

El Paso County

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / INCREASE DEBT ON A CITIZEN PETITION AND / OR REFERRED MEASURES

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A "YES" vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "NO" vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

The last day for voting is November 8, 2016, (7:00 p.m.) Election Day.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / INCREASE DEBT ON A CITIZEN PETITION AND / OR REFERRED MEASURES

COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL: Chuck Broerman

ELECTION DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 **ELECTION DAY HOURS:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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\$457,179

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Town of Palmer Lake - 2A

Designated Election Official: Tara Berreth 42 Valley Crescent Palmer Lake, CO 80133 Telephone: (719) 481-2953

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

<u>Election Date:</u> November 8, 2016 <u>Election Hours:</u> 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE - 2A

SHALL TOWN OF PALMER LAKE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$90,000 ANNUALLY, OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED BY A CONTINUATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CURRENT SALES TAX RATE OF 3%, PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL CONTINUE TO BE USED TO PROVIDE PROPER AND ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE AND FOR OTHER PROPER GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN?

<u>Fiscal Year Spending Information:</u>

2016 (ESTIMATED)

| 2015 (ACTUAL) | \$383,185 |
|--|-----------------------|
| 2014 (ACTUAL) | \$480,981 |
| 2013 (ACTUAL) | \$486,296 |
| 2012 (ACTUAL) | \$590,825 |
| 2011 (ACTUAL) | \$406,468 |
| Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending: Overall dollar amount of change: | 5.08% \$90,000 |
| Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2017: Estimated 2017 fiscal year spending without tax increase: | \$90,000 \$457,179 |
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Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A:

In 2006 a $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales tax was passed by the voters to support police. In 2007 another $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales tax was passed to support the fire department. The two $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales taxes brought Palmer Lake's total sales tax share to 3 cents which is in line with most statutory towns. Unlike other towns, these two $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales taxes are set to expire in 2016 and 2017 respectively. A "Yes" vote on 2A will:

- Not increase taxes but simply continue the local three cent sales tax which is currently in place.
- Combine the two ½ cent sales taxes into a permanent 1 cent sales tax to be dedicated for use in the area of public safety
- Raise around \$90,000 annually to support the police department as well as fund other public safety programs such as protecting the town's water supply, mitigating areas against wildfires, additional patrol of public spaces and code enforcement of public safety issues. The 1 cent sales tax can also be used for public safety infrastructure such as warning sirens for wildfires.
- If not passed, the town will making public safety compete with funds that have been traditionally used for roads and parks maintenance, resulting in a reduction in the police force and a slowdown in funds spent on public safety.

Town of Palmer Lake - 2A (Continued)

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Town of Palmer Lake - 2B

Designated Election Official: Tara Berreth 42 Valley Crescent Palmer Lake, CO 80133 Telephone: (719) 481-2953

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE - 2B

SHALL TOWN OF PALMER LAKE TAXES BE INCREASED, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017, BY \$150,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING A NEW EXCISE TAX OF 5% OF THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE FOR UNPROCESSED MARIJUANA AS DETERMINED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHEN UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA IS FIRST SOLD OR TRANSFERRED BY A MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE; WITH THE RATE OF SUCH EXCISE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED BY THE TOWN BOARD WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF SUCH TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 10%, AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH EXCISE TAX BE COLLECTED AND SPENT, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

| 2016 (ESTIMATED) | \$457,179 |
|--|-----------|
| 2015 (ACTUAL) | \$383,185 |
| 2014 (ACTUAL) | \$480,981 |
| 2013 (ACTUAL) | \$486,296 |
| 2012 (ACTUAL) | \$590,825 |
| 2011 (ACTUAL) | \$406,468 |
| Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending: | 30% |
| Overall dollar amount of change: | \$150,000 |

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2017: \$150,000 Estimated 2017 fiscal year spending without tax increase: \$457,179

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2B:

Ordinance 4, 2014 allows for the cultivation and wholesaling of marijuana in the State of Colorado. Because there is no sales tax on wholesale products, the Town of Palmer Lake is asking voters to consider a 5% excise tax to be placed on wholesale marijuana sales. A "Yes" vote on ballot 2b will:

- Tax marijuana that is grown and cultivated in Palmer Lake and wholesaled to legal retail outlets.
- With two current wholesale cultivation facilities, the excise tax would bring in up to \$150,000 annually in town revenues.
- Be used in all aspects of town government from roads and parks maintenance to town budget audits. For example, \$150,000 would more than double the annual roads budget.

Town of Palmer Lake - 2B (Continued)

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2B:

Vote NO on 2B. It is a tax that unfairly discriminates against a single local business and allows government officials to tax business with no oversight. It's great for the black market and terrible for small business. What service/wholesale businesses could Palmer Lake target to tax next? Other wholesalers, services, or construction?

Measure 2B is an excise tax that would discriminate against one business in Palmer Lake. An excise tax on marijuana might make sense in larger municipalities that have multiple grow operations and more city expenses to monitor them; but NOT for a town with one compliant grow, run by a local family, providing jobs with living wages in Palmer Lake.

2B is a witch-hunt against one business, not an honest effort to bring revenue to Palmer Lake. Palmer Lake's proceeds would be not one-quarter of what they estimate at this time. The true revenue generating issues on the ballot are 300 and 301. 2B would selectively harm a small business where profit margins are slim to non-existent due to existing taxation and falling wholesale prices. While the tax claims to be 5%, this percentage is based on the state's inflated estimate of the price of marijuana, a price that has dropped by half in the last year, making the excise tax closer to 8% of sales. This measure even gives the Town Council power to raise the excise tax to 10% (more like 15%) without taking the issue to vote. Combining the state's existing excise tax and this proposed tax, a business would be forced to pay up to 40% of sales in excise taxes just to have their product leave the grow.

Why open a legal business when you'd have to pay 40% in excise taxes? 2B encourages illegal black market operations who pay zero taxes. This approach has never worked in the past and will not work now. Market conditions will not support this level of taxation and the net effect would provide little revenue and a loss of jobs. Vote NO on 2B. It unfairly targets one family run business, encourages illegal black market operations and could eliminate multiple jobs in Palmer Lake.

Town of Palmer Lake - 2C

Designated Election Official: Tara Berreth 42 Valley Crescent Palmer Lake, CO 80133 Telephone: (719) 481-2953

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE - 2C

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES, SHALL THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN AND SPEND TOWN REVENUES DERIVED FROM ALL SOURCES IN EXISTENCE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE IN EXCESS OF ANY SPENDING OR OTHER LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES SECTION 29-1-301, OR ANY OTHER

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2C:

Palmer Lake first relaxed TABOR in 2006 and again in 2011. The voters are being asked to continue this relaxation of TABOR. In the past, general taxes have not exceeded TABOR revenue limits, however the town receives several state grants which are counted at revenues, and could easily put Palmer Lake over its revenue limits. A "Yes" to question 2c will do the following:

- Allow Palmer Lake to keep its revenues including any and all State Grants that are awarded to the Town. In 2015 Palmer Lake received grants from five different state agencies for parks, new roads, noxious weed abatement, fire mitigation and administration.
- A yes vote will not change that part of TABOR that mandates that all tax increases must be voted on by the electorate.
- Lower future election costs by not requiring that this issue be voted on every five years.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Town of Palmer Lake - 300

<u>Designated Election Official:</u> Tara Berreth 42 Valley Crescent Palmer Lake, CO 80133 Telephone: (719) 481-2953

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A CITIZEN INITIATIVE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE - 300

SHALL THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE TAXES BE INCREASED BY FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX OF 5% ON THE SALE OF RETAIL (RECREATIONAL) MARIJUANA AND RETAIL (RECREATIONAL) PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN THE COLORADO RETAIL MARIJUANA CODE, WITH THE RATE OF SUCH TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF THE TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 10%, PROVIDED THAT THE RATE SHALL NOT EXCEED 7% ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019, WITH THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

| 2016 (ESTIMATED) | \$457,179 |
|--|-----------|
| 2015 (ACTUAL) | \$383,185 |
| 2014 (ACTUAL) | \$480,981 |
| 2013 (ACTUAL) | \$486,296 |
| 2012 (ACTUAL) | \$590,825 |
| 2011 (ACTUAL) | \$406,468 |
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| Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending: | 91% |
| Overall dollar amount of change: | \$500,000 |

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2017: \$500,000 Estimated 2017 fiscal year spending without tax increase: \$457,179

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 300:

This initiative will only go into effect if measure 301 also passes to legalize regulated recreational marijuana sales in limited parts of Palmer Lake. 300 ask to implement an additional 5% sales tax on recreational marijuana sales. This 5% is in addition to Palmer Lake's present sales tax and the 1.5% sales tax Palmer Lake would get from the state on recreational marijuana sales. This 5% sales tax would be paid by the customer and only effect retail marijuana sales. The revenue would go directly to Palmer Lake's General Fund to be spent at the discretion of the Town Council. The General Fund is used on issues like fire mitigation, road repair, law enforcement, school needs, and many more crucial projects. Vote YES on 300 and Vote YES on 301 to make sure this revenue comes to Palmer Lake.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 300:

Town of Green Mountain Falls - 2E

Designated Election Official: Renee Price 10615 Green Mountain Falls Rd. P.O. BOX 524 Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819 Telephone: (719) 684-9414

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS - 2E

SHALL TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS TAXES BE INCREASED \$19,000.00 IN 2017 AND THEN ANNUALLY BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL LODGING TAX AT THE RATE OF 2% SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE ADDITIONAL 2% LODGING TAX, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MAY BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT TO FUND PARK IMPROVEMENTS OR TOWN BEAUTIFICATION OR TO PAY THE COSTS OF OPERATING OR MAINTAINING IMPROVEMENTS;

SUCH TAX INCREASE SHALL COMMENCE JANUARY 1, 2017 AND BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME TRANSACTIONS AS THE TOWN'S LODGING TAX; AND

SHALL ORDINANCE NO. 9-6-2016A PROVIDING FOR SUCH TAX INCREASE BE APPROVED; AND SHALL THE REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH TAX INCREASE AND PROCEEDS MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

<u>Fiscal Year Spending Information:</u>

Fiscal Year2016 (estimated)\$ 400,000.002015 (actual)\$ 577,238.942014 (actual)\$ 1,174,712.982013 (actual)\$ 574,681.962012 (actual)\$539,278.74

Overall percentage change from 2012 to 2016: -35%
Overall dollar change from 2012 to 2016: \$ 139,278.74

FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATES:

Estimated 2017 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue No. 2E: \$19,000.00

Estimated 2017 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 2E: \$448,000.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2E:

Facts

The tax is only paid by <u>visitors</u> on lodging, NOT by local residents.

Local residents will not pay a penny of this tax.

The lodging owner collects the tax from visitors which is included in the lodging bill at checkout. The lodging owner then forwards the tax to the Town.

The income from this tax will be used for Town beautification (Parks, etc).

Discussion

One local lodging owner argues that a 2% increase will make them uncompetitive and drive tourists to other communities. However 2% of a \$150 lodging bill is only \$3. It is highly doubtful that that small additional cost would convince people to not stay in beautiful Green Mountain Falls.

Using the lodging tax to beautify the Town, especially the parks, will help attract more first time and repeat lodging customers and increase the lodging owners income.

The inceased lodging tax revenue is urgently required for Parks repairs. The Town Parks are in deplorable condition. The current Town Capital Improvements Program (CIP) lists 11 urgent Town Park projects amounting to over \$20,000 which remain unfunded. \$200,000.

Consider the following: The north side of Gazebo Lake Park, the grass is dead and the sprinkler system does not work. The capacity of the restrooms needs to be increased. Storm runoff needs to be diverted to keep mud from filling up the Lake again. Retaining walls at the east and south ends are failing and must be repaired to prevent a disaster. Visitors cause much of the wear and tear damage to the parks from overuse. Therefore, shouldn't the visitors pay their fair share to help restore the parks? This lodging tax will do that. The current income for lodging taxes at 2% is budgeted at \$12,500 for 2016. Increasing the rate to 4% would double that amount. Woodland Park has a current lodging tax rate of 5.7%, Colorado Springs is considering increasing to 4%. Cripple Creek is considering a rate of 6%. Vote YES to increase our lodging tax from 2% to 4%. It doesn't take us out of the competitive edge in the Ute Pass area.

Town of Green Mountain Falls- 2E (Continued)

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2E:

The proposed 2% lodging tax increase would not benefit the Town of Green Mountain Falls. Raising taxes on tourism in the form of higher lodging tax has only one possible affect, it would discourage tourists from renting vacation homes in our town, which in turn would affect our businesses in Green Mountain Falls who benefit from the tourist dollars. Grants can be obtained by the Town for solving the Park issues. Some will argue that the higher tax will increase revenues to help with Park conditions but there is an equal chance that tax revenues will decrease as there are many vacation home rental options in the Ute Pass area. Consumers will look to see where they can stay at lower rates for the same amenities. If taxes are raised, vacationers will look to where their hard earned dollar will go the furthest. If the number of visitors drop; due to the increased tax rate, the overall income for owners and the Town of Green Mountain Falls, alike, will decrease accordingly. Vacationers eat out at our local restaurants and shops, further supporting our tax base. Green Mountain Falls stands to lose significant competitive advantage in the Pikes Peak region if this tax hike is approved. While the tax revenue could be applied to help our Parks and town beautification, the lodging industry should not be the only industry to endure a tax hike. In closing, potential investors may look at these high tax rates and choose neighboring communities instead of GMF. This isn't what we want for our community.

Please vote NO on November 8th for this Lodging Tax increase.

El Paso County School District No. 20 (Academy) - 3A

<u>Designated Election Official:</u>
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (ACADEMY) EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (ACADEMY) - 3A

SHALL EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (ACADEMY) DEBT BE INCREASED \$230 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$387 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$22 MILLION ANNUALLY, WITH NO EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT TOTAL MILL LEVY RATE OF 60.216 MILLS (APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 1999) BASED ON THE DISTRICT'S PROJECTED ASSESSED VALUES, AND SHALL SUCH DEBT BE ISSUED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING 2 NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1 NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND A CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING;
- MAKING ADDITIONS TO AND REMOVING MODULAR CLASSROOMS FROM DISCOVERY CANYON CAMPUS, LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL, PINE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, AND SCHOOL IN THE WOODS;
- REMODELING AIR ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, CHALLENGER MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND RAMPART HIGH SCHOOL:
- UPDATING TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AT ALL SCHOOLS AND FOR ALL STUDENTS;
- PROVIDING IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL EXISTING ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL;

PROVIDED THAT ALL EXPENDITURES SHALL BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH ACADEMY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION NO. 205-16 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2016;

SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3%, AND BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND ANY BONDS ISSUED TO REFINANCE SUCH BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending Information:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 2016-17 (estimated) | \$ 232,220,596 |
| 2015-16 (unaudited actual) | \$ 231,791,447 |
| 2014-15 (actual) | \$ 219,818,240 |
| 2013-14 (actual) | \$ 209,740,746 |
| 2012-13 (actual) | \$ 200,223,185 |
| | |

Overall percentage change from 2012-13 to 2016-17 16.0%

Overall dollar change from 2012-13 to 2016-17 \$31,997,411

Proposed Tax Increase:

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2017-18 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3A: \$10,000,000

District Estimate of 2017-18 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:

\$246,500,000*

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3A:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:

Mot to exceed \$230,000,000

Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:

Not to exceed \$22,000,000

Total District Repayment Cost:

Not to exceed \$387,000,000

Information on District's Current Debt **

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt: \$107,014,342
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$16,398,876
Remaining Total Repayment Cost: \$131,327,515

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3A:

This bond measure will create \$230,000,000 worth of necessary improvements to D20 facilities. As the district is now 60 years old, buildings have aged and will benefit from updates, which are only possible through this funding. As well as providing improvements to all schools in the district, this bond will also fund the construction of 2 new elementary schools, 1 new middle school, add classrooms to high schools to accommodate current and future growth, reduce the number of modular classrooms in the district, and provide much needed remodels and additions increasing opportunities for students. Students and teachers will benefit and our property values will be strengthened.

This bond will allow D20 students enhanced connectivity to digital information and speed the flow of data through increased bandwidth at all schools and make 21st Century teaching and learning available to students and teachers. Accountability to our

El Paso County School District No. 20 (Academy) - 3A (Continued)

community is assured through the establishment of a bond oversight committee, comprised of D20 parents, patrons, business owners, and staff.

Without this funding, the school district cannot fund the construction of new schools to meet growth demands jeopardizing our property values. Without this funding and as a result of continued and prolonged funding cuts to education in Colorado, necessary repairs and system replacement will not be possible. Academy District 20 is an excellent school district within an excellent community and we need to assure excellence for both is sustained for current and future generations of students and residents.

All bonds can be sold and repaid within the existing school tax levy. This means our community can receive \$230 million worth of much needed capital improvements and new schools for the same price we are paying today.

Vote YES on 3A!

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3A:

A \$230 million bond will create up to \$387 million in new debt that D20 wants to use to complete a list of questionable "needs" projects made by a District-led committee that was tasked with defining the "needs" of all D20 schools in direct relation to potential growth.

Facts regarding the real impact of growth are not presented to voters. The process used to come up with the project list is subjective and flawed. Growth data, which the "needs" list relies heavily upon, is speculative.

D20 has not established a minimum equitable standard across the District. The Bond will not bring all D20 schools up to a minimum standard, thus, it does not meet real capital needs.

The total commitment to the patrons of D20 is limited to the promises written on the ballot asking for the Bond.

Verbal promises to constituents regarding specific projects that are not in writing and/or prioritized may not ever be fulfilled.

In addition to "wants" and "wishes" projects that Bond money would fund, D20 has plans for projects not related at all to "new growth": Renovations, expansions to replace old portables, routine maintenance such as, replacing boilers, repairing and/or replacing roofs, electrical/HVAC repairs, and other basic, routine maintenance tasks are results of D20's fiscal mismanagement of the Board approved yearly operating budget.

Voters are being asked to support this new Bond debt to make room for new numbers of in-district students, instead of rethinking policies that provided seats for 3,887 out-of-district students just last year. Lawfully allowed waiting lists for "choice" students frees thousands of seats in D20; this responsible solution to growth is not being explained to voters.

The D20 "needs" list; is really mostly "wants". Stakeholders have recommended that existing basic needs are met across D20 before expenditures on "wants" take place.

The School Board has allowed D20 to spend wastefully on upgrades, unfairly allocated amenities, frivolous projects, and unnecessary services such as marketing campaigns, pricey advertising, extravagant signage, and avoidable legal services disregarding good stewardship of taxpayer money.

Evidence exists that shows that many D20 expenditures have not been accurately recorded, as required by law.

Evidence exists to show that not all School Board discussions and decisions have taken place lawfully, in public view.

Choose "no" to A3 so we can all go back to the drawing board and do this the right way after 3 open School Board seats are filled in 2017.

Let's wait for new leadership that can promise that Bond funding will bring all schools up to a minimum standard, while still providing equitable discretionary funds for wanted amenities to maximize the quality and space of the schools we already have.

Let's wait to see accurate growth data and then place our confidence in a School Board that backs its constituents and is fully committed to the will of its electors.

For our schools, our community, and our kids: Vote "No" for now on 3A.

^{*} Does not include proceeds of bonded debt, lease purchase agreements or other borrowings which may occur in 2017-18 fiscal year.

^{**}Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations. Outstanding debt figures for the District are based on a calendar year not the District's fiscal year.

Falcon School District 49 - 3B

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT 49 EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT 49 - 3B

WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE OF 10.159 MILLS CURRENTLY BEING LEVIED BY FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT 49 FOR THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SHALL DISTRICT 49 COLLECT UP TO \$3,300,000 IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IN 2017 AND SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY CONTINUING TO COLLECT SUCH 10.159 MILLS TO BE USED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES INCLUDING RENTAL PAYMENTS ON LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCINGS AND FOR OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES DIRECTED TO:

- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS BY OFFERING SALARIES AND BENEFITS
 THAT ARE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER DISTRICTS IN EL PASO COUNTY;
- MAKING PRIORITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO RESTORE AND REFURBISH ALL EXISTING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ON A REGULAR PATTERN GOING FORWARD:
- INVESTING IN THE TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THE BUILDINGS PROVIDE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND SAFE AND EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT;
- CONSTRUCTING TWO K-5 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS, IN ORDER TO SERVE CURRENT DEMAND IN
 THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT:

PROVIDED THAT IN 2017 A PORTION OF THE 10.159 MILLS WILL BE USED TO MAKE THE FINAL PAYMENT ON THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending Information:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | |
|---|------------------|
| 2016-2017 (estimated) | \$ 205,813,072 |
| 2015-2016 (estimated actual) | \$ 219,440,432* |
| 2014-2015 (actual) | \$ 181,464,125** |
| 2013-2014 (actual) | \$ 154,284,457** |
| 2012-2013 (actual) | \$ 126,233,455 |
| | |
| Overall percentage change from 2012-2013 to 2016-2017 | 63.04% |

Overall dollar change from 2012-2013 to 2016-2017 \$79,579,617

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3B: \$8,400,000***

District Estimate of 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increases:

\$216,720,150****

Falcon School District 49 - 3B (Continued)

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3B:

3B supports students, teachers, and taxpayers.

3B supports taxpayers. 3B will not increase the amount of taxes we pay each year. By refinancing bond and other debt in 2015, District 49 decreased our taxes this year and presents this opportunity to invest in our schools without increasing the taxes we pay.

3B supports taxpayers. 3B is accountable - the mill levy override oversight committee currently reviews every expenditure made from the last mill levy override to ensure it meets one of the four criteria that were presented in the ballot language. The mill levy override oversight committee will provide the same oversight for 3B, ensuring the money is spent on the four priorities established in the 3B ballot language. This process allows taxpayers to confirm the money is being spent on schools and teachers, as promised. No money from 3B will be spent on administration or administrator salaries.

3B supports teachers. 3B will make more money available to attract and retain highly effective teachers by making our salary and compensation package for educators more competitive with the bigger districts to our west.

3B supports teachers. 3B strategically provides for maintenance of our existing facilities (see below). This will free up more money in the general fund to attract and retain highly effective teachers.

3B supports students. 3B will invest in every existing District 49 school, including public charter schools and the Falcon Homeschool Program. From roofs to carpet and desks to paint on the walls, taking care of what we already have is smart and efficient business.

3B supports students. 3B will balance the opportunities for students made available by facilities at the three largest high schools through additions at the two newest high schools and a major remodel at the oldest, and largest, high school.

3B supports students by building two new elementary schools to meet the demand that continues to grow in the central and northern parts of the district.

Voters last approved the construction of new schools more than a decade ago...since that time, the number of students District 49 serves has almost doubled. Our elementary schools are overcrowded and our kids deserve a quality neighborhood school that has space for them.

3B is a model that other school districts in the state are going to follow. 3B allows us to invest in our schools without increasing the amount of taxes we pay. The school district is running like a business, making smart decisions that are paying off financially and in the classroom. Voting Yes! on 3B allows us to support these efforts. 3B supports students, teachers, and taxpayers. Yes! on 3B

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3B:

^{*} Increase in fiscal year spending for the 2015/16 fiscal year is largely attributable to a refinancing of District debt instruments (bonds) that included a prepayment of future maturities of \$17,300,000.

^{**}Increase in fiscal year spending for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 fiscal years is largely attributable to the addition of GOAL Academy, a statewide, online charter school serving at-risk and non-traditional students, which resulted in an increase in per-pupil funding for approximately 3,100 students which resulted in an increase in pass-through revenue to the charter school of approximately \$19.7 million in 2013/14 and \$23.3 million for 2014/15.

^{***}This proposed increase would be commensurate with a simultaneous decrease in bond levy rates

^{****}Does not include proceeds of bonded debt, lease purchase agreements or other borrowings which may occur in 2017-18 fiscal year.

Colorado Springs School District No. 11 - 3C

<u>Designated Election Official:</u>
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 - 3C

SHALL COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$15,000,000 IN COLLECTION YEAR 2017, \$16,250,000 IN 2018, \$17,500,000 IN 2019, \$18,750,000 IN 2020, \$20,000,000 IN 2021, \$21,250,000 IN 2022, \$22,500,000 IN 2023, AND \$32,600,000 IN 2024 AND THEREAFTER \$32,600,000 ADJUSTED FOR ANNUAL CHANGES IN THE DENVER-BOULDER CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY A PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE MILL LEVY FOR DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AS DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT AND AS MONITORED BY CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WITH THE CONTINUATION OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW THAT ASSESSES AND REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS IN MEETING THE GOALS OF THE DISTRICT PERFORMANCE PLAN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- PROVIDING A SAFE AND HEALTHY LEARNING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT;
- REDUCING CLASS SIZE;
- ATTRACTING, RETAINING AND RECRUITING QUALITY STAFF:
- PROVIDING UP-TO-DATE TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS;
- MAINTAINING EFFICIENT, SECURE BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT; AND
- PROVIDING EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS;

ALL AS DESCRIBED IN THE DISTRICT'S "2016 MILL LEVY OVERRIDE SPENDING PLAN" DATED AUGUST 24, 2016, WHICH PLAN IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN;

WHICH PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE MILL LEVY SHALL BE LIMITED BY APPLICABLE LAW AS PROVIDED IN C.R.S. SECTION 22-54-108 (CURRENTLY 25% OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING);

AND SHALL THE PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE MILL LEVY APPROVED BY THIS QUESTION AND THE MILL LEVY REQUIRED FOR THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT APPROVED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 8, 2016, BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MILL LEVY LIMIT CONTAINED IN THE OVERRIDE TAX QUESTION APPROVED BY THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000; AND SHALL THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES (E.G. SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES), BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Summary of written comments for and against 3C included after 3D notice and financial information.

Colorado Springs School District No. 11 - 3D

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 - 3D

SHALL COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 DEBT BE INCREASED \$235 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST UP TO \$390 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$15.5 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL PLAN, APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND MONITORED BY A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION:

- BUILDING REPAIRS REPAIRING AND REPLACING ROOFS, BOILERS, HEATING AND VENTILATION SYSTEMS, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, AND ASPHALT IN EXISTING DISTRICT FACILITIES TO ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND IMPROVE COST EFFICIENCY;
- TECHNOLOGY ACQUIRING AND UPGRADING TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE DISTRICT OPERATIONS, INCREASE EFFICIENCIES, AND IMPROVE LEARNING;
- SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ENLARGING, IMPROVING, REMODELING, REPAIRING, AND MAKING ADDITIONS TO EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY, REDUCE OVERCROWDING, AND TO IMPROVE OPERATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EFFICIENCY;
- OTHER FACILITIES CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, REMODELING, AND REPAIRING PROPERTY AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES;
- ENERGY CONSERVATION ACQUIRING AND UPGRADING EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND COST CONSERVATION PROJECTS;

ALL AS DESCRIBED IN THE DISTRICT'S "2016 BOND SPENDING PLAN" DATED AUGUST 24, 2016, WHICH PLAN IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE (PROVIDED THAT SUCH RATE SHALL NOT PRODUCE REVENUE IN EXCESS OF \$15.5 MILLION ANNUALLY AS SET FORTH ABOVE) TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH REPAYMENT), SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AND ISSUE DATES FOR A PRICE AT, ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF EACH SUCH SERIES, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDING REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A PREMIUM NOT TO EXCEED 3%, AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW, ALL AS THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE;

AND SHALL THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX LEVY AND BOND PROCEEDS (E.G. SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES) BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Colorado Springs School District No. 11 - 3D (Continued)

Total District Fiscal Year Spending Information:

 Fiscal Year
 2016-17 (projected)
 \$ 171,386,629

 2015-16 (estimated actual)
 \$ 168,026,107

 2014-15 (actual)
 \$ 164,925,507

 2013-14 (actual)
 \$ 161,919,629

 2012-13 (actual)
 \$ 159,862,298

Overall estimated percentage change from 2012-13 to 2016-17 7.2%

Overall estimated dollar change from 2012-13 to 2016-17 \$11,524,331

Proposed Tax Increase:

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2017-18 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

> BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3C: \$16,250,000 BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3D: \$15,200,000

District Estimate of 2017-18 Fiscal Year Spending

Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$179,955,960*

Information on District's Proposed Debt**

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3D:

| Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds: | Not to exceed | \$235,000,000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost: | Not to exceed | \$15,500,000 |
| Total District Repayment Cost: | Not to exceed | \$390,000,000 |

Information on District's Current Debt**

| Principal Amount Outstanding Debt: | \$136,853,111 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: | \$20,650,136 |
| Remaining Total Repayment Cost: | \$175,538,095 |

^{*} Does not include proceeds of bonded debt, lease purchase agreements or other borrowings which may occur in 2017-18 fiscal year.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3C:

Community Benefits: By investing in neighborhood schools, taxpayers of D11 are investing in property values. Great schools increase property values and decrease crime. 3C and 3D allow D11 to improve the quality of local schools, leading to increased home values. Investing in D11 is also good for business. Local businesses depend on an educated workforce. These measures allow investment in technology, staff, and resources needed to provide kids with skills to enter the workforce or continue with education. Businesses are attracted to areas with good schools. By investing in schools, we are attracting businesses.

Accountability: We can trust D11! When the last tax increase was approved 11 years ago, D11 created an oversight committee and process that ensured tax dollars were spent exactly as promised. D11 will continue this comprehensive oversight and accountability plans to ensure that moneys will be spent as promised, including a committee made up of community members, giving taxpayers a vital role in ensuring that moneys are used exactly as promised.

<u>Safety and Maintenance:</u> The average age of a D11 school is 50 years. Older buildings need maintenance, and funding is insufficient. With 3C and 3D, D11 can fix leaky roofs, update aging plumbing, and perform needed repairs. 3C and 3D provides funding to improve school safety by placing security guards in elementary schools and increasing security presence at all schools. Additionally, D11 will invest in social and emotional health of students. Achievement can only occur if a student's social and emotional needs are met. 3C places school counselors in all elementary schools and increases counseling, social work, and nursing staff at all schools.

<u>Timing.</u> State funding for D11 has significantly declined over the last decade. D11 has done an admirable job balancing its budget in view of ever declining resources, but further cuts will dramatically impact the classroom, resulting in increased class sizes, outdated technology, and unsafe buildings. D11 has not asked for a tax increase in over a decade. Now is the time to invest in our community.

<u>Class Size Reduction.</u> Studies show that smaller class sizes leads to higher achievement. A "yes" vote would improve student achievement by decreasing class sizes, helping identify student needs faster, and improving student access to programs and instruction.

<u>Quality Teachers.</u> You get what you pay for –especially when it comes to quality teachers. D11 has the best teachers in the country, but we are losing teachers and quality staff members to districts that pay more. 3C will ensure that D11 can attract, recruit, and retain the best teachers and staff.

 $[\]ensuremath{^{**}}$ Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Colorado Springs School District No. 11 - 3D (Continued)

<u>Technology.</u> The world is dependent on technology. Kids need to prepare for the future. Access to modern tools provide skills to compete. With the budget crunch, D11 has not had resources to update technology. 3C allows investments in computers, programs, and technological to ensure that our kids are prepared for their future.

<u>Charter Schools Will Benefit.</u> 3C specifically provides for equitable funding for charter schools. That means that every kid in D11 will benefit from the measure.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3D:

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Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Hanover School District 28 - 3E

<u>Designated Election Official:</u>
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT 28 EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT 28 - 3E

SHALL HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT 28 TAXES BE INCREASED \$512,000 IN 2016 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED 16 MILLS (OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ANNUALLY DETERMINE), TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH EXPENDITURES REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC ANNUALLY, WHICH PURPOSES SHALL INCLUDE:

- SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION FLEET FOR THE SAFTEY OF STUDENTS AND REDUCTION IN MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP;
- SUPPORTING QUALITY INSTRUCTION AND EXPANDING COURSE OFFERINGS WITH THE NECESSARY TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS;
- PROVIDING STUDENTS AND STAFF WITH ADEQUATE ACCESS TO CURRENT TECHNOLOGY;
- RESTORING SOME OF THE NEEDED FACILITIES DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUNDS;
- FOR THE PURPOSE OF STAFF RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT INCREASING STAFF SALARIES TO COMPETITIVE LEVELS PER MARKET DEMAND;
- GROWING THE CAPACITY OF STAFF THROUGH HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT;

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 AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

<u>Total District Fiscal Year Spending Information:</u>

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 2016-17 (estimated) | \$3,668,920 |
| 2015-16 (unaudited) | \$3,475,920 |
| 2014-15 (actual) | \$3,785,283 |
| 2013-14 (actual) | \$3,889,903 |
| 2012-13 (actual) | \$3,680,854 |
| 2011-12 (actual) | \$3,409,004 |
| | |
| | |

Overall percentage change from 2011-12 to 2016-17: 7.09%

Overall dollar change from 2011-12 to 2016-17: \$259,916

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3E: \$512,000

District Estimate of 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$3,668,920

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 3E:

Due to the decline in funding from the state of Colorado to Hanover School District 28 there are fewer and fewer dollars to keep the district competitive. The school district has not been able to make the necessary purchases for such things as increased security cameras in the schools and on the buses, maintain all facilities in order to extend their lifetime, provide our students with technology to prepare for jobs and college, and keep the instructional materials up to date. Every school district around Hanover School District 28 has a mill levy over-ride bringing in hundreds and thousands of dollars to their budget. Those districts are moving ahead of Hanover School District 28. We cannot allow our community to fall behind our neighbors. This mill levy is a must have at 16 mills to not only catch us up but to move to the front of the pack. Our students deserve nothing but the best!

This ballot issue is needed in our school district most importantly to offset the reduction in funds the school district has received from the state over the past several years. With the approval of this ballot issue, the school system will be able to restore staff compensation to the level they deserve, more effectively maintain our buildings and aging transportation fleet, and acquire the appropriate resources [textbooks and technology] our staff needs to deliver an excellent education to our students. It may seem like a lot to ask, especially in the first year, but I trust the administration and the board to only acquire the funding necessary to accomplish their stated goals in the future.

The passing of Hanover School District 28 Ballot Issue 3E is crucial to the survival of the District. With continued funding cuts at the State level, the District will not be able to keep up with changing technologies, textbook rotations, building maintenance, and competitive salaries. Ballot Issue 3E will bridge the gap to secure a solid education to each student enrolled, bring technology up to speed, expand on curriculum and opportunities, replace exhausted transportation fleet, and help relieve the continued cost of living increases for all staff. The administration and school board will need to work together and communicate effectively, but I believe this process is already in place. Let us bring excitement back into our classrooms and send our students into the world ready to take on the future.

<u>Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 3E:</u>

Green Mountain Falls - Chipita Park Fire Protection District - 4A

Designated Election Official:
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS-CHIPITA PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS-CHIPITA PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - 4A

SHALL GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS - CHIPITA PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,102,800, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$308,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW FIRE STATION INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEETING SPACE, BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, BEARING INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.0% PER ANNUM, TO BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIMES AND PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE AND IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT; AND SHALL ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH TAXES OR THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS BE AUTHORIZED AS A REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

<u>Fiscal Year Spending Information:</u>

| 2016 (estimated) 2015 (actual) 2014 (actual) 2013 (actual) 2012 (actual) | \$203,249 \$194,492 \$190,445 \$181,611 \$174,228 |
|--|---|
| Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending is | 16% |
| Overall dollar amount change is | \$5,804 |
| Overall maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2016 is | \$8,757 |
| Estimated no fiscal year spending without tax increase. | |

Information on Proposed Debt:

| Principal amount | \$3,500,000 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Maximum annual repayment cost | \$233,537.50 |
| Total repayment cost | \$4,596,287.50 |

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A:

The current fire station is, on average, approximately 60 years old and inadequate for current needs. An excessive amount of money is spent each year trying to maintain the building, approximately 10 to 15% of the annual budget. Replacement parts for some of the building systems are simply not available. The current building is located in the floodplain and subject to periodic flooding during hard rains, both from the creek side and the street. The building does not meet ADA standards and it would be cost prohibitive to make it so. Administrative, training, maintenance, and operating space is all inadequate to nonexistent. The vehicle staging space is limited and there is no area to work around the vehicles. Today's newer vehicles are too large for the space available.

During the Waldo Canyon Fire the building was used for an extended period of time as an operational and logistical site for the firefighters and law enforcement. The site proved to be inadequate in the areas of food service, sanitation and communications. The topography of the area makes the station indefensible if there were another event of the magnitude of the Waldo Canyon Fire to occur.

In the upcoming years the District will require a full time fire department. Therefore; the station will require living quarters for fire personnel and potentially other emergency services. Costs for this type of structure will only increase in the future

Now is the time to build a station not just for today but for the future. In the past citizens of the District paid for today's facility and now we need to do the same for ourselves those who come after us.

<u>Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:</u>

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Triview Metropolitan District - 5A

Designated Election Official: Valerie Remington Triview Metropolitan District 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300 Monument, Colorado 80132 Telephone: (719) 488-6868

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE TRIVIEW METROPOLITAN DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TRIVIEW METROPOLITAN DISTRICT - 5A

COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028, SHALL TRIVIEW METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WITHOUT INCREASING EXISTING TAX RATES OR IMPOSING A NEW TAX, BE AUTHORIZED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING DOWN THE DISTRICT'S DEBT SOONER, TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND REGARDLESS OF THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE 5.5% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT OF 29-1-301 C.R.S..

C1) ALL REVENUES ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND SUCH AS PROPERTY TAXES, SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES, SALES TAXES, PROPERTY TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE TOWN OF MONUMENT, COLORADO, IMPACT FEES, GRANT REVENUES, AND INVESTMENT INCOME, AND

C2) IN ANY YEAR IN WHICH THE DISTRICT'S WATER AND SEWER UTILITY DOES NOT QUALIFY AS AN ENTERPRISE, REVENUES ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE ENTERPRISE FUND, SUCH AS WATER AND SEWER USER FEES, TAP FEES, INCLUSION FEES, WATER REUSE FEES, GRANTS, AND INVESTMENT INCOME?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5A:

Triview Metropolitan District was formed in 1985 and annexed by the Town of Monument in 1987. Approximately sixty percent of the Town's land mass and population live in the District. The functions of the District are multi-faceted with the most important being the provision of water and sewer for District residents and businesses. In addition to the costs of providing services, the District has a large debt which was incurred in 1992 to pay for the installation of infrastructure in the District including roads, traffic control, water, sewer and parks and open space. The District can provide the services and pay debt service from existing revenues but if those revenues decrease, the District would be forced to either cut back on services or default on debt payments.

The District has refinanced its long-term debt with a lower interest rate saving taxpayers several million dollars in interest payments. The proposal allows the District to continue reducing its debt while still providing the same level of services.

The proposal to allow the District to collect, retain and expend revenues it receives is another step to further reduce the cost of borrowing for the District's residents. The proposal does not add any new taxes nor does it increase any existing taxes. The revenues to be retained come primarily from sales taxes, use taxes, property taxes, auto taxes and user charges and fees. These sources of revenue come from all property owners (residential and commercial) and residents and non-residents who utilize commercial facilities located in the District.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5A:

Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District - 5B

<u>Designated Election Official:</u> George M. Rowley 2154 E. Commons Ave., Suite 2000 Centennial, CO 80122 Telephone: (303) 858-1800

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE PAINT BRUSH HILLS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PAINT BRUSH HILLS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT - 5B

SHALL PAINT BRUSH HILLS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ANY AND ALL AMOUNTS ANNUALLY FROM ANY REVENUE SOURCES WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TAXES, TAX INCREMENT REVENUES, TAP FEES, PARK FEES, FACILITY FEES, SERVICE CHARGES, INSPECTION CHARGES, ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES, GIFTS, GRANTS OR ANY OTHER FEE, RATE, TOLL, PENALTY, INCOME OR CHARGE AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR CONTRACT TO BE IMPOSED, COLLECTED OR RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, SUCH AMOUNTS TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, INCLUDING ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION IMPOSING TAX CUTS, THE LIMITS IMPOSED ON INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAXATION BY SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S. IN ANY SUBSEQUENT YEAR, OR ANY OTHER LAW WHICH PURPORTS TO LIMIT THE DISTRICT'S REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS OR AS IT MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

| 2016 (estimated) | \$405,222 |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 2015 (actual) | \$377,622 |
| 2014 (actual) | \$376,058 |
| 2013 (actual) | \$379,478 |
| 2012 (actual) | \$360,015 |
| Overall Percentage Change: | 11.16% |
| Overall Dollar Change: | \$45,207 |

Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for first full fiscal year under this Referred Measure: \$41,075

Estimated Maximum Fiscal Year Spending for first full fiscal year without tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$400,000

<u>Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5B:</u>

A vote **YES** for this ballot measure allows Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District to retain its portion of the property tax revenue that it receives from El Paso County. The amount is approximately \$26,000.00. Retaining this revenue benefits the residents of the District in several ways. First, the District will be able to use the money to continue to upgrade the infrastructure of the District. Second, exempting the District from the 5.5% and TABOR statutory limitations will allow the residents to continue to deduct the full amount of their property taxes on their tax returns rather than receive approximately \$34.00 in rebate per residence. Vote **YES** to exempt the Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District from the 5.5% and TABOR statutory limitation.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District - 5C

Designated Election Official: Dorothy R. (Dottie) Barrett Administrative Officer 2160 B Street Colorado Springs, CO 80906

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DE-TABOR ON A REFERRED MEASURE STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - 5C

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES OR MILL LEVY, SHALL THE STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO, BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN SIXTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$16,400.00) IN 2015 REVENUE ACTUALLY COLLECTED THAT IS IN EXCESS OF TABOR LIMITS, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District - 5D

<u>Designated Election Official:</u> Dorothy R. (Dottie) Barrett Administrative Officer 2160 B Street Colorado Springs, CO 80906

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DE-TABOR ON A REFERRED MEASURE STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 8, 2016 Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - 5D

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES, SHALL THE STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO, BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND OR RESERVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES, GRANTS, AND OTHER REVENUE COLLECTED FROM ALL SOURCES INCLUDING ALL REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2016 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THERAFTER THROUGH 2019, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR IN ANY OTHER LAW?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

END OF BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE

As required by Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S. § 1-7-905), I hereby certify the ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions. Chuck Broerman El Paso County Clerk & Recorder MAIL YOUR BALLOT: The 2016 General Election is a mail ballot election. Ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters beginning October 17, 2016. If mailing your ballot back, it is recommended you do so no later than November 2, 2016. You may also drop off your ballot at any of the following Voter Service and Polling Centers until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2016.

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS: Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) will be available to cast your ballot, register to vote, update your voter registration, vote on an ADA accessible voting machine, receive a mail ballot, request a replacement ballot and deposit your mail ballot.

All locations are closed Sundays except for the 24 hour secure mail ballot drop-off which open Monday, October 17, 2016. All ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the General Election, November 8, 2016.

*Indicates locations with a 24 hour ballot drop-off box.

*Main Office (EPC Clerk's Office) – All services at this location are available starting Monday, October 17, 2016 1675 West Garden of the Gods Road, Suite 2202

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. (not open Sundays) Saturday, October 29, 2016, & November 5, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The locations below are open beginning October 24, 2016 for the following days and hours:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday October 29, 2016, & November 5, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*EPC Clerk's Office *EPC Clerk's Office **North Branch Southeast Branch** 8830 N. Union Blvd. 5650 Industrial Place Colorado Springs, CO 80920 Colorado Springs, CO 80916

*EPC Clerk's Office *East Library **Downtown Branch** 5550 N. Union Blvd. 200 S. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80918 Lower Level Colorado Springs, CO 80903

College America EPC Hazardous Waste Facility

2020 N. Academy Blvd., Suite 100 3255 Akers Dr. Room 104 Colorado Springs, CO 80922 Colorado Springs, CO 80909

645 Beacon Lite Rd. 222 N. Santa Fe Ave. Monument, CO 80132 Community Room Fountain, CO 80817

*Town of Monument

The locations below are open beginning November 4, 2016 for the following days and hours: Friday, November 4, 2016, 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. Saturday November 5, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*City of Manitou Springs **Norris-Penrose Event Center** 606 Manitou Ave. 1045 Lower Gold Camp Rd. City Hall Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Manitou Springs, CO 80829

*Fountain Police Department

The locations below are open beginning Saturday, November 5, 2016 for the following days and hours:

Saturday November 5, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*EPC Public Services **Black Forest Fire/Rescue** Department 11445 Teachout Rd. 1010 Golden St. Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Calhan, CO 80808

The locations below are open beginning Monday, November 7, 2016 for the following days and hours:

Monday, November 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Church for All Nations Corpus Christi Parish Hall 6540 Templeton Gap Rd. 2318 N. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80923

The Independence Center

729 S. Tejon St.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Pikes Peak Regional Building

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

2nd Floor

Colorado Springs, CO 80910

2880 International Circle

Wescott Fire Protection District 1

Forestgate Presbyterian Church

Colorado Springs, CO 80921

970 North Gate Blvd.

15415 Gleneagle Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Colorado Springs, CO 80922

EPC Clerk's Office

Ft. Carson, CO 80913

1175 Chapel Hills Dr.

7030 Old Meridian Rd.

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

YMCA – Southeast Family Center

Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Security Fire Department

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

400 Security Blvd.

& Armed Services

2190 Jet Wing Dr.

Falcon, CO 80831

Zalman Center

2755 Janitell Rd.

Colorado Springs, CO 80920

*Falcon Fire Department Station 3

6351 Wetzel Ave., Bldg. 1525

Fort Carson

*Library 21c

ADDITIONAL MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

The locations below provide no indoor registration or ballot drop-off services. The 24 hour boxes open October 17, 2016 and close November 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.:

*Ellicott School District Admin Building

322 S. Ellicott Hwy. Calhan, CO 80808

*Black Forest Park-n-Ride 7503 Black Forest Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80908

*Charles C. "Chuck" Brown **Transportation & Environmental Complex** 3275 Akers Dr.

*City of Colorado Springs

City Administration Building 30 S. Nevada Ave., Suite 101 Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Additional information is available online at www.epcvotes.com or by calling (719) 575-VOTE (8683).

