

NOTICE OF ELECTION

November 5, 2024 – Election Day

All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot beginning October 11.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/
ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE.**

You may not be eligible to vote on all issues presented in this notice.

By law, this notice is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered electors.



BoulderCountyVotes.gov

Si necesita ayuda en Español, visite BoulderCountyVotes.gov o llame al 303-413-7740.

Dear Boulder County Voters:

The Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's Office is responsible for conducting the 2024 General Election for coordinating jurisdictions in Boulder County. This booklet contains important information regarding tax- or debt-related issues for those jurisdictions. Information on non-tax-related measures or candidates may be found online.



Confidence in our election process is essential to the health of our democracy. We encourage you to learn firsthand about our election procedures by attending one of our in-person Ballot Processing Tours or our online election information webinars. Dates and times for these events can be found on our website, BoulderCountyVotes.gov. If you're unable to attend a tour or webinar, our website includes extensive information on ballot processing, security protocols, and more.

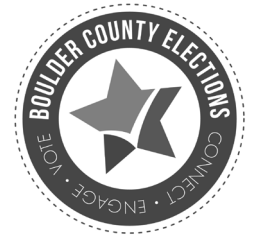
With election mis- and disinformation proliferating, I encourage everyone to always make sure to verify any election information before sharing with others. Please turn to our office, the bipartisan Colorado County Clerks Association (ClerkandRecorder.org), or the Colorado Secretary of State (GoVoteColorado.gov) for accurate election information.

Boulder County Elections takes pride in conducting each election in the most accessible, accurate, and secure way possible and serving our community to the best of our ability. However, we are always open to your feedback about how we can do that better. Please share your thoughts with us at Vote@BoulderCounty.gov or (303) 413-7740. And if you have any questions about the elections process, please get in touch.

Thanks for being a voter,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly Fitzpatrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Molly Fitzpatrick, Boulder County Clerk & Recorder



Be Election Ready!

- ★ **Check your voter registration.** Make sure your address is current, especially if you have moved in the last year or have not voted recently. All active, registered voters get a ballot in the mail. Ballots are mailed beginning October 11. Receiving this mailer does not guarantee you are registered to vote. **Check your registration at GoVoteColorado.gov.** Colorado does not have a registration deadline. If eligible to vote, you may register and vote on the same day, up to and including Election Day.
- ★ **Track your mail ballot.** Visit BoulderCountyVotes.gov to sign up for BallotTrax to receive messages by email, text, or phone when your mail ballot has been mailed and then received back by Boulder County Elections to be counted.
- ★ **In-person voting is available.** If you would like to vote in person or need additional assistance with voting, Vote Centers (Voter Service and Polling Centers) open October 21 and a list of locations will be included in your mail ballot packet. You can also find Vote Center locations and days/hours of operation on our website.
- ★ **Vote early.** Once you decide how to vote, return your voted mail ballot. Voting early helps reduce campaign phone calls/texts and helps the county process ballots throughout the election period, which helps get the bulk of election results to the public faster.
- ★ **Traveling?** Before Vote Centers open, mail ballots can be picked up early in person at our main office, 1750 33rd Street in Boulder, Mon-Thurs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed Fridays and holidays). Or, if you need your ballot sent to a location other than your voter registration residential address, you can add a mailing address to your voter registration record. Do so as soon as possible at GoVoteColorado.gov. The last day to change your mailing address/be sent a ballot for this election is October 28, 2024. Remember to update your mailing address after the election if you made a temporary mailing address change.

About this TABOR Notice:

Who gets this TABOR Booklet: This booklet is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered voters whose ballots include at least one TABOR ballot issue. However, receiving this booklet does not guarantee you are registered to vote or that your registration is current. **Additionally, you may not be eligible to vote on all issues presented in this notice.**

What is included: This booklet contains summary statements for ballot issues as required by the State of Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20 for ballot issues appearing on the 2024 General Election ballot. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. 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.

What is not included: This booklet does not contain information on statewide ballot questions or any candidate information. Information on statewide measures and judge retention, if applicable, can be found in the State Ballot Information Booklet (commonly referred to as the “Blue Book”) mailed by the State of Colorado. **For complete ballot content, please visit BoulderCountyVotes.gov.**

TABOR NOTICE

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS – Boulder County, Colorado

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: November 5, 2024 • Deadline for Receipt of Ballots: November 5, 2024 at 7 p.m. Postmarks do not count. Voter Service and Polling Centers open Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Additional earlier days/hours of operation can be found in your mail ballot packet and online.

Boulder County Clerk’s Main Office: 1750 33rd Street, Boulder, CO 80301

Vote@BoulderCounty.gov • Tel: 303-413-7740 • BoulderCountyVotes.gov

CITY OF LONGMONT

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

CITY OF LONGMONT

Boulder and Weld Counties, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Designated Election Official:

Dawn Quintana, City Clerk

350 Kimbark St.

Longmont, CO 80501

Telephone: (303) 651-8649

CITY OF LONGMONT BALLOT ISSUE 3A

EXTENSION OF CITY OPEN SPACE TAX

WITHOUT INCREASING TAX RATES OR IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL THE CITY OF LONGMONT’S EXISTING TWO-TENTHS OF A CENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES, CURRENTLY SET TO SUNSET IN 2034, BE EXTENDED INDEFINITELY WITH THE REVENUES GENERATED FROM SUCH TAXES CONTINUING TO BE USED TO ACQUIRE, IMPROVE, AND MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE FOR PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PRESERVATION OF NATURAL AREAS, WILDLIFE HABITAT,

WETLANDS, AGRICULTURE AND VISUAL CORRIDORS; AND DISTRICT PARKS DEVOTED TO LOW-IMPACT RECREATIONAL USES?

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

- No tax increase, we have been paying since 2000 when approved by voters.
- Just removes sunset provision.
- Retains existing 2 cents on \$10 purchase.
- Provides an on-going revenue stream for on-going maintenance and development needs on OS assets.
- Allows long-term infrastructure planning and budgeting (recently completed Spring Gulch 2 Greenway took 10 years and \$15 million from several sources to connect Stephen Day Park, Union Reservoir and Sandstone Ranch).
- Open Space somewhat ameliorates the impacts of increased population density in the community.
- Voting on the issue in this presidential election year provides an opportunity for more voters to participate in this important decision.
- Open space provides a buffer separating Longmont from the towns of Mead, Firestone and Frederick while creating view corridors.

CITY OF LONGMONT (Continued)

- Open space offers valuable assets for all Longmont residents: wildlife habitat, agricultural preservation, neighborhood connectivity, and buffers between communities.
- Open Space improves our quality of life by providing opportunities to be in nature. Open Space matters and is significant reason why residents love living in Longmont.
- We don't know the economic and political landscape of the mid 2030s. The proper thing to do is to put this tax up for an extension vote a year before it expires in 2034.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

- Proponents of Longmont's open space sales tax are quick to say, "It's only two cents on a 10 dollar purchase!" But they conveniently ignore the fact that we also pay four other open space sales taxes to Boulder County totaling 0.475%.
- If all of the county open space taxes have expiration dates, why should Longmont's tax be made permanent? There is no need to extend this sales tax 10 years ahead of time.

TOWN OF ERIE

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Designated Election Official:

Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk

645 Holbrook Street

Erie, CO 80516

Phone: (303) 926-2731

TOWN OF ERIE BALLOT ISSUE 3C

SHALL TOWN OF ERIE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$800,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE TAX OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) ON THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF RETAIL MARIJUANA IN THE TOWN, TO TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2025, AND SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND SUCH REVENUE AND ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON WITHOUT LIMITATION AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE EXPENDITURE OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

2024 (estimated)	\$102,308,827
2023 (actual)	\$79,450,418
2022 (actual)	\$65,232,305
2021 (actual)	\$92,800,050
2020 (actual)	\$64,108,109

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 to 2024: 45%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 through 2024: \$31,825,333

First Full Fiscal Year Estimates

Town estimate of the maximum dollar amount of the proposed tax increase by Ballot Issue 3C for fiscal year 2025 (the first full fiscal year of the proposed tax increase): \$800,000

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TOWN OF SUPERIOR

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

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Designated Election Official:

Lydia Yecke, Town Clerk

124 E. Coal Creek Drive

Superior, CO 80027

Phone: (303) 499-3675

TOWN OF SUPERIOR BALLOT ISSUE 3B:

SHALL TOWN OF SUPERIOR DEBT BE INCREASED \$20 MILLION, WITH A TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$32 MILLION (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE TOWN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING AND UPGRADING TOWN-OWNED SWIMMING POOLS;
- CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING AND UPGRADING PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS;
- CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING STREETS;

AND SHALL TOWN TAXES BE INCREASED \$1.9 MILLION IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF 0.315%; SUCH TAX INCREASE TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2025, AND CONTINUE SO LONG AS THE DEBT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS QUESTION REMAINS OUTSTANDING, BUT IN NO EVENT BEYOND DECEMBER 31, 2050; WHICH TAX REVENUES WILL BE USED FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWN; AND MAY THE DEBT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS QUESTION BE PAID FROM SUCH LEGALLY AVAILABLE REVENUES, BEAR INTEREST, AND BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE AT A PRICE ABOVE, BELOW OR EQUAL TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH DEBT AND WITH SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, ALL AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH TAX AND DEBT PROCEEDS AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME EARNED FROM SUCH PROCEEDS BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (estimated)	\$36,756,044*
2023 (actual)	\$35,560,761*
2022 (actual)	\$32,571,538*
2021 (actual)	\$25,797,569
2020 (actual)	\$25,682,661

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 to 2024: 43.12 %

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 through 2024: \$11,073,383

*Increase in revenue for fiscal year 2022 and thereafter is a result of an increase in sales tax revenue attributable to the discharge of debt by the Urban Renewal Authority.

Proposed District Tax Increase

Town Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2025 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): \$1,900,000

Town Estimate of 2025 Fiscal Year Spending Without the Proposed Tax Increases: \$40,636,000

Information on Town's Proposed Debt

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	\$20,000,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$1,900,000
Total Repayment Cost:	\$32,000,000

Information on Town's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$6,095,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$660,443
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$8,860,940

*Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:

Greg Fieth, Financial Operations Consultant
St. Vrain Valley School District Re-1J
395 S. Pratt Parkway
Longmont, CO 80501
Phone: 303-682-7203

St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J Ballot Issue 5C

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$739.8 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$998.9 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- IMPROVING SAFETY AND SECURITY, INCLUDING SECURE ENTRY VESTIBULES, BUILDING ACCESS CONTROLS, FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNICATIONS, AND FIRE SPRINKLERS;
- REPLACING OUTDATED ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND HVAC SYSTEMS, AND ADDRESSING OTHER REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO EXTEND THE USEFUL LIFE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, REDUCE EMERGENCY REPAIRS, IMPROVE AIR QUALITY, AND ENHANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY;
- CONSTRUCTING A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND VOCATIONAL CLASSES AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) PROGRAMMING;
- PROVIDING CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO ADDRESS OVERCROWDING AND FUTURE ENROLLMENT INCREASES;

AND FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING OR IMPROVING ANY CAPITAL ASSETS THAT THE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO OWN;

AND SHALL THE TAXES AUTHORIZED AT THE DISTRICT'S BOND ELECTIONS IN 2002, 2008 AND 2016 BE EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE USED TO PAY THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT THIS ELECTION IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT SUCH PRIOR ELECTIONS;

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 IMPOSED 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;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AND EXPENDITURES WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A BOARD APPOINTED CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024-25 (estimated)	\$559,920,166
2023-24 (estimated actual)	\$522,386,510
2022-23 (actual)	\$462,447,533
2021-22 (actual)	\$410,247,467
2020-21 (actual)	\$390,982,500

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020-21 to 2024-25: 43.21%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020-21 through 2024-25: \$168,937,666

Proposed Bonded Debt

Proposed Principal Amount:	\$ 739,800,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 102,022,025
Total Repayment Cost:	\$ 998,900,000

Current District Bonded Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding:	\$296,775,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 47,198,889
Total Repayment Cost:	\$376,079,632

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

Without increasing taxes, your YES vote on Issue 5C will help protect and improve St. Vrain Valley School District's high-performing schools.

St. Vrain is one of the highest-performing school districts in Colorado and is nationally recognized for innovation, community engagement, and technology. The District has also outperformed the Colorado average on 100%

of state standardized assessments and has the highest graduation rate in the Denver Metro region.

Passage of Issue 5C will provide many benefits for our students and SVVSD communities, including:

- Improving safety and security
- Attracting and retaining quality teachers and staff
- Addressing overcrowding and future enrollment growth
- Reducing costly and disruptive emergency repairs
- Extending the useful life of existing facilities
- Enhancing and expanding career and technical education (CTE) programming
- Improving building efficiencies, saving taxpayer dollars
- Providing for a vibrant local economy and a ready workforce
- Protecting property values

Among the high-priority capital improvements to be addressed by Issue 5C are:

- Safety and security upgrades, including secure entryways, building access controls, first responder communications, and fire sprinklers
- Replacing outdated electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, and other critical infrastructure repairs and renovations
- Constructing a career and technical education (CTE) center to enhance and expand vocational classes and providing additional instructional space for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming
- Providing classroom additions and constructing and equipping new school buildings

Voter approval of Issue 5C will not increase taxes and will not increase the District's existing maximum annual debt service. This is possible because of existing community investment, strong financial management, and increased resources tied to population growth and economic strength.

Passage of Issue 5C will provide many academic benefits, including updating instructional spaces, reconfiguring and re-imagining underutilized spaces, making technology upgrades, addressing air quality and classroom comfort improvements, and adding instructional space to address current localized overcrowding and future growth, and more.

Career and technical education (CTE) programming will also benefit with voter approval of Issue 5C. Expanded CTE space will allow more students to engage in cutting-edge programming in high-growth fields such as advanced manufacturing, welding, and healthcare. A greater number of students will also be able to earn industry-leading credentials.

Now is the time to address SVVSD's highest-priority facility needs. Waiting for another five years would increase the total price tag by an estimated \$200 million due to construction inflation.

Issue 5C is focused on the District's absolute highest-priority needs, improvements that can be addressed without increasing taxes. Passage of Issue 5C will benefit more than 32,000 students and each of the communities served by SVVSD. Issue 5C deserves our support.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

No comments were provided by the constitutional deadline.

THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J

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

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:

Laura Lee Ehlers
800 S. Taft Avenue
Loveland, Colorado 80537
Phone: 970-613-5013

THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J BALLOT ISSUE 5A

IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR TEACHER AND OTHER STAFF COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS, RECURRING CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR NEEDS, TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF, TO BE MONITORED BY A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SHALL THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$13 MILLION IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2025, WITH SUCH AMOUNT BEING ADJUSTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN INFLATION, BY LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE SUCH AMOUNT; PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-108.7, C.R.S., SHALL SUCH ADDITIONAL REVENUES BE UTILIZED FOR ONGOING CASH FUNDING FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, NEW INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, EXISTING TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT; AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND MAINTENANCE FUND?

THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J BALLOT ISSUE 5B

SHALL THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J DEBT BE INCREASED \$220 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$395 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$32 MILLION ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT, TO BE MONITORED BY A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

- CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SPACES AND INNOVATION SPACE UPGRADES TO ALLOW FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION;
- EQUIPPING AND/OR FURNISHING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING VESTIBULES, RADIO AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS AND PHYSICAL SYSTEM UPGRADES;

- ADDRESSING DEFICIENCIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS BY UPDATING AND/OR EQUIPPING VARIOUS DISTRICT FACILITIES WITH HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING AND OTHER AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS;
- PROVIDING PRIORITY MAINTENANCE UPDATES AT VARIOUS SCHOOL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT;
- CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND/OR UPGRADING VARIOUS DISTRICT FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH NEEDS;

AND FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING OR IMPROVING ANY CAPITAL ASSETS THAT THE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO OWN; AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE IMPOSED IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE BUT ONLY IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT); SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH SERIES, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE PERCENT?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024-25 (estimated)	\$267,537,662
2023-24 (estimated)	\$242,608,507
2022-23 (actual)	\$230,294,533
2021-22 (actual)	\$213,597,276
2020-21 (actual)	\$196,529,786

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020-21 to 2024-25: 36.13%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020-21 through 2024-25: \$71,007,876

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: 5A \$13,000,000
5B \$32,000,000

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$267,537,662

Proposed Bonded Debt

Proposed Principal Amount: \$220,000,000

THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J (Continued)

Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$ 32,000,000
Total Repayment Cost: \$395,000,000

Current District Bonded Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding: \$168,610,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$ 19,070,000
Total Repayment Cost: \$237,013,719

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 5A

As a lifelong educator and a proud grandparent, I am writing to express my strong support for the Special Levy 5A, which proposes an investment of \$13 million for our schools. This investment will focus on vital areas, including capital construction, upgraded technology, and a much-needed maintenance fund.

These funds will have a significant impact on the quality of education we can provide to our children and grandchildren. By investing in updated facilities and modern technology, we are creating a learning environment that will prepare students for the challenges of the future. Additionally, a well-maintained school infrastructure ensures that our children can learn in a safe and supportive setting.

Beyond these immediate improvements, the levy will also free up funds that can be used for salaries, benefits, and other critical needs. The mill levy is just as crucial because it directly affects our ability to attract and retain quality educators. Competitive salaries and professional development opportunities are essential if we want to keep excellent teachers in our district—teachers who are dedicated to the success of every student. Continued investment in our schools is not just about maintaining current successes; it's about building on them to ensure that every student has the best possible chance for success.

As a community member and grandparent, I am deeply invested in the future of our schools and the children they serve. I urge you to vote "yes" for the Thompson School District Special Mill Levy measure 5A on November 5th. This is an investment not only in our schools but in the future of our entire community. Strong schools lead to a stronger, more vibrant place, and our grandchildren deserve the best education we can provide. There is a clear calculator on the website as a point of transparency to help determine the tax impact.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Together, we can ensure a bright future for our children and our community.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 5A

This ballot measure raises TSD's property tax by 7mills. This is in addition to the \$9 million property tax windfall which the district got in this year's property tax bills (5.75

mills next year).

Calling this a "debt free schools mill levy" disguises the real purpose of the measure, namely to shift the burden for some educational expenditures from the State to local taxpayers. The \$13 million raised per year covers what the State could and should be paying to educate TSD's school children.

To make matters worse, the \$13 million is indexed each year for inflation. So taxpayers pay an inflation tax to TSD every year (on top of the same inflation they are already paying).

The decision to exploit Loveland property owners in this way is typical of the School Board's disregard for taxpayers. It could have offset 5.75 mills of the 7 mills with a corresponding reduction in the district's general mill levy to eliminate the property tax windfall for this year, reducing the increase to just 1.25 mills. The School Finance Act would have backfilled the loss in the general mill levy. (The St Vrain Valley School District is doing something similar in this election, so we know it can be done.)

The fact that the School Board is having its taxpayers pay 11.5 mills more than we should is reason enough for us to vote NO on 5A.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 5B

As a voter in the Thompson School District, I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed \$220 million bond measure titled 5B on the ballot. Our district has seen consistent growth over the past five years, putting strain on our facilities and resources. The proposed bond will fund crucial improvements directed toward:

- Maintenance, including roofing projects, heating/air conditioning equipment replacement, asphalt replacement, air quality projects, lighting fixtures, and fence repair.
- Educational Enhancements include items designed to enhance academic offerings in our schools, including upgrades to career and technical education programs, repurposing outdated technological spaces, and enhancements of current learning infrastructure within the schools.
- Safety and security projects will assist with critical safety needs in our district and provide a safe and secure environment for students, families, staff, and community members. Items include the continued construction of main entry vestibules at schools, enhancement to security radio systems, door replacement, and additional security cameras and fencing.

THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J (Continued)

- Building Additions indicate the proposed bond amount to design and complete a building addition that would allow for additional student capacity and higher efficiency within the school.

I'm particularly excited about the educational enhancements this bond will provide. It will allow for upgrades to career and technical education programs and repurposing of outdated technological spaces, ensuring our children have access to modern, relevant learning experiences.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 5B

The expected annual repayment cost for the proposed bonds (\$32 million) will increase the school district's property taxes by more than 10 mills. That is a 32% increase! And that is on top of the hefty increase from the "revaluation" that hit district taxpayers this year. The School District has needs for sure, but obviously

the School Board has no real sense of what its taxpaying community can afford. Taxpayers need to tell them to get real by voting NO this time!

THE HOMESTEAD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BOULDER COUNTY

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A CITIZEN PETITION

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:
Natalie Springett, Commissioners' Deputy
1325 Pearl Street
Boulder Co, 80302
Phone: (303) 441-4571

Homestead Public Improvement District of Boulder County Ballot Issue 6D

SHALL HOMESTEAD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BOULDER COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED \$200,000 (IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2025) AND THEREAFTER BY THE DOLLAR AMOUNT PRODUCED FROM THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED AT A RATE UP TO 23.61 MILLS, WITH THE ANNUAL TAX REVENUES (REGARDLESS OF DOLLAR AMOUNT) FROM SUCH MILL LEVY TO BE USED FOR RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND OTHER COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND, SHALL THE DISTRICT ENTER INTO A MULTIPLE-FISCAL YEAR OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,113,141.40, TO BE PAID FROM THE REVENUES OF THE TAX DESCRIBED ABOVE AND ANY OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING LEGALLY AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT; AND SHALL THE TAX REVENUES DESCRIBED ABOVE, OTHER LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDING, IF ANY, AND THE INTEREST EARNINGS THEREON CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR ANY OTHER LIMITS

WHICH MAY OTHERWISE APPLY; AND SHALL HOMESTEAD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BOULDER COUNTY BE ORGANIZED, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION 2024-058?

Text of Homestead Public Improvement District of Boulder County Ballot Issue 6D Proposal: Resolution 2024-058

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County describing a proposal to authorize the formation of the Homestead Public Improvement District of Boulder County; impose a mill levy within the District to pay the costs of resurfacing county roads within the District; authorize the District to enter a no-interest multiple-fiscal year obligation to the County; authorize a voter-approved revenue change; and other matters related thereto and approving a ballot title for the November 5, 2024 general election based on a petition pursuant to C.R.S. 30-20-505 to form the Homestead Public Improvement District of Boulder County and impose an ad valorem tax on properties within the District to fund proposed services.

Recitals

A. Part 5, Article 20, Title 30 of the Colorado Revised Statutes ("C.R.S."), as amended, provides that a public improvement district may be formed for the imposition of a district-wide ad valorem property tax upon approval of a majority of the eligible electors in the district on such question.

B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-20-512(1)(e), a public improvement district may incur debt to fund its purposes, to be repaid from property tax revenues.

C. A petition was filed (the "Petition") with the office

of the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County (the "Board") which, among other things, requests the organization of the "Homestead Public Improvement District of Boulder County" (the "District"). The purposes of the District will be to pay the costs of resurfacing of county roads within the District, including the repaving and/or reconstruction of asphalt roads; sidewalk improvements; concrete curb, gutter and cross-pans directly associated with road resurfacing; and other costs directly associated with resurfacing work. The initial work will begin within two years after an election forming the District and approving the mill levy (the "Initial Work") and subsequent repair and repaving will be conducted as necessary in the future (the "Future Work").

D. County staff estimates the Initial Work will cost \$1,590,202. The useful life of the improvements undertaken as part of the Initial Work is estimated to be 20 years, at which time the Future Work may be undertaken.

E. Under the proposal in the Petition, the County will fund 30% of the Initial Work and lend the remaining 70% of the cost of the Initial Work, at 0% interest, to the District. The District will repay the County using the property tax revenues described herein, with 100% of such revenues going to pay back the County until the 70% cost of the Initial Work has been reimbursed. Reimbursement to the County is expected to take approximately eight years, but in no instance longer than the useful life of the Initial Work. Once the District has finished reimbursing the County for the District's 70% share of the cost of the Initial Work, District tax revenues will accrue so that the Future Work may be paid for in cash.

F. The total costs to the District for the Initial Work and the Future Work in the next 20 years is estimated to be \$4,435,155. At the current Residential Adjustment Rate of 6.7%, the adjusted assessed value of all property within the District (for 2024) is \$5,219,293. To meet the funding requirements for the Initial Work and Future Work, the proponents of the District requested a mill levy of 23.61 mills, equivalent to \$158.19 per \$100,000 in current, actual home value as determined by the Boulder County Assessor.

G. The mill levy is proposed to remain in place in perpetuity or until adjusted by the Board of Directors for the District. The County agrees to reevaluate the costs of the Future Work and ongoing work thereafter 10 years from the date of the election forming the District and every 10 years thereafter. Upon such reevaluation, the Board of Directors for the District shall revise the mill levy downward if the initial mill levy results in revenues excess to the revised project estimates. The mill levy will not be increased without the approval of the eligible electors of the District.

H. The signers of the Petition have requested that the Board place the questions of district formation, mill levy taxation, and the no-interest, multi-fiscal year obligation to the County on the November 5, 2024, ballot.

I. The District will include all of those properties described in the attached Exhibit A.

J. A duly noticed public hearing was held on August 27, 2024, at which the Board reviewed the Petition and the public was given the opportunity to comment on the question of formation of the District, the proposed mill levy to fund the District, and the proposed multi-year fiscal obligation to the County for 70% of the cost of the Initial Work.

K. After review of the Petition, material presented by County staff, and testimony from the public at the public hearing, the Board desires to refer to the electors of the District, to be determined by a majority voting thereon, the question of whether the District shall be formed, whether the ad valorem taxes shall be approved or disapproved, and whether the District shall be authorized to incur a no-interest, multi-fiscal year obligation to the County in the amount of 70% of the Initial Work.

L. The Board further desires to refer to the electors of the District, to be determined by a majority voting thereon, the question of whether the revenues from the ad valorem taxes, loan proceeds, and any other revenues legally available to the District shall be exempted from the fiscal year revenue and spending limitations, and be a voter-approved revenue change and property tax revenue change for purposes of the revenue limitations set forth in Article X, Section 20, of the Colorado Constitution ("TABOR") and in C.R.S. § 29-1-301 et seq. and any other law.

M. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-20-508(4)(a), the Board may order that the question of the organization of the District and such other matters for which voter approval is required under TABOR be submitted to the electors at an election to be held for that purpose in accordance with Articles 1-13 of Title 1, C.R.S. (the "Uniform Election Code").

N. The Board desires to determine the ballot title for the petition issue for placement on the ballot for the November 5, 2024, general election.

O. Pursuant to §§ 30-11-103.5 and 31-11-111(3), C.R.S., as amended, the Board must fix a ballot title according to the following guidelines: consider the public confusion that might be caused by a misleading title; avoid a title for which the general understanding of the effect of a "yes" or "no" vote would be unclear; no conflict with titles selected for any other measure that will appear on the County ballot in the same election; and the title shall correctly and fairly express the true intent and meaning of the measure.

P. The Board finds that the ballot title set forth in Exhibit B meets the statutory guidelines.

Therefore, the Board resolves:

1. The Petition properly set forth all information required by C.R.S. § 30-20-505.

2. The requirement for a bond set forth in C.R.S. § 30-20-506, is hereby waived.

3. As of the date of the public hearing on the Petition held August 27, 2024, as ascertained from the tax rolls of the County and the last official registration list, the Petition was signed by more than 30% of eligible electors, as required by C.R.S. § 30-20-505(1).

4. The allegations of the Petition are deemed to be true.

5. The Board of County Commissioners has jurisdiction to review and approve the Petition under C.R.S. §§ 30-20-501 et seq.

6. The improvements proposed by the District will confer a general benefit on the District and the estimated costs are not excessive as compared to the value of the property in the District.

7. The requested mill levy of 23.61 mills will be sufficient and necessary to cover the expected costs of the District's purposes.

8. The County intends to pay 100% of the costs of the Initial Work with the understanding that the District will repay 70% of the costs of the Initial Work from its tax revenues and other legally available funding sources, all to be set forth in a subsequent intergovernmental agreement to be signed by the County and the District.

9. The proposed District shall be called The Homestead Public Improvement District of Boulder County. The boundaries of the District will be as described in Exhibit A.

10. There shall be referred to the electors of the District at the coordinated election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, a ballot issue seeking authorization for the formation of the District, imposition of ad valorem taxes, assumption of a multiple-fiscal year obligation, and a voter-approved revenue change.

11. The cost of the election shall be paid from the general fund of the County.

12. The conduct of the election shall conform so far as is practicable to the general election laws of the State of Colorado.

13. In accordance with statutory guidelines, the Board hereby determines and fixes the ballot title for the proposal described herein. This language is in Exhibit B to this Resolution. For purposes of C.R.S. § 1-11-203.5, as amended, this action serves to set the ballot title for the proposal described in this Resolution.

14. No later than September 6, 2024, Boulder County's Designated Election Official shall certify ballot measure and ballot title to the Clerk and Recorder of the County (the "County Clerk"). The "Designated Election Official" is Natalie Springett, Commissioners' Deputy.

15. If a majority of the votes cast at the election are in favor of the organization of the District, the Board shall adopt a resolution declaring the District organized, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-20-508(4)(b). The District acting through the Board shall be authorized to proceed with the necessary action to levy taxes in accordance with the approved ballot issue. Any authority to levy ad valorem property taxes, if conferred by the results of the election, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to levy the taxes so authorized at any one time, or from time to time, and neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred, nor any lapse of time, shall be considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred.

16. The Designated Election Official, the County Clerk, and other officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of

this Resolution.

17. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the members of the Board and the officers and employees of the County and directed toward holding the election for the purposes stated herein are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

18. All prior acts, orders or resolutions or parts thereof, by the County in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, except that this repealer shall not be construed to revive any act, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

19. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various parts hereof are severable.

20. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

A motion to this effect was made at the August 27, 2024 public hearing by Commissioner Loachamin, seconded by Commissioner Stolzmann, and passed by a 3-0 vote of the Board ADOPTED on this 27th day of August, 2024.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (estimated)	\$0
2023 (actual)	\$0
2022 (actual)	\$0
2021 (actual)	\$0
2020 (actual)	\$0

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 to 2024: 0%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 through 2024: \$0

* Newly formed district; no expenditures prior to 2024.

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year:	\$200,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$0

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

The Boulder County Commissioners have declined to fund major maintenance on county subdivision roads for many years, and there is no indication this policy will change. As a result, county subdivision road conditions have been and are continuing to deteriorate, including roads within the Homestead subdivision.

Attempts have been made to solve this problem county-wide in recent years, all have failed. A ballot measure to fund major maintenance on all subdivision roads

was defeated in 2013. Boulder County created a Local Improvement District to impose an additional tax which was struck down in court in 2014. A lawsuit compelling the County to fund major maintenance failed in 2015/2016. The 2024 Boulder County poll to increase property taxes to repave subdivisions showed only 23% were in favor.

Options available to Homestead homeowners:

- Do nothing - roads will continue to deteriorate towards gravel and minor maintenance will eventually cease.
- Wait in the hope a county-wide solution will be created which is unlikely given the history. This option is probably the same as “do nothing”. Each delayed year will result in an additional compound 5% increase in cost.
- Reconstruct and maintain the roads privately through the HOA which would be much more expensive and problematic. Who in the HOA would want to manage this?

This ballot measure offers an alternative where the County will reconstruct and fully maintain the roads within the Homestead subdivision funded through a Public Improvement District (PID) which:

- Increases the County portion of property taxes for all Homestead homeowners with the PID by approximately \$158 per \$100,000 of current actual home value as of 2024.
- Uses these funds exclusively to reconstruct, and then fully maintain the roads within the Homestead on an ongoing basis

As an incentive toward creation of this PID, Boulder County has agreed to:

- Perform the initial reconstruction within 2 years
- Contribute 30% of the cost of initial reconstruction (contribution approximately \$477,000)
- Loan the balance of funds required for initial reconstruction to the PID at 0% interest rate

As a result, the badly deteriorated Homestead roads will be replaced with new roads within 2 years and will be fully maintained thereafter.

Additional benefits are:

- Increased property tax is deductible for those who itemize deductions
- The Homestead HOA will not have to become involved in making collections, managing maintenance, etc. Roads will be reconstructed and maintained to County standards
- Initial reconstruction will attempt to solve existing drainage problems as much as possible

Your vote on this measure is a simple choice between funding reconstruction and ongoing maintenance of the Homestead roads, or letting the roads continue to deteriorate. A “yes” vote will result in new roads within 2 years and full/proper maintenance thereafter.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

Nearly 30 years ago, Boulder County made the decision to stop the reconstruction of subdivision roads in unincorporated areas. Taxes were not lowered as a result of this decision. Roads across the County are falling into disrepair as the County neglects its duties to approximately 10,600 properties. The County expects more than 100 subdivisions to pay the extremely high costs of resurfacing or repaving roads on top of already high taxes. The County is asking every single subdivision to figure out this incredibly complex and expensive issue mostly on their own with some input from the County. It is no wonder that only 1 subdivision in 30 years has given in to the County’s negligence and created a PID for the exorbitant costs of fixing roads.

The proposed Homestead Public Improvement District (PID) creates an undue financial burden on homeowners during a time of overall increasing costs and ever-rising property taxes.

The average annual costs of the proposed district requires a mill levy of 23.61 mills, equal to \$158.19 per \$100,000 of current actual home value. The mill levy is inclusive of offsets due to senior discounts as of 2024. The PID will add the following to property taxes each and every year—there is no time limit or end date. The annual amount will increase with property price increases, which have been rising at a fast pace.

\$700,000 home: \$1107.33/year
\$800,000 home: \$1265.52/year
\$900,000 home: \$1423.71/year
\$1,000,000 home: \$1581.90/year
\$1,100,000 home: \$1740.09/year

The Homestead HOA Roads Committee has done extremely good research and work, while putting in countless hours and effort into this complex matter. They have thoughtfully crafted a plan to rehabilitate the Homestead roads. The committee even managed to negotiate a 30% buy-in from Boulder County. This all seems like a waste of citizen and County time. The entire responsibility of project management and reconstruction of roads should fall squarely on the County.

Despite the hard efforts of the Roads Committee, in the end, the Homestead PID proposal is simply too much of a financial burden for homeowners. There is no denying the fact that Homestead roads are in poor condition, but a solution must be found that doesn’t involve costing homeowners on average approximately \$1500/year.

LAFAYETTE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:

Lynnette Beck, City Clerk
1290 South Public Road
Lafayette, CO 80026
Phone: (303) 661-1227

LAFAYETTE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BALLOT ISSUE 6B

AUTHORIZE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND REVENUES

WITHOUT INCREASING ANY LOCAL TAX RATE OR IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL THE LAFAYETTE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY"), OR THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE (THE "CITY") ON BEHALF OF AND FOR USE BY THE AUTHORITY, AND AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND EXPEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY OR BY THE CITY ON BEHALF OF AND FOR USE BY THE AUTHORITY IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, TAX REVENUES, FEES, RATES, TOLLS, CHARGES, GRANTS, RENTS, LOANS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ANY OTHER REVENUES, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY EXPENDITURE, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, THE LIMITS IMPOSED ON INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAXATION BY SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., SECTION 29-1-1702, C.R.S. (IN THE EVENT SUCH LIMITATION BECOMES LAW), OR ANY OTHER LAW WHICH PURPORTS TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY'S OR CITY'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 EXPENDED BY THE AUTHORITY AND THE CITY ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY?

FISCAL INFORMATION

There is No Maximum Dollar Amount attributable to the proposed tax policy change.

In the absence of the proposed tax policy change, the first full fiscal year spending will be approximately \$0.

There is no Tax Increase or Bonded Debt Increase proposed.

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (estimated)	\$0
2023 (actual)	N/A
2022 (actual)	N/A
2021 (actual)	N/A
2020 (actual)	N/A

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 to 2024: N/A

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 through 2024: \$0

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

- The DDA will not create new taxes or raise taxes.
- The DDA will receive a portion of the future growth in property and sales tax revenue generated within its boundaries.
- The funds can then be reinvested in the district.
- The DDA will provide both organization and financing for downtown revitalization efforts, including small business support and retention, place keeping, marketing and events, economic development, connectivity, safety and other public improvements that will ensure Old Town Lafayette reflects what matters most to the community.
- DDAs have been successful throughout Colorado – Nederland, Englewood, Golden, Fort Collins, Longmont, Castle Rock, Loveland and Fraser.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD)

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Designated Election Official:

Melanie J. Snyder

Designated Election Official

Regional Transportation District

1660 Blake Street, BLK-21

Denver, CO 80202

Telephone: (303) 299-2203

Regional Transportation District (RTD) Ballot Issue 7A

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING ANY TAX RATE, SHALL THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S ("RTD") AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES IT RECEIVES FROM ALL SOURCES, INCLUDING ITS SALES TAX REVENUES, GRANT FUNDS AND OTHER MONEYS LAWFULLY RECEIVED BY RTD FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO OR ANY OTHER SOURCE, ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 1999, BE CONTINUED TO PERMIT RTD TO RETAIN REVENUE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE VITAL RTD SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION CHOICES TO LOCAL RESIDENTS BY MAINTAINING AND GROWING CURRENT LEVELS OF BUS, AND RAIL SERVICES;
- REPAIRING AND IMPROVING RAIL LINES, BUSES, BUS STOPS AND STATIONS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC'S INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT;
- MAINTAINING THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;
- CONTINUING TO PROVIDE CLEANER, MORE EFFICIENT METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION OTHER THAN DRIVING ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS; AND
- PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR YOUTH AGES 19 AND UNDER AT REDUCED OR NO FARES;

WITH ALL FUNDS SUBJECT TO INDEPENDENT AUDIT AND OVERSEEN BY THE ELECTED RTD BOARD; AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXEMPTION FROM ANY REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITATIONS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

Passage of Ballot Measure 7A will allow RTD to keep and expand mass transit options across the metro area, all without raising taxes at all. A Yes vote on 7A will help to maintain current levels of bus and rail services, repair and improve rail lines, buses, bus stops, stations, and other infrastructure, maintain the availability of services for

people with disabilities, provide transportation services for youth 19 years of age or younger at reduced or no fares, fund security and safety measures on RTD rail lines, and more.

Since 1995, voters have waived RTD's TABOR cap multiple times, allowing RTD to keep the money it raises. The waiver expires partially again this year. Voting "Yes" allows RTD to keep the money it already raises. RTD will still need to follow TABOR requirements, such as seeking voter approval for new or increased taxes or bonding authority.

People with disabilities, commuters, students, seniors, and many others that may have no other means of getting to where they need to go depend on RTD's buses and trains. Reliable public transit is crucial for getting people to work school and essential services. A strong transit system supports local businesses by providing affordable transit options for employees and customers, contributing to a robust local economy.

A well-funded RTD reduces the number of cars on our roads, alleviating traffic congestion and shortening commute times for both transit users and drivers. Public transportation reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by decreasing the number of vehicles on the road and contributes to a healthier environment. And 7A makes this possible, without raising any tax at all.

Like many transit systems, RTD's infrastructure is aging and requires ongoing funding. Retaining funds ensures necessary repairs can be made, preventing larger, more costly issues in the future.

IF RTD's TABOR cap was in place in 2022, RTD would have had to cut approximately \$50 million from their budget resulting in less money to keep buses and trains safely and reliably moving.

By voting "Yes" on 7A, Coloradans can invest in a more connected, efficient, and sustainable transportation network that benefits everyone in the region. We have the chance to support essential services, promote environmental sustainability, and maintain fiscal responsibility – all without imposing new taxes or increasing tax rates.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

Even the strongest supporter of mass transit must rethink this tax. It's not a good idea nor is it the right time. Vote NO on the measure.

- Ridership is way down. It dropped to only 65.2 million "boardings" in 2023, when it had been 103.2 million boardings in 2019. That's a huge drop. RTD

wants this for ongoing operations, but that level of spending no longer matches the ridership.

- Management has not kept riders safe. Many people avoid using buses and light rail due to the dirty needles, assaults, open drug use, filth and crime.
- Management does not operate intelligently. How many times have long stretches of the rail system been shut down? Poor maintenance has left some rail routes going no faster than 10 miles per hour, keeping commuters from getting to work on time. Bus routes suffer reliability issues.

Lifting the TABOR budget limits would be a FOREVER tax. No sunset date. No revisiting it later.

Having no limit on budgets paid off construction debt of \$779 million over the past 25 years. The project was built and paid off. The old tax scheme has ended. This extension is a tax increase by keeping what otherwise would be returned to you. If it were not a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights requirement to vote on renewed taxes, it would not have to go to the ballot. When politicians mislead you to get your vote, it should be a red flag.

There is no plan to use this renewed tax plan for new bonds, and the revenue would just get dumped into the general fund. Vote down this tax extension and give RTD the opportunity to come back with specific ideas and costs, instead of a blank check for who-knows-what.

The state legislature has been seriously considering removal of an elected Board of Directors. We don't even know who will be controlling the tax increase in a few years!

RTD charges you sales tax on a vast majority of goods, taking money out of your pocket when you buy toilet paper, school supplies, clothing, and groceries. It adds up, the average taxpayer gives up a few hundred dollars to RTD each year in sales tax. Have you gotten your money's worth?

The system needs to be fixed first. Taxpayers should demand some accountability. RTD must first use current dollars to reverse ridership decline and move to a transit system that is not inefficient, inconvenient and even dangerous. Giving RTD this money does not necessarily mean that light rail will go faster than 10 miles an hour or clean up the stations, buses and trains. Just having a bigger budget does not guarantee reforms. Don't throw good money after bad.

Vote NO and keep your RTD TABOR refund.

ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF EXPIRING TAX ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:

Sue Blair, Designated Election Official
7995 E. Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Phone: (303) 381-4960

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7C: ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

WITH NO INCREASE IN ANY DISTRICT TAX, SHALL THE ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT'S EXISTING TAX IMPOSED AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 1.25 MILLS BE EXTENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES OF:

- PROTECTING WATER QUALITY AND DRINKING WATER SOURCES
- MAINTAINING HEALTHY RIVERS AND CREEKS
- SAFEGUARDING AND CONSERVING DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION
- PROTECTING FORESTS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO WATER SUPPLY AND REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRES

WITH SUCH EXPENDITURES REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC IN AN ANNUALLY PUBLISHED INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT AND OVERSEEN BY A CITIZEN COMMITTEE AND SHALL SUCH TAX PROCEEDS BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES IN EACH YEAR, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ANY COLORADO LAW INCLUDING THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (estimated)	\$ 5,462,446
2023 (actual)	\$ 1,795,608
2022 (actual)	\$ 1,161,126
2021 (actual)	\$ 540,220
2020 (actual)	\$ 477,385

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 to 2024: 1044%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 through 2024: \$4,985,061

Proposed District Tax Extension

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax extension in first full fiscal year: \$4,676,771
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the extension: \$5,260,432

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

Wildfires in 2020/24 as well as the 2013 flood are reminders of how vulnerable our forests and water supplies are to disaster. The St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District makes our community more resilient to these severe events. Our quality of life benefits from the entire St. Vrain and Left Hand Creek watersheds. With a plan that includes efforts to improve fish habitat, create recreational opportunities, decrease fire risk, and increase water availability for local food, this issue fits perfectly with our community values.

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

The 2024 wildfires and the 2013 flood are reminders of how vulnerable our forests and water supplies are to extreme events. This small tax is used to make our community and watersheds more resilient. Our quality of life benefits from this life-giving valley where the St. Vrain and Left Hand Creeks flow. With a plan that includes efforts to improve fish habitat and increase water availability for local food, this tax fits perfectly with our community values.

This money will be spent on our basin that provides our water supply. Our community can continue to have a dedicated source of funds to protect and enhance this critical life sustaining element – our water.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

No comments were received by the Constitutional deadline.

The Clerk and Recorder hereby certifies that the ballot issue notices contained herein are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.

THIS CONCLUDES THE BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE REQUIRED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.

Voting & Mail Ballot Return Options



Ballots are mailed beginning October 11. Voters may either vote their mail ballot and return it (instructions included with the mail ballot packet) or visit a Vote Center to cast a ballot in person. Below is a list of 24-hour mail ballot drop-off boxes as well as Vote Centers. Additional voting information is available at BoulderCountyVotes.gov.



24-Hour Ballot Drop-off Boxes – Open Friday, October 11 and close at 7 p.m. on Election Day – Tuesday, November 5

- Boulder** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder – 1750 33rd Street (east side of parking lot)
- Boulder** – Boulder County Courthouse – 2025 14th Street (East Wing entrance)
- Boulder** – Boulder County Housing and Human Services – 3400 Broadway at Iris Avenue
- Boulder** – CU Campus – UMC – 1669 Euclid Avenue (closest to Euclid Avenue entrance)
- Boulder** – CU Campus – Williams Village – 500 30th Street (bus stop / lane)
- Boulder** – Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) – 1575 Yarmouth Avenue (16th Street entrance)
- Boulder** – South Boulder Recreation Center – 1360 Gillaspie Drive
- Erie** – Meadowlark School – Staff/bus parking lot (off Front Range Road at Laramie Lane)
- Gunbarrel** – Avery Brewing – 4910 Nautilus Court N (east parking lot)
- Lafayette** – Lafayette Public Library – 775 W. Baseline Road
- Lafayette** – Southeast County Community Hub – 1755 S. Public Road
- Longmont** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder – 529 Coffman Street (6th Avenue and Coffman Street)
- Longmont** – Boulder County Fairgrounds – 9595 Nelson Road (Fairground Lane near south parking lot)
- Longmont** – Front Range Community College – 2121 Miller Drive, Classroom Bldg (C1 Door on Pike Road)
- Longmont** – Garden Acres Park – 18th Avenue between Sunset and Juniper
- Longmont** – YMCA – 950 Lashley Street
- Louisville** – Louisville Recreation Center – 900 W. Via Appia Way
- Lyons** – Lyons Town Hall – 432 5th Avenue
- Nederland** – Nederland Community Center – 750 North Highway 72
- Superior** – Superior Town Hall – 124 E. Coal Creek Drive



Vote Centers (Voter Service and Polling Centers) – Services include:

- ★ Vote in person
- ★ Drop off your ballot
- ★ Vote using equipment and facilities for persons with disabilities
- ★ Vote in person in Spanish
- ★ Register to vote or update your registration information
- ★ Fix a signature discrepancy or missing signature issue
- ★ Request a replacement ballot

Locations: The below locations open Monday, Oct 21. Additional locations open on Friday, November 1. Visit our website for the full list.

- Boulder:** Boulder County Clerk & Recorder office
1750 33rd Street
- Boulder:** CU Campus – University Memorial Center
1669 Euclid Avenue (very limited parking)
- Lafayette:** Southeast County Community Hub
1755 S. Public Road
- Longmont:** St. Vrain Community Hub
515 Coffman Street
- Louisville:** Louisville Recreation Center, 900 W. Via Appia Way

Dates & Days/Hours of Operation*

- 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Friday (Beginning Oct 21)
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, November 2
- 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, November 4
- 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 5 – Election Day

* Need in-person services before Vote Centers open? The County Clerk & Recorder office at 1750 33rd Street in Boulder offers select voting services Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Visit our website for Ballot-to-Go information.

For additional information, please visit BoulderCountyVotes.gov or call 303-413-7740.
Si usted necesita ayuda en español, por favor comunicase con nuestra oficina al 303-413-7740
o visite nuestro sitio web en BoulderCountyVotes.gov.

BOULDER COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
ELECTIONS DIVISION
1750 33RD STREET, SUITE 200
BOULDER, CO 80301-2546



NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
BOULDER COUNTY
CLERK AND
RECORDER

Ballots mail October 11. Contact us if you need to vote sooner.
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – Election Day
This is the last day to vote or return your ballot.

Voted ballots must be received by the Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Postmarks do not count.

Receiving this Notice does not guarantee you are registered to vote.
Visit www.BoulderCountyVotes.gov to verify your voter registration status, register to vote, update your voter registration information, and sign up for BallotTrax to receive notifications about the status of your mail ballot.

Questions?

Vote@BoulderCounty.gov or 303-413-7740

www.BoulderCountyVotes.gov