Mariposa St.
Brighton	Adams County Government Center (West Conference Center)	4430 S. Adams County Pkwy.	Henderson	Belle Creek Family Center	10693 Belle Creek
	Anythink Library Brighton	327 E. Bridge St.	Thornton	North Metro Church	12505 Colorado Blvd.
Commerce City	Commerce City Sheriff's Substation	4201 E. 72nd Ave. (South Side)		Thornton Civic Center	9500 Civic Center Dr.
Thornton	Anythink Library - Wright Farms	5877 E. 120th Ave.		Margaret Carpenter Rec. Center	11151 Colorado Blvd.
Westminster	Adams County Economic Development	12200 N. Pecos St.	Westminster	The MAC Recreation Center	3295 W. 72nd Ave.
	Westminster Motor Vehicle	8452 N. Federal Blvd.		Front Range Community College	3645 W. 112th Ave.

24-hour Ballot Drop Box Locations

Open October 15 – November 6, 2018

Drive-thru

Aurora	Aurora City Clerk		15151 E. Alameda Pkwy.
	Aurora Motor Vehicle		3449 N. Chambers Rd.
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Library		9898 E. Colfax Ave.
Bennett	Bennett Motor Vehicle		355 S. First St.
Brighton	Adams County Government Center / East Entrance		4430 S. Adams County Pkwy.
	Adams County Justice Center		1100 Judicial Center Dr.
	Brighton City Clerk		500 S. 4th Ave.
Byers	Kelver Public Library		404 E. Front St.
Commerce City	Commerce City City Clerk		7887 E. 60th Ave.
	Commerce City Motor Vehicle		4201 E. 72nd Ave.
Denver	Perl Mack Community Center		7125 Mariposa St.
	Rotella Park		1824 Coronado Pkwy. S.
Federal Heights	Federal Heights City Clerk		2380 W. 90th Ave.
Northglenn	Northglenn City Clerk		11701 Community Center Dr.
Strasburg	Strasburg Sheriff's Substation		2550 Strasburg Rd.
Thornton	Anythink Library – Wright Farms		5877 E. 120th Ave.
	Hilltop Village		13762 Colorado Blvd.
	Margaret Carpenter Rec. Center		11151 Colorado Blvd.
	Thornton City Clerk		9500 Civic Center Dr.
Westminster	Adams County Economic Development		12200 N. Pecos St.
	Westminster City Clerk		4800 W. 92nd Ave.
	Westminster Motor Vehicle		8452 N. Federal Blvd.