



El Paso County

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

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS INFORMATION ON BALLOT ISSUES AS REQUIRED BY THE
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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 4, 2025, (7:00 p.m.)
Election Day.

COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL: Steve Schleiker, El Paso County Clerk & Recorder

ELECTION DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

ELECTION DAY HOURS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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City of Manitou Springs Ballot Issue 2A

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

City of Manitou Springs Ballot Issue 2A

SHALL CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS' TAXES BE INCREASED BY TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00) ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL NINE PERCENT (9%) TO THE CITY'S CURRENT FIVE PERCENT (5%) EXCISE TAX RATE ON TICKET SALES AND ADMISSIONS FEES, AND SHALL THE RATE OF SUCH TAX BE ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED BY THE MANITOU SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF THE TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 14%, AND WITH THE RESULTING TAX REVENUE BEING ALLOWED TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE CITY WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY EXPENDITURE, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, § 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total City Fiscal Year Spending:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2025 (estimated)	<u>\$40,631,687</u>
2024 (actual)	<u>\$30,273,393</u>
2023 (actual)	<u>\$23,442,712</u>
2022 (actual)	<u>\$19,555,219</u>
2021 (actual)	<u>\$22,350,775</u>
Overall percentage change from 2021 to 2025:	<u>81.79%</u>
Overall dollar change from 2021 to 2025:	<u>\$18,280,912</u>

First Full Fiscal Year Estimates:

Estimated 2026 tax increase authorized by BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A:	<u>\$2,400,000</u>
Estimated 2026 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A:	<u>\$35,327,304</u>

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A:

VOTE "YES" ON 2A

Due to a significant and ongoing reduction in sales tax, the City of Manitou Springs urges the registered electors of our city to vote "YES" on Ballot Issue 2A, a ballot measure to increase our excise tax by 9% for the November 4, 2025, election. Excise tax is primarily paid by tourists.

An Excise Tax is a tax on our city's amusements or a tax on ticket sales; this tax has not been increased since 1972. Cities do not have a lot of funding options. The Manitou Springs City Council chose not to increase property or sales tax.

On Tuesday, August 19th, the Manitou Springs City Council unanimously agreed to ask the voters of Manitou Springs to increase our income from our excise tax by two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) annually. This includes a request to allow council to raise or lower the tax, without voter approval, so long as the rate does not exceed 14%.

Primarily paid by our tourists, this tax and income is necessary to maintain our basic services such as fire mitigation, the city pool, ambulance service, and snow removal. This tax is necessary and will not negatively impact personal expenses. VOTE "YES" ON 2A in support of our community and in support of the future of Manitou Springs.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:

Vote NO on 2A – the Triple Tax!

The Triple Tax will nearly triple the amusement tax rate on ticket sales in Manitou from 5% to 14% on just six local businesses in Manitou Springs – all of which already pay millions in sales, property and amusement taxes combined.

If the Triple Tax passes, Manitou Springs will have the highest tax on attractions anywhere in Colorado! Not only does 2A nearly triple the amusement tax rate, it also permanently removes any revenue cap limits from the tax.

Unlike some temporary sales and excise tax increases referred to the voters with an expiration date, the Triple Tax is permanent. Because it is a forever tax, the voters are denied the ability to renew the tax in a later year.

Triple Tax proponents are talking out of both sides of their mouths about the budget. The same people who predict a potential \$4.6 million budget hole created by the dramatic decline in recreational marijuana sales also crow that Manitou Springs is sitting on \$8 million in reserves. Most would agree that some measure of reserve spending to counter the decline in marijuana revenue is a reasonable solution.

Only two public meetings were held to solicit citizen comment on ballot issue 2A. On August 19th, the Triple Tax was unanimously referred to the ballot, blindsiding the targeted operators and the local business community.

At 9.03%, Manitouans already pay the highest combined sales tax in El Paso County. The Triple Tax is one of the steepest tax rate increases ever in Colorado.

Discouraging visitors to Manitou Springs will have a long-lasting impact on our local economy. A local organization reports that revenue from attractions is down an average of 12% this year. Reports also show that August hotel occupancy in Manitou is down 7% from last year. Now is not the time to raise taxes on our local businesses – especially those who depend on visitors. Raising taxes dramatically on these six businesses will hurt every restaurant, retailer, hotel, and special event host in Manitou Springs.

We have a proud history in Manitou Springs of putting our differences aside and working together for solutions to our biggest problems. Instead, the Triple Tax was rushed to the ballot with little public input or support.

Nearly every Colorado local government today faces higher operational expenses, flattening revenue and costly infrastructure repairs. The best local governments engage their community to educate them on their problems, solicit input and cooperate on a solution.

They do NOT rush to the ballot with a tax increase. Like so many of these other Colorado communities, let's solve our financial problems the right way, not by targeting six local businesses with higher taxes. Voting NO on the Triple Tax will create a dialogue in Manitou where all voices are heard, a process that results in healthier, sustainable solutions and respects all sides.

Vote NO on 2A!

Widefield School District No. 3 Ballot Issue 4A

Designated Election Official:

Tammy Medina, Secretary to the Superintendent
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(719) 391-3001

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE
WIDEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

Widefield School District No. 3 Ballot Issue 4A

SHALL WIDEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 TAXES BE INCREASED \$5.2 MILLION IN 2025 FOR COLLECTION IN 2026 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN AMOUNT THAT, WHEN COMBINED WITH TAXES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY DISTRICT VOTERS FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, EQUALS UP TO FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM AS PERMITTED BY STATE LAW FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL REVENUES, TO FUND DISTRICT OPERATIONAL NEEDS TO:

- PROVIDE FUNDS TO ADDRESS INCREASING DEMAND FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT PREPARE STUDENTS FOR IN DEMAND, HIGH PAYING LOCAL JOBS;
- COVER OPERATING COSTS RELATED TO PROVIDING TRAINED ARMED SAFETY AND SECURITY PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT;
- RECRUIT AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF; AND
- ENSURE THAT STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO EXPANDING CURRENT TECHNOLOGY,

THROUGH THE LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND AT A RATE THAT, AS DETERMINED WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, WILL PRODUCE AN AMOUNT UP TO FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN STATE LAW OR ANY SIMILAR TERM IN A SUCCESSOR PROVISION)?

Fiscal Year Spending Information¹:

2025-2026 (Current fiscal year estimated)	\$145,516,132
2024-2025 (Actual)	\$145,055,037
2023-2024 (Actual)	\$139,706,207
2022-2023 (Actual)	\$153,964,567
2021-2022 (Actual)	\$116,802,792

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

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	24.58%
Overall dollar amount change:	\$28,713,340
Estimated maximum dollar amount tax increase for 2026:	\$5,200,000
Estimated 2025-2026 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$145,516,132

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A:

Yes on 4A – Safety, High-Quality Teachers and Staff, and Skilled Job Training for Widefield's Children

Widefield School District 3's students need you to Vote YES on 4A, which provides a healthy and safe learning environment for students and helps WSD3 recruit and retain high-quality teachers and staff for every classroom! Additionally, the Board of Education will review this annually for continued oversight and accountability.

YES on 4A is Critical for Student Safety, Wellbeing, and Success:

- Colorado has consistently ranked near the bottom when it comes to per pupil K-12 education funding.
- Widefield students are showing an increasing demand for career and technical training that will prepare them for in-demand, high paying local jobs. A "Yes" on 4A helps our schools meet this demand and provide high quality training for our students, which in turn supports our local job market and economy.
- Widefield currently employs over 20-armed security personnel on our campuses, and 4A funding helps maintain this armed security and resources to keep students safe.
- Having high-quality teachers and staff in every Widefield classroom helps ensure safe learning environments for our students. Experienced teachers have a keen eye for early interventions! 4A ensures we can continue to recruit and retain our high-quality teachers and staff.
- As technology continues to advance, Widefield students deserve access to new and emerging learning technologies to improve their skills and support an innovative learning environment.

YES on 4A:

- Keeps students safe
- Funds career development and technical training for students
- Helps recruit and retain high-quality teachers and staff in Widefield
- Keeps Widefield competitive with other local school districts
- Strengthens property values, job opportunities, and the economy

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

Now is the time to invest in our children, economy, and community! Yes on 4A!

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Widefield School District No. 3 Ballot Issue 4B

Designated Election Official:

Tammy Medina, Secretary to the Superintendent
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Colorado Springs, CO 80911
(719) 391-3001

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
WIDEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

Widefield School District No. 3 Ballot Issue 4B

SHALL WIDEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 DEBT BE INCREASED \$88.0 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$210 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$8.95 MILLION ANNUALLY TO FUND PRIORITIZED NEEDS TO:

- RECEIVE UP TO \$5,711,465 FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS AN AWARDED “BEST” GRANT WITH NO REPAYMENT REQUIRED, WHICH AWARDED GRANT REQUIRES BOND MATCHING MONEY FUNDED FROM THIS BALLOT MEASURE, TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY UPGRADES AT NORTH PRE-SCHOOL;
- REPLACE FAILING HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS WITH MODERN ENERGY EFFICIENT SYSTEMS TO SAVE OPERATING MONEY;
- FUND ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT MULTIPLE FACILITIES;
- REPAIR AND REPLACE LEAKING ROOFS AND OUTDATED ELECTRICAL WIRING;
- REPAIR AND RENOVATE OLDER FACILITIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE OVER FIFTY YEARS OLD;
- PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO BOTH THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES;
- EXPAND FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH;

AND TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, REFINANCE EXISTING LEASE OBLIGATIONS AND ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, EQUIP AND IMPROVE DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AMOUNTS, NOT TO EXCEED THE ABOVE AMOUNTS, SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO TIMELY PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS?

Fiscal Year Spending Information¹:

2025-2026 (Current fiscal year estimated)	\$145,516,132
2024-2025 (Actual)	\$145,055,037
2023-2024 (Actual)	\$139,706,207
2022-2023 (Actual)	\$153,964,567
2021-2022 (Actual)	\$116,802,792

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

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	24.58%
Overall dollar amount change:	\$28,713,340
Estimated 2025-2026 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$145,516,132

Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 4B (on a calendar year basis):

Principal amount:	\$88,000,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$8,950,000
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$210,000,000

Information regarding current bonded debt:

Principal amount:	\$41,570,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$3,522,750
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$58,441,519

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4B:

Yes on 4B – Widefield School’s Future

The Common Sense investment Widefield School District 3 (WSD3) residents can make in 2025 is to vote Yes on 4B. WSD3 has increased student achievement, expanded job training opportunities for our children, and been a responsible manager of taxpayer funds. Now is the time to invest in our children and community by supporting these forward-thinking benchmarks with critical capital improvements districtwide.

The average age of WSD3’s buildings is over 50 years old. Without immediate investments in WSD3’s aging facilities and a growing community, the cost of repairs and new construction will only get more expensive in future years. Boilers, roofs, and safety and code requirements must be addressed now. In addition, the State of Colorado, through a BEST Grant, has agreed to match our community’s investment this year with a supporting \$5.7 million, if 4B passes. If it fails, we lose out on this money, and it will go to another district. All the money in the bond issue will be spent in a transparent manner, with a bond oversight committee made up of Widefield residents providing accountability for every penny spent.

Here’s what YES on 4B means to our children and our community:

- receive a \$5,711,465 Building Excellent Schools Today Act (“BEST”) awarded grant (which is not required to be repaid) from the Colorado Department of Education which requires bond matching money to be received for health and safety upgrades (including termite mitigation) at North Preschool;
- replace failing heating and cooling systems with modern energy efficient systems to save operating money;
- fund asbestos removal at multiple facilities;
- repair and replace leaking roofs and outdated electrical wiring;
- repair and renovate older facilities, some of which are over fifty years old;
- provide infrastructure enhancements and safety improvements to both the inside and outside of district facilities; and
- expand facilities to accommodate growth

As we all know, great schools mean strong property values for Widefield School District 3 taxpayers. Yes on 4B is the best common sense investment we can make.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Manitou Springs School District No. 14 Ballot Issue 4C

Designated Election Official:

Suzi Thompson, Designated Election Official
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Manitou Springs School District No. 14 Ballot Issue 4C

SHALL MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 DEBT BE INCREASED \$37.6 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$73.53 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$2.95 MILLION ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT, FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- PROTECTING STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFETY BY ADDING SECURITY UPGRADES TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS INCLUDING SECURITY CAMERAS, ENTRY SECURITY UPGRADES AND OTHER SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS;
- ADDRESSING DISTRICTWIDE FACILITIES NEEDS INCLUDING REPLACING AND REPAIRING DETERIORATING ROOFS AND MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND HVAC SYSTEMS;
- RENOVATING, UPGRADING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO PROVIDE INCREASED ADA COMPLIANCE PARTICULARLY IN RESTROOMS, CLASSROOMS AND OTHER GENERALLY ACCESSIBLE AREAS;

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?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2025-2026 (estimated)	\$22,450,823
2024-2025 (estimated actual)	\$22,121,431
2023-2024 (actual)	\$21,688,368
2022-2023 (actual)	\$21,482,832
2021-2022 (actual)	\$18,786,078
Overall percentage change from 2021-22 to 2025-26	19.5%
Overall dollar change from 2021-22 to 2025-26	\$3,664,745

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2025-26 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):	
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4C:	\$2,950,000
District Estimate of 2025-26 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$27,186,752

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4C:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$37,600,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$2,950,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$73,530,000

Information on District's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$0
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$0
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$0

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4C:

Issue 4C will allow Manitou Springs School District 14 (D14) to secure bond funding which will allow the District to perform essential upgrades across all of its school buildings and facilities.

The average age of District facilities is 60 years old; they face issues like leaking roofs, old heating/cooling systems, and lack of accessibility. Planned improvements include roof replacements, secure entries, ADA-compliance, and classroom upgrades to carpet, paint, and LED lighting upgrades. The heating and cooling (HVAC) systems, many past life expectancies, will also be upgraded. The middle school and high school, both currently lacking a cooling system, will include addition of air conditioning. Some classrooms are currently reaching over 90 degrees Fahrenheit during hot weather.

Other planned improvements include resurfacing the track and field, mitigating safety and erosion issues, and maintaining access to student athletes and the greater community.

At Ute Pass Elementary, improvements include: ADA-compliant restrooms, improved learning environment, LED lighting upgrades and critical HVAC and plumbing upgrades.

At Manitou Springs Elementary School, improvements include: ADA-compliant restrooms, improved learning environment, LED lighting upgrades and critical HVAC and plumbing upgrades, north building elevator and auditorium renovation.

At Manitou Springs Middle School, improvements include: secure entry, improved learning environment, LED lighting upgrades, HVAC improvements with addition of air conditioning, critical roof replacement.

At Manitou Springs High School, improvements include: secure entries, fire alarm system, replacement of gym bleachers and flooring, improved learning environment, LED lighting upgrades, HVAC improvements with the addition of air conditioning, Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways renovation, and replacement of leaking roof.

The bond will also upgrade Rykovich (football and baseball) stadium, for safety and accessibility improvements, bring back opposing teams who refuse to compete in the field's current condition.

The bond will provide security and HVAC upgrades to the SILC building.

The bond will provide updated and safe buses for the District's transportation fleet.

D14 has delivered before – building the SILC with the 2000 bond funds and paying off all bond debt in 2021. For this bond, a Citizens Oversight Committee will again ensure funds are managed responsibly and every planned improvement is completed as promised.

Lacking rural and commercial tax revenue, and most of D14's budget supports teachers. This bond improves air quality to boost student performance and upgrades athletic facilities to raise property values—a true win-win for schools and community.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Miami-Yoder Joint School District No. 60 Ballot Issue 5B

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE MIAMI-YODER JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 EL PASO, ELBERT AND LINCOLN COUNTIES, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

Miami-Yoder Joint School District No. 60 Ballot Issue 5B

SHALL MIAMI-YODER JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 DEBT BE INCREASED \$1.2 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.8 MILLION, WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT'S FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- EXPANDING, UPDATING AND IMPROVING THE CAFETERIA AREA AND STORAGE FACILITIES TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY;
- ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT;

AND PROVIDING ANY OTHER CAPITAL ASSETS THAT THE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE; AND SHALL THE ANNUAL TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS IN 2007, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE IN 2026, BE EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE USED TO PAY THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT THIS ELECTION IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT SUCH PRIOR ELECTION; 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 AND PROVIDED THAT THE BONDS SHALL MATURE NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2040; AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE IMPOSED EACH YEAR AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE DISTRICT'S DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT)?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2025-2026 (estimated)	\$5,896,810
2024-2025 (actual)	\$5,864,360
2023-2024 (actual)	\$5,972,935
2022-2023 (actual)	\$5,042,465
2021-2022 (actual)	\$4,839,869
Overall percentage change from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026:	21.83%
Overall dollar change from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026:	\$1,056,941.00

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$1,200,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$165,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$1,800,000

Information on District's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$155,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$158,100
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$158,100

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5B:

A 'Yes' vote on 5B is a vote for the future of Miami-Yoder students and the strength of the Rush Community. This bond measure provides a critical investment in our school and community to ensure a safe and thriving learning and gathering environment. Our school is the heart of our community. To continue promoting success, we need to address two immediate factors: less stressed lunch scheduling and safety during unexpected weather events. In practical terms- the overcrowding of our cafeteria and the need for a backup generator, thus sustaining class time and safety.

5B will address this by funding a cafeteria expansion and installation of a backup generator. The cafeteria expansion would alleviate scheduling challenges and class time interruptions with multiple lunches for each school (Elementary, Middle School, & High School). Some students eat a late breakfast and then an early lunch leaving a long hungry afternoon to try and focus while others may have long mornings with an early breakfast and late lunch.

Our school was designated as a community shelter but can't realize that function without a generator to provide for the community's needs during a weather event. This in turn burdens our local volunteers who have to transport individuals to Ellicott in hazardous conditions. We have also seen sudden storms make it unsafe for an individual to be on the roads much less schools trying to bus students home; thus needing to house them at school.

This bond is a responsible financial plan. Because the previous bond debt is expiring, this measure will not raise the current property tax rate. It allows us to address these essential needs without placing a new tax burden on our residents. Future growth may ask more from the community to match funds or grants but for the immediate future we are looking to relieve an overburdened cafeteria and stressed class schedule and provide emergency safety for students and community, at no new tax increase to our community.

Join parents, teachers, and community members in voting 'Yes' on 5B. By supporting this measure, you are investing in the future of our students and the strength of our community. This bond measure is a crucial investment in our school and community, ensuring a safe and thriving environment for learning and gathering.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Peyton 23JT School District Ballot Issue 5C

Designated Election Official:

Caleb Conway, Joint School District No. 23JT
13990 Bradshaw Rd.
Peyton, CO 80831
(719) 749-2230

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE
PEYTON 23JT SCHOOL DISTRICT
EL PASO AND ELBERT COUNTIES, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Peyton 23JT School District Ballot Issue 5C

SHALL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23JT, EL PASO AND ELBERT COUNTIES, COLORADO, TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$670,000 IN 2025 FOR COLLECTION IN 2026 AND IN EACH YEAR ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, TO BE USED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES INCLUDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES WHICH MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

PROVIDING FUNDS FOR MAKING PRIORITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CTE FACILITY AND UPDATES TO PEYTON ELEMENTARY AND PEYTON JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL;
PROVIDING MATCHING MONEY FOR ANY GRANTS AWARDED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO UNDER THE BUILDING EXCELLENT SCHOOLS TODAY PROGRAM;

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 ANNUAL REVENUES NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PRIOR MILL LEVY LIMITATION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES OF THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2025-2026 (estimated)	\$9,812,602
2024-2025 (estimated)	\$9,406,280
2023-2024 (actual)	\$8,919,107
2022-2023 (actual)	\$7,214,682
2021-2022 (actual)	\$5,522,559
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending from 2021-2022 – 2025-2026:	77.6%
Overall dollar amount of change from 2021-2022 – 2025-2026:	\$4,290,043
Estimated maximum dollar amount of the proposed tax increase for fiscal year 2025-2026 (the first full fiscal year of the proposed tax increase):	
BALLOT ISSUE 5C:	\$670,000
Estimated 2025-2026 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$9,812,602

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5C:

Re: Capital improvements, including the construction of a new Career and Technical Education facility, plus updates to the Elementary and Jr./Sr. schools.

Current CTE programs we offer our students at Peyton: Agriculture (including FFA), Automotive, Business and Management (including FBIA), Computer Science, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, and Woodworking/Construction.

A new CTE Building would eliminate 18 bus trips each day between CTEF and High School.

A new CTE Building would eliminate students driving between the schools each day.

The CTEF building is inefficient in maintenance and utilities.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A

Designated Election Official:

Sarah H. Luetjen
44 Cook Street, Suite 620
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 218-7207

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE
CIMARRON HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A

SHALL CIMARRON HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$2,900,000 ANNUALLY COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM A ONE (1) PERCENT SALES TAX, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF GROWTH AND INCREASING SERVICE DEMANDS ON EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS BY SHARING THE COST OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH BUSINESS PATRONS WHO RESIDE OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND OFFSETTING LOST REVENUE DUE TO ANY LIMITATION IMPOSED ON PROPERTY TAXES, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY RESPONDER STAFFING FOR THE DISTRICT'S FIRE STATIONS, MAINTAIN FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION, REPLACE AGING EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS, AND FUND SCHEDULED NECESSARY CAPITAL UPGRADES, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH TAX TO BE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUE GENERATED BY SUCH TAX IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATION PROVIDED IN SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2025 (estimated)	\$6,975,156
2024 (actual)	\$7,960,287
2023 (actual)	\$4,791,109
2022 (actual)	\$3,977,423
2021 (actual)	\$2,977,085

Overall percentage change from 2021 to 2025:	134%
Overall dollar change from 2021 to 2025:	\$3,998,071

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$2,900,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$8,081,722

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6A:

A YES vote on this ballot measure supports stronger fire protection, faster emergency response, and a safer community for everyone.

As our district continues to grow, so does the demand for fire protection and emergency medical services. To ensure our fire department can respond quickly, efficiently, and effectively when every second counts, this 1% sales tax will provide stable, long-term funding to maintain emergency response levels, replace aging equipment, and make critical repairs and upgrades to fire stations and facilities.

This measure not only strengthens our emergency services—it also ensures the financial responsibility is shared more fairly by including business patrons and visitors from outside the district who benefit from these essential services.

Rather than placing the financial burden on local property taxpayers, this measure allows the cost of fire and emergency services to be shared more equitably with visitors and business patrons who also rely on these services but live outside the district.

Approving this measure will help to:

- Hire and retain skilled emergency responders
- Replace outdated fire trucks and life-saving equipment
- Make vital repairs and capital upgrades to stations and infrastructure
- Offset revenue limitations on property taxes

Our firefighters are there when we need them most—now it's our turn to support them. This measure isn't just about taxes; it's about protecting lives, ensuring fair funding, and preparing for the future. Without this critical revenue, our district could face service reductions, slower response times, and greater risks to life and property.

Vote YES for a safer, stronger, and more resilient community.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 5 Ballot Issue 6B

Designated Election Official:

Charles Wolfersberger, District Manager
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Denver, CO 80238
(720) 541-7725

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DECREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE
BANNING LEWIS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 5
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 5 Ballot Issue 6B

SHALL ALL UNUSED DEBT AUTHORIZATION GRANTED BY THE VOTERS IN ALL PRIOR ELECTIONS TO BANNING LEWIS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 5 BE FOREVER REPEALED AND RESCINDED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY?

	Current District Borrowing authority	District borrowing authority if Ballot Issue 6B is approved	Difference / Change
Principal amount of debt	\$919,962,000	\$ -	(\$919,962,000)
Maximum annual repayment cost	\$2,759,886,000	\$ -	(\$2,759,886,000)
Total repayment cost	\$2,759,886,000	\$ -	(\$2,759,886,000)

Current District bonded debt

Principal amount outstanding	\$9,518,000
Maximum annual repayment cost	\$9,518,000
Remaining total repayment cost	\$25,722,361

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6B:

Introduction

Decisions to incur debt must be carefully considered. How will it be used? How will it be repaid? Appropriate debt finances streets, sewers, and other infrastructure. Excessive debt increases property taxes and can adversely affect property values.

At December 31, 2024, Metro District 5 (District 5, The Retreat) has outstanding debt as follows (\$millions):

	Outstanding Principal	Accrued Interest	Total
Bonds (Issued 2018)	\$ 9.5	\$ 1.7	\$11.2
Developer Advances (Issued 2022-2024)	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.2	\$ 1.1
Total	\$10.4	\$ 1.9	\$12.3

Bonds are projected to be repaid about 2052 from property taxes. District 5 currently has no revenue source which can be used to repay developer advances.

No portion of this was approved by residents. As it stands, Metro District 1 (District 1) has the authority to assign up to \$100 million – that is, \$89.6 million of unused debt authority – at its discretion. This is *without* resident

approval or acceptance. There are differing opinions as to whether the existing debt was appropriately allocated and assigned to District 5.

This ballot issue proposes to eliminate Metro District 5's *UNUSED* debt authority. It does not change anything with existing debt. It does not constrain District 5 from using debt for future projects. A Board may advance a reasonable and quality project, and propose it be financed with debt. With approval of this issue, residents will have to approve any future increases of debt.

Background

District 1 is called the "Operating District" and District 5 is called the "Financing District." As such, District 1 controls District 5's operating and capital budgets and spending.

All District 1 Board members are employees of Oakwood Homes. None are elected by residents of the financing districts.

When build-out is complete (expected in 2026), The Retreat will have 585 homes. The existing total debt is approximately \$21 thousand per home.

In November 2006, representatives of the Developer at the time voted to authorize District 5 to issue debt up to \$929.5 million. Later, the City of Colorado Springs limited that authorization to \$100 million. State Law (C.R.S. 32-1-1101) generally says that Special District voter-authorized debt expires if unused after 20 years (November 2026). The law expressly states borrowing authority in the form of bonds expires after 20 years. This measure terminates all unused debt capacity no matter the form.

Other

This ballot issue:

- a) Gives the community a voice, a say in controlling unexpected expenses as it relates to long term debt;
- b) Protects the financial well-being of residents;
- c) Enhances the accountability our Operating District, MD1, in making sure money is spent on the most important endeavors;
- d) Promotes community engagement,
- e) Builds greater trust between the operating District, and the residents of the Metro District 5 Financing District; and
- f) Protects us from being over-extended in our debt obligations.

This ballot issue allows the residents of our Financing District to maintain strong, financial oversight. The residents have the best insight into what is needed for sustainable growth of our community.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Hanover Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7A

Designated Election Official:

Sue Blair
7995 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
(303) 381-4960

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO WAIVE REVENUE LIMIT AND MAINTAIN CURRENT MILL LEVY RATE ON A REFERRED MEASURE HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EL PASO AND PUEBLO COUNTIES, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

Hanover Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7A

SHALL HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") WAIVE THE 5.25% PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR ALL FUTURE PROPERTY TAX YEARS, AS SUCH PROPERTY TAX LIMIT IS CREATED BY HOUSE BILL 24B-1001 AND SET FORTH IN C.R.S. 29-1-1702, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND EXPEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, TAX REVENUES, GRANTS, LOANS, CONTRIBUTIONS, ASSESSMENTS, AND ANY OTHER REVENUES IMPOSED, COLLECTED, OR AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND ANY INTEREST THEREON 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, C.R.S. 29-1-1702, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2025 (estimated)	\$1,114,895
2024 (actual)	\$913,002
2023 (actual)	\$1,118,203
2022 (actual)	\$1,124,610
2021 (actual)	\$877,499
Overall percentage change from 2021 to 2025:	27%
Overall dollar change from 2021 to 2025:	\$237,396

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7A:

As a resident of the Hanover Fire Protection District, I support making the current 14.48 mill rate and De-taboring question for HFPD permanent. These two ballot questions are crucial for ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Our fire department is facing increasing demands for emergency services, rising costs, and annual budget cuts imposed by the State Legislature and the Governor. They are not asking for more money, even though they face three more years of cuts due to the State Legislature passing SB24B-1001. It will allow them, for now, to maintain current staffing, equipment, and facilities. HFPD has been De-Tabored since 1995. Again, the State Legislature passed SB24B-1001, and the Governor signed it. This bill not only nullified the will of the citizens' vote in 1995 to de-tabor but also penalized our fire department by lowering the tabor growth from 5.5 down to 5.25. Our fire department applies for grants every year; some of those grants may exceed the Tabor limits, requiring our fire district to refund the overages to us, the taxpayers. For the past 30 years, our community has been de-tabored, and our fire department has been providing us with well-trained firefighters, EMTs, and quality equipment, all funded by our tax dollars and grants. If we do not support these two ballot questions, we will only be hurting our own community and our safety. Our mill rate will revert to the 2020 mill rate of 10 mills. Using 2024 assessed valuation rates for our current 2025 budget, our fire department will see a \$306,641.00 deduction in its budget. Let's not change the dynamics of how we fund and support our fire department, which has obviously been working efficiently and effectively for our community for the past 30 years.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Hanover Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7B

Designated Election Official:

Sue Blair

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Greenwood Village, CO 80111

(303) 381-4960

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO WAIVE REVENUE LIMIT AND MAINTAIN CURRENT MILL LEVY RATE ON A REFERRED MEASURE HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EL PASO AND PUEBLO COUNTIES, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date:

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Election Hours:

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Hanover Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7B

WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE, SHALL HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OPERATING TAX LEVY BE EXTENDED AT THE CURRENTLY IMPOSED RATE OF 14.48 MILLS TO MAINTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES, ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND EXTEND THE USEFUL LIFE OF EXISTING FACILITIES, INCLUDING:

- (I) ATTRACTING TRAINING AND RETAINING EXPERIENCED FIRST RESPONDERS, AND MITIGATING COSTLY TURNOVER RATES;
- (II) MAINTAINING THE FIRE ENGINES AND OTHER APPARATUS AND IMPLEMENTING A REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE FOR APPARATUS TO REDUCE BREAKDOWNS, ACCIDENTS, AND DOWNTIME; AND
- (III) ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FIRE STATION PROJECTS;

THROUGH A PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX RATE PRODUCING \$991,108 IN TAX REVENUES IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND WHATEVER IS GENERATED EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FROM THE EXTENDED RATE OF 14.48 MILLS FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

Fiscal Year

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Overall percentage change from 2021 to 2025:	27%
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Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7B:

As a resident of the Hanover Fire Protection District, I support making the current 14.48 mill rate and De-taboring question for HFPD permanent. These two ballot questions are crucial for ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Our fire department is facing increasing demands for emergency services, rising costs, and annual budget cuts imposed by the State Legislature and the Governor. They are not asking for more money, even though they face three more years of cuts due to the State Legislature passing SB24B-1001. It will allow them, for now, to maintain current staffing, equipment, and facilities. HFPD has been De-Tabored since 1995. Again, the State Legislature passed SB24B-1001, and the Governor signed it. This bill not only nullified the will of the citizens' vote in 1995 to de-tabor but also penalized our fire department by lowering the tabor growth from

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Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7B:

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.
Steve Schleiker
El Paso County Clerk & Recorder

SECURE 24-HOUR DROP BOXES

 Main Office (EPC Clerk's Office)	1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd., Colo Springs, 80907
North Branch (EPC Clerk's Office)	8830 N. Union Blvd., Colo Springs, 80920
Southeast Branch (EPC Clerk's Office)	5650 Industrial Pl., Colo Springs, 80916
Fort Carson (EPC Clerk's Office)	6351 Wetzel Ave., Bldg. 1525, Fort Carson, 80913
 Bear Creek Regional Park (Charmaine Nymann Community Garden)	2002 Creek Crossing St., Colo Springs, 80905
 Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy	9433 Vista Del Pico Blvd., Colo Springs, 80927
Black Forest Fire & Rescue	11445 Teachout Rd., Colo Springs, 80908
 Black Forest Park-n-Ride	7503 Black Forest Rd., Colo Springs, 80908
Boot Barn Hall at Bourbon Brothers	13071 Bass Pro Dr., Colo Springs, 80921
 Broadmoor Towne Center	2060 Southgate Rd., Colo Springs, 80906
 Charles C. "Chuck" Brown Transportation & Environmental Complex	3275 Akers Dr., Colo Springs, 80922
City of Colorado Springs	30 S. Nevada Ave., Colo Springs, 80903
City of Manitou Springs	606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 80829
Colorado College - Boettcher Center	1106 N. Cascade Ave., Colo Springs, 80903
Colorado Springs Senior Center	1514 N. Hancock Ave., Colo Springs, 80903
 Cottonwood Creek Family Center YMCA	3920 Dublin Blvd., Colo Springs, 80918
Downtown/Centennial Hall (Cascade)	200 S. Cascade Ave., Colo Springs, 80903
 East Library	5550 N. Union Blvd., Colo Springs, 80918
 Ellicott School District Administration Building	322 S. Ellicott Hwy., Calhan, 80808
EPC Public Services Department	1010 Golden St., Calhan, 80808
 Falcon Park-n-Ride	11858 Swingline Rd., Falcon, 80831
 Family Success Center - Pikes Peak United Way	1520 Verde Dr., Colo Springs, 80910
 Fire Station 1 - Falcon Fire Protection District	12072 Royal County Down Rd., Falcon, 80831
First & Main Town Center	3190 New Center Pt., Colo Springs, 80922
Fountain Creek Regional Park	2010 Duckwood Rd., Fountain, 80817
Fountain Police Department	222 N. Santa Fe Ave., Fountain, 80817
 Library 21c	1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colo Springs, 80920
 Monument Park-n-Ride	1890 Woodmoor Dr., Monument, 80132
 Mountain View Academy	2103 Meadowbrook Pkwy., Colo Springs, 80951
Pikes Peak Regional Development Center	2880 International Cir., Colo Springs, 80910
 Pikes Peak State College - Centennial Campus	5675 S. Academy Blvd., Colo Springs, 80906
 Pikes Peak State College - Rampart Range Campus	2070 Interquest Pkwy., Colo Springs, 80921
Rocky Mountain Calvary	4285 N. Academy Blvd., Colo Springs, 80918
Santa Fe Trailhead - Baptist	1916 Baptist Rd., Monument, 80132
 School District 3 Federal Credit Union	1180 Crawford Ave., Colo Springs, 80911
The Citadel Mall (Food Court Entrance)	750 Citadel Dr. E., Colo Springs, 80909
UCCS	1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Colo Springs, 80918
 U-Haul Moving & Storage of Woodmen Rd. (Tiffany Square Parking Lot)	6805 Corporate Dr., Colo Springs, 80919
 Vista Grande Baptist Church	5680 Stetson Hills Blvd., Colo Springs, 80917
Widefield Water & Sanitation District	8495 Fontaine Blvd., Colo Springs, 80925
Wilson Ranch Pool	2335 Allegheny Dr., Colo Springs, 80919

 Drive-up Secure 24-Hour Ballot Drop Box Available

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS

VOTER SERVICE & POLLING CENTERS (VSPCS)

Monday, Oct 13 - Friday, Oct 31 (excluding weekends)	8 AM to 5 PM
Saturday, Nov 1	8 AM to 12 PM
Monday, Nov 3	8 AM to 5 PM
Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 4	7 AM to 7 PM
Citizens Service Center (Main Office)	1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd., Colo Springs, CO 80907

Monday, Oct 27 - Friday, Oct 31 (excluding weekends)	8 AM to 5 PM
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Monday, Nov 3	8 AM to 5 PM
Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 4	7 AM to 7 PM
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North Branch (EPC Clerk's Office)	8830 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80920
Southeast Branch (EPC Clerk's Office)	5650 Industrial Pl., Colorado Springs, CO 80916
UCCS	4785 Clyde Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Monday, Nov 3	8 AM to 5 PM
Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 4	7 AM to 7 PM
Colorado College - Worner Campus Center	902 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Fountain Utilities Department	101 N. Main St., Fountain, CO 80817
Meridian Ranch Recreation Center	10301 Angeles Rd., Falcon, CO 80831
Pikes Peak State College - Centennial Campus	5675 S. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Pikes Peak State College - Rampart Range Campus	2070 Interquest Pkwy., Colorado Springs, CO 80921
Town of Monument Public Works Building	259 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument, CO 80132

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