



LARIMER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

NOTICE OF ELECTION

**GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Tina Harris, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder

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Normal Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCAL BALLOT ISSUES

This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.

This Notice is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered electors. You may not be eligible to vote on all issues presented in this Notice.

The Larimer County Clerk and Recorder does not warrant, verify, or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot titles, issues, text, and summaries of comments as presented, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation in the materials presented.

For information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot issues, contact the respective Designated Election Official as indicated herein.

Ballot issues for the State will be mailed separately via the State's "Blue Book."

Further, this Notice does not contain ballot issues for those jurisdictions conducting separate elections. A separate Notice will be mailed to the appropriate voters within the jurisdictions conducting an election by mail or polling place. Voters may receive additional materials from other jurisdictions conducting independent elections.

A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM.

The election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballot materials will be mailed beginning October 11, 2024, to every active, registered voter.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail (postage is 73 cents) or hand delivered to a designated ballot drop box location or a Voter Service and Polling Center. After October 28, 2024, it is recommended that voters personally deliver their ballot to any of the drop box or Voter Service and Polling Center locations listed in the following pages of this Notice.

Ballots must be RECEIVED at the Larimer County Elections Office, a designated ballot drop box location or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Ballots received after 7 PM on Election Day will not be counted. **Postmarks do not count as a received date.**

Visit our website at vote.larimer.gov or call (970) 498-7820 to verify your ballot was received by the Larimer County Elections Office.

BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

(Open October 11 - November 5)

Drop off your voted ballot 24 hours a day at a ballot drop box location listed below. Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7 PM Election Night:

Bellvue Area

Ted's Place (Hwy 14/287) 92 Poudre Canyon Rd

Berthoud Area

Berthoud Community Library 236 Welch Ave

Estes Park Area

Estes Park Municipal Building 170 MacGregor Ave

Estes Park Vehicle Licensing Office 1601 Brodie Ave

Fort Collins Area

Colorado State University 1101 Center Ave Mall, Lory Student Center

Elks Lodge 1424 E Mulberry St

Edora Pool Ice Center (EPIC) 1801 Riverside Ave

Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity ReStore 4001 S Taft Hill Rd

Fort Collins Police Services 2221 S Timberline Rd

Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr

Fort Collins Traffic Operations 626 Linden St

Harmony Library 4616 S Shields St

Larimer County Administrative Services 200 W Oak St

Larimer County Human Services 1501 Blue Spruce Dr

Northside Aztlan Community Center 112 E Willow St

South Transit Center 4915 Fossil Blvd

Laporte Area

Overland Foods 3333 County Road 54G

Loveland Area

Loveland Habitat for Humanity ReStore 5250 N Garfield Ave

Loveland Police & Courts 810 E 10th St

Loveland Public Library 300 N Adams Ave

Loveland Vehicle Licensing Office 200 Peridot Ave

Red Feather Lakes Area

Red Feather Lakes Community Library 71 Fire House Ln

Timnath Area

Timnath Public Works Building 4800 Goodman St

Wellington Area

Wellington Public Library 3800 Wilson Ave

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPC)

At a Voter Service and Polling Center, voters can vote in-person, obtain a replacement mail ballot, deliver their voted mail ballot, register to vote, change their address, or vote on an ADA accessible voting machine.

Visit any VSPC only during dates and times listed below.

Voter Service and Polling Centers Open: October 21 – November 5

Monday thru Friday, October 21 – November 1 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Saturday, November 2 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Monday, November 4 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Tuesday, Election Day, November 5 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

Larimer County Administrative Services, 200 W Oak St, Fort Collins

Loveland Police & Courts, 810 E 10th St, Loveland

Colorado State University, 1101 Center Ave Mall, Lory Student Center, Fort Collins

Voter Service and Polling Center Open: October 28 – November 5

Monday thru Friday, October 28 – November 1 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Saturday, November 2 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Monday, November 4 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Tuesday, Election Day, November 5 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

Estes Valley Community Center, 660 Community Dr, Estes Park

Voter Service and Polling Centers Open: November 1 – November 5

Friday, November 1 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Saturday, November 2 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Monday, November 4 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Tuesday, Election Day, November 5 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

Council Tree Covenant Church, 4825 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins

Crossroads Church, 5420 N Taft Ave, Loveland

Elks Lodge, 1424 E Mulberry St, Fort Collins

Fort Collins Country Club, 1920 Country Club Rd, Fort Collins

Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins

Group Publishing Inc, 1515 Cascade Ave, Loveland

King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2919 Wilson Ave, Loveland

Timnath Town Center, 4750 Signal Tree Dr, Timnath

Voter Service and Polling Centers Open: November 4 – November 5

Monday, November 4 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Tuesday, Election Day, November 5 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

American Legion, 2124 County Road 54G, Fort Collins

Brookside Weddings & Events, 619 E County Road 8, Berthoud

Club Tico, 1599 City Park Dr, Fort Collins

Council Tree Library, 2733 Council Tree Ave, Fort Collins

Front Range Community College, 4616 S Shields St, Longs Peak Student Center, Fort Collins

Red Feather Lakes Community Association, 58 Fire House Ln, Red Feather Lakes

The Ranch, 5280 Arena Cir, Loveland

Trailhead Activity Center, 6557 Buttercup Dr, Unit 5, Wellington

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Tina Harris, Designated Election Official, 200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Telephone Number: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 1A

SHALL LARIMER COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED \$17,200,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATED FIRST FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE IN 2025), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS BY IMPOSING A 0.15% (15 CENTS ON 100 DOLLARS) COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- IMPROVING ROADWAY, BRIDGE, AND INTERSECTION SAFETY, SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, SIGNAGE AND SIGNALING, LANE IMPROVEMENTS, AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS;
- IMPROVING RESILIENCE OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST NATURAL DISASTERS;
- REPAIRING, REPLACING, IMPROVING, MAINTAINING, AND CONSTRUCTING ROADS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE LANES AND PATHS, AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE;
- IMPROVING TRAVEL CORRIDORS BETWEEN COMMUNITIES IN LARIMER COUNTY FOR SAFER AND MORE EFFICIENT COMMUTING, RECREATING, AND DELIVERY OF GOODS AND SERVICES;
- SUPPORTING INCREASED ACCESS TO COMMUNITY TRANSIT SERVICES AND OTHER MOBILITY OPTIONS;

AND SHALL THE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX WITHOUT LIMITATION BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION REFERRING THIS BALLOT ISSUE APPROVED SEPTEMBER 3, 2024?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending	
2024 (Estimated)	\$ 396,490,000	
2023	\$ 328,437,342	
2022	\$ 304,095,093	
2021	\$ 287,336,748	
2020	\$ 275,623,020	
Overall percentage change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):		43.9%
Overall dollar change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):		\$ 120,866,980
Estimated 2025 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:		\$ 436,139,000
Estimated 2025 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:		\$ 17,200,000

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 1A:

Generating an expected \$22M annually, this new revenue will be dedicated to improving the county-wide transportation network, including roads, bridges, pedestrian, cycling and transit

infrastructure. This 15-year tax would fund approximately \$330M in projects including local match for state and federal opportunities. The most recent 2017 study identified unfunded needs of \$645M over 15-years. Key reasons to support this tax:

- Northern Colorado is an integrated economy. Studies suggest 70% of residents routinely travel outside their home community for employment, shopping, entertainment, education and recreation.
- We can no longer rely upon traditional road and bridge layouts. Many different vehicle types share the road with increased numbers of semi-trailers, cyclists, pedestrians and future transit modes. As such, roadways must evolve beyond 10-foot travel lanes and minimal shoulder to assure safe and efficient travel.
- Our transportation system is exposed to escalating environmental threats. Fire, floods and extreme weather are becoming more prevalent with greater impact to our growing economy. The cost to ensure the network functions properly will increase over time
- Property taxes aren't enough. Transportation is one of few discretionary budget categories, exposing it to fiscal demands of other County services. Also, property tax earmarked for transportation must be shared with other local governments.
- Larimer County does not have current resources to match or complement state or federal monies that might be available. Transportation improvements can only be funded through partnership of local, county, state and federal monies. Creating a resource to be part of this financial stack is vital to our future success.

Larimer County's transportation needs exceed available funding. This .15% sales tax would satisfy the County's strategic objective for dedicated funding to improve road safety.

Larimer County's current sales taxes of 0.80% can only be used for:

- Open Lands (0.25%)
- Fairgrounds & Event Center (0.15%)
- Behavioral Health (0.25%)
- Jail Expansion (.015%)

No sales taxes go toward maintaining or improving County roads. Larimer County maintains approximately 767 miles of County roads and approximately 101 miles of subdivision roads outside city limits. The average road maintenance cost over the past 10 years was approximately \$22 million annually. Current funding sources to maintain County Roads, including bridges, are the specific ownership tax (vehicle purchases) and motor vehicle registrations, federal and state gas tax, and a small portion of property tax.

However, County Road improvements have limited funding through federal and state gas tax, capital expansion fees (new development), and outside grants and contributions.

Larimer County only has approximately \$7 million annually for bridge replacement and roadway improvements. In 2017 Larimer County identified \$750 million in immediate and future road and bridge needs through 2040, with high and medium-priority projects totaling over \$280 million in 2017 dollars. Without other funding sources, only about 14% of the total need, or 38% of high and medium priority needs could be funded.

Visit <https://www.larimer.gov/transportation-funding> for a list of roads and bridges this tax would help fund.

This small tax would help address road and infrastructure needs in Larimer County. Vote yes on 1A.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 1A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
CITY OF FORT COLLINS
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO EXTEND A TAX ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Delynn Coldiron, Designated Election Official, City Clerk's Office,
300 LaPorte Ave, P.O. Box 580, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Telephone Number: (970) 416-2995

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 2A

CITY-INITIATED BALLOT ISSUE NO. 1

WITHOUT RAISING ADDITIONAL TAXES, SHALL THE CITY'S EXISTING 0.25% SALES AND USE TAX (25 CENTS ON A \$100 PURCHASE) FIRST APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 2005 FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BE EXTENDED FROM ITS CURRENT EXPIRATION AT THE END OF DECEMBER 31, 2025, THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER 31, 2045; PROVIDED THAT THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX EXTENSION SHALL BE USED TO PAY THE COSTS OF PLANNING, DESIGN, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, INCIDENTAL UPGRADES AND OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH:

- THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF CITY STREETS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CURBS, GUTTERS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS, PARKWAYS, SHOULDERS AND MEDIANS, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE;

AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE TAX EXTENSION MAY BE RETAINED AND EXPENDED BY THE CITY NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (Estimated)	\$ 309,436,816
2023	\$ 298,157,244
2022	\$ 259,404,271
2021	\$ 255,438,629
2020	\$ 222,453,636
Overall percentage change from 2020 to 2024 (estimated):	39.10%
Overall dollar change from 2020 to 2024 (estimated):	\$ 86,983,180
Estimated 2026 fiscal year spending without proposed tax extension:	\$ 350,232,675
Estimated 2026 maximum tax amount authorized by the tax extension Ballot Issue:	\$ 12,591,275

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 2A:

This sales tax has been a proven resource for maintaining our local streets system. Key reasons to support the renewal of this .25% City Sales Tax:

Safety – As our community has grown, so to have the challenges of providing a safe, efficient transportation network. Businesses demand that employees, customers and vendors are provided safe passage to their door. With an expanding array of transportation modes, higher traffic counts,

and the relentless proliferation of distractions, the safety of all users declines. The design, installation and maintenance of protective features to ameliorate this effect add to the overall cost of our streets program.

Maintenance is Cheaper than Replacement – Road building is not only highly disruptive, but very expensive. Once a road is complete, every \$1 spent to conduct routine, proactive maintenance saves as much as \$16 in recovering a road that has been allowed to fully degrade. Under the prevailing program, our roads are routinely monitored and rated along an A to F declining scale. Ideally, the overall network is held to a “B” standard – good condition, though not necessarily brand new.

Increased System Demands – With increased population density and evolving modes of travel, additional strains are placed on the existing network. Density itself facilitates greater pedestrian, bicycle and public transit usage, while electric and alternately-powered vehicles tend to be much heavier than the prevailing rolling-stock. This, in turn, requires the system to accommodate a broader array of users that results in greater wear-and-tear on roadways.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
CITY OF LOVELAND
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Angie Sprang, Designated Election Official, City of Loveland, Colorado, City Clerk's Office, 500 E. 3rd Street, Suite 230, Loveland, CO 80537

Telephone Number: (970) 962-2322

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 2E

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOVELAND TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL 1.00% SALES TAX WITH THE REVENUE GENERATED BY SUCH TAX TO BE USED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

SHALL CITY OF LOVELAND TAXES BE INCREASED \$22 MILLION ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL 1.00% SALES TAX WITH THE REVENUE GENERATED BY SUCH ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO BE USED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENABLING THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VALUABLE CITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE; AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

BALLOT ISSUE 2F

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOVELAND TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX OF 5% ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY, WITH THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX TO BE USED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

SHALL CITY OF LOVELAND TAXES BE INCREASED \$5 MILLION ANNUALLY IN 2025 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM THE IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE TAX AT THE RATE OF 5.00% ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS SOLD WITHIN THE CITY, WITH THE TAX REVENUES RECEIVED FROM SUCH TAX TO BE SPENT ON ANY LAWFUL MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

BALLOT ISSUE 2G

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOVELAND TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND EXCESS REVENUES FOR POLICE AND FIRE, STREET CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, AND PARKS CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

WITHOUT CREATING OR IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING THE RATE OF ANY EXISTING TAX, SHALL THE CITY OF LOVELAND, COLORADO BE PERMITTED FOR A TWELVE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2036, TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL CITY REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE SPENDING, REVENUE AND OTHER LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, WITH SUCH EXCESS REVENUES TO BE USED FOR POLICE AND FIRE, STREET CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, AND PARKS CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE?

Total City Fiscal Year Spending *

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending	
2024 (estimated)	\$ 121,000,000	
2023 (actual)	\$ 127,707,767	
2022 (actual)	\$ 122,992,468	
2021 (actual)	\$ 108,562,032	
2020 (actual)	\$ 95,941,496	
Overall percentage change from 2020 to 2024:		26.12%
Overall dollar change from 2020 to 2024:		\$ 25,058,504

Proposed Tax Increase

City Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increases For Fiscal Year 2025 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increases):

BALLOT ISSUE 2E:	\$ 22,000,000
BALLOT ISSUE 2F:	\$ 5,000,000

City Estimate of 2025 Fiscal Year Spending Without the Proposed Tax Increases: \$ 124,600,000

* Under TABOR, "fiscal year spending" means revenue, including all general fund, capital reserve fund, insurance fund, and other revenues. Excluded from fiscal year spending are refunds, gifts, federal funds, collections for another government, pension contributions by employees and pension fund earnings, reserve transfers or expenditure of reserves, damage awards, property sales, Colorado lottery proceeds, or expenditures of enterprises so characterized for TABOR purposes.

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 2E:

2E is asking voters to increase sales tax revenue by 1% on non-food items to prevent loss of City services. Sales tax revenue goes into the General Fund and composes the majority of the General Fund. The General Fund provides funding for city departments that provide services to residents such as Parks and Recreation, Fire, Cultural Services, Library, Police, Transportation, Economic Development, Community Partnership, and Public Works. The General Fund also funds infrastructure projects, general government services, financial support services for nonprofits and small businesses, and residents in need.

After a citizen's initiative, the City changed its charter to cease sales taxation of food for home consumption. Due to the loss of this tax on food for home consumption, the City experienced a loss of revenue that is impacting the General Fund. Current estimates slate this loss at between \$10.5 – 13 million dollars annually. This revenue deficit means that General Fund departments will each experience significant budget decreases in 2025, limiting their ability to provide services to residents.

To make ends meet for 2024, we had to cut Millions of dollars in capital projects that were planned to be executed. These capital projects are permanently cut. We can't cut them again.

We can't run our city out of our cash reserves or we will put ourselves in an untenable position. It is much better to address our budget shortfall before we run out of money.

Loveland currently has a 3% sales tax rate and does not tax food for home consumption. This rate has been unchanged since 1984. The population of Loveland increased by over 50,000 between 1984 and 2024. Loveland has the third lowest property tax levy in Northern Colorado at 9.564 mills.

Loveland has the lowest tax burden per person of any Town in Northern Colorado. Fort Collins currently has a sales tax rate of 4.35%, taxes food at 2.25%, and has a property tax mill of 9.797. Greeley has a sales tax rate of 4.11%, taxes food at 3.46%, and has a mill levy of 11.274. Longmont has a sales tax rate of 3.53%, taxes food at 3.53%, and has a mill levy of 13.42.

Passing a 1% sales tax increase still leaves us with a lower per person tax burden than any town except for Timnath and Wellington.

Loveland also offers the highest level of city-provided services to its residents compared to other Northern Colorado cities.

A 1% increase would mean \$0.01 on every \$1 transaction. For example, at the current 3% sales tax, purchasing a non-food item for \$7.99 would cost \$8.23. With a 4% sales tax, the item would instead cost \$8.31 – a difference of \$0.08. This additional 8 cents in revenue would go to the General Fund, ensuring no service cuts or reductions to departments such as the library, parks, museum, police, and public works. Supporting 2E will ensure Loveland has the funding necessary to maintain its status as a great place to live and a competitive, sustainable full-service City.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 2E:

The City budget is not in trouble. State reports shows that taxable sales in Loveland increased by 5% and property tax collections increased by approximately 30% this year.

For its usual operations and maintenance, the City needs about \$95 million. Property and other excise taxes pay for \$20 million, leaving \$75 million to be made up through sales and use taxes, which this year will be \$77 million. So the City should have a balanced budget, able to fully fund all the City's "community-facing" programs.

Despite having a balanced budget, City Hall threatens to slash spending for popular programs (the library, museum, parks & rec, police) pretending that it has to make up a \$13M loss of the grocery tax (reduced now to \$10.5M). The scenario that Loveland has a \$13 million budget shortfall from elimination of sales tax on food is NOT A FACTUAL SUMMARY per state guidelines. This is a forecast promoted by the finance department. Actual food tax revenue cannot be known until February of 2025 by the city's own accrual accounting practices.

There are budget cuts that need to be made - just not those City Hall is slashing. The City refuses to declare the revenue loss from fee waivers, incentive giveaways, program subsidies & TIF agreements from 22 metropolitan taxing districts in Loveland which have resulted in a "structural imbalance" in the city budget for years.

City revenue returns don't match department of revenue figures, leaving millions of tax dollars "unaccounted for". The citizens of Loveland should not pay an extra sales tax to adjust for the structural imbalance known to exist. 3.0% sales tax has proven more than adequate to pay for city services and provide a surplus for an unassigned fund balance.

So why another 1¢ in sales tax? Greed. And aggressive city planning.

City Hall is using the repeal of the grocery tax as an excuse for a fatter budget. City planners have been looking to accelerate growth, enticing more development with large incentives. One city councilor claims Loveland is tracking toward a population of 250,000, which others say will be achieved by 2050.

What would the additional 1% sales tax cost each resident? City Hall claims it would bring in \$22 million/year. But State figures show that it would bring in a minimum of \$27 million. That is almost \$350/year more for every adult and child. (City Hall claims up to 40% of sales tax is paid by non-residents, but that is only a guess, and one that does not seem realistic.)

2E also asks that City Hall be able to "collect, retain and spend" all excess revenues, without limitation, FOREVER.

2E is a money grab which continues multi-million dollar giveaways to developers and speculators. It wipes out the tax relief given by the repeal of the food tax, and strains the budgets of many

Lovelanders. It furthers the designs of special interests who want to triple the population of Loveland in the next 25 years.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 2F:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 2F:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 2G:

Here are my arguments in favor of tabor override.

1. It has allowed Loveland to do many municipal projects including:
2. The cost to Loveland residents is minimal, less than \$20 per year on average. The expected TABOR excess for 2025 will be \$15.71 per person. Each year, the amount changes, with some years being \$0.
3. The cost of returning the small amount of money to each citizen will often outweigh the benefit to each resident. If checks were sent to each local tax paying resident, the cost to reimburse each person is around \$2.50 per person. This is a substantial portion of the refund each year.
4. Tabor would hinder Loveland's ability to recover from a downturn. Growth caps reset to the lower levels when revenues drop substantially, and can only rebound over a longer period of time. (Drops can happen fast, but rebounds have to be slow with TABOR.)
5. Most municipalities in Colorado have overridden tabor (88% of municipalities and 94% of all counties.)
6. Loveland's ability to keep its local TABOR excesses doesn't effect the State's TABOR requirements. It only effects the city portion of Property and Sales Tax.
7. Loveland has twice voted to override TABOR for the city, in 2002 and 2012. Over the last two decades, of that \$51 million, \$37 million in local TABOR funds have been used by Loveland's Public Works Department and were invested into the Loveland Street Rehabilitation and Maintenance program, road construction and flood mitigation. TABOR funds have also been used to invest in Loveland's local park system with \$7 million used to improve amenities such as Fairground Park and Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park. Another \$7 million in local TABOR funds have been used to support the purchase of public safety equipment, training facilities, and technology.
8. We are already at a budget deficit of at least \$10MM. Without the TABOR excess funds, Loveland will have an even bigger budget shortfall in 2025.
9. This measure has a 12-year sunset, and uses the exact same language that Loveland voters approved in 2012.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 2G:

Loveland City Hall is trying, yet again, to get voters to allow it to keep the excess money it collects from taxing citizens. If ballot question 2G fails, City Hall would be finally required to live within its taxpayers' means.

Ballot question 2G intends to continue doing away with the effective control voters can have over City spending as provided by Colorado's Constitution for over 30 years now. Voter control has been constitutionally available as a right of Lovelanders during all that time, but has been systematically denied to them by their City Hall for most of that time.

The constitutional system is meant to be fair to taxpayers, and also ensure that City Hall is a trim ship – taxing just for what is agreed in advance, and spending no more than that. The Constitution allows our City Hall to increase its budget annually to meet demands by population growth and

price inflation, but additional taxes and spending beyond that requires additional voter approval. It's a system that is orderly and works. People enjoy refund checks from the State for its over-taxation for instance.

But in Loveland, City Hall has avoided this reasonable way of governing by periodically convincing its citizens to vote away their rights – and the rights of their neighbors. (The Constitution does not provide for this, except for a very short number of years – up to four – and only in very narrow ways.) Such votes have become so infrequent – 12 years now – and no longer narrowly applied, that people here have become unaware that their rights to refunds from the State, which they jealously vote to preserve, is true for City government, too.

Our City Hall tries to make giving up refund checks attractive by earmarking the extra money for favored services: police, fire, streets, and parks & rec. But money is fungible, and “extra” money goes into the same pot as the rest, and like in a shell game, earmarking is illusory. Government spending by shell game is not accountable, and experience shows it frequently is not good government, either.

During the last 12 years, experience has shown that when Loveland City Hall has extra funds, it is likely to spend wantonly – notably giving huge subsidies to crony developers and increasing the size and reach of its function. (For example, the City recently spent over \$500,000 on useless DEI staff training and another \$500,000 on a silly pop psychology personality test for new staff.)

It seems City Hall has little concern for the many Lovelanders who are going through tight financial times, with property tax soaring, high utility bills, and ever-increasing food prices. Tax refund checks can be a very welcome event, or even better, consistently lower monthly bills. As one elderly citizen explained, “Every little bit helps.”

The last, best hope for having a responsive and responsible City Hall is a return to direct voter control over taxes and spending as provided by our state's Constitution. To do that means defeating 2G.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Autumn Aspen, Designated Election Official, Poudre School District R-1, 2407 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80521-2297

Telephone Number: (970) 420-0682

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 4A

IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH BELOW, SHALL POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$49,000,000 ANNUALLY COMMENCING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2025, INCREASING WITH THE RATE OF INFLATION, FOR THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108.7, C.R.S., (THE DEBT FREE SCHOOLS ACT), WITH THE EFFECT THAT MORE GENERAL FUND REVENUE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN THE QUALITY EDUCATION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND STAFF BY MAINTAINING COMPETITIVE SALARIES AND PROVIDING NECESSARY CLASSROOM MATERIALS;
- PROVIDING THE EDUCATION THAT TODAY’S STUDENTS NEED FOR TOMORROW’S JOBS AND CAREERS, INCLUDING CLASSROOMS FOR CAREER, TECHNOLOGY, AND SKILLED TRADES THAT PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH REAL WORLD JOB SKILLS AND PROVIDING BOOKS, TECHNOLOGY, FACILITIES AND OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED FOR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THESE SKILLS;
- SUPPORTING SMALL, NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND THE GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY THEY NEED TO LEARN AND THRIVE;
- MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES TO ENSURE SECURE, HEALTHY AND COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS BY REPLACING OUTDATED ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND HVAC SYSTEMS AND ADDRESSING REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO EXTEND THE USEFUL LIFE OF BUILDINGS;
- PROVIDING ARTS, MUSIC, LIBRARY, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES AND FACILITIES SO STUDENTS RECEIVE A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION;

AND SHALL SUCH ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THIS TAX BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND MAINTENANCE FUND AND USED FOR ONGOING CASH FUNDING FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, NEW TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDED THAT EXPENDITURES WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL AUDIT AND CITIZEN OVERSIGHT; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024-2025 (estimated)	\$ 537,375,934
2023-2024 (actual)	\$ 501,541,936
2022-2023 (actual)	\$ 470,583,591
2021-2022 (actual)	\$ 423,985,061
2020-2021 (actual)	\$ 374,037,352

Overall percentage change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: 43.7%

Overall dollar change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: \$ 163,338,582

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase:

BALLOT ISSUE 4A: \$ 49,000,000

District Estimate of Fiscal Year Spending Without the Proposed Tax Increase: \$ 537,375,934

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 4A:

Vote YES on 4A and Protect Our Children's Future!

Parents, community members, and taxpayers are calling on you to vote YES on 4A, the debt-free mill levy that will directly support increased staff pay and keep our neighborhood schools open. This initiative is essential for providing the operating funds our school district needs to retain talented educators, keep neighborhood schools open, and ensure quality education for all our students.

This debt-free mill levy is crucial for Poudre School District (PSD) to maintain high-quality education for all students. Without it, the district will face tough financial decisions that could impact our schools and staff.

This measure is more than just funding – it's about ensuring teachers and staff are paid competitive wages, securing the future of our neighborhood schools, and strengthening our community. With 4A, we have a responsible, sustainable way to invest in our schools without taking on additional debt. This funding is critical for fair pay, keeping schools open, and expanding essential work-based learning opportunities for all students in our district.

PSD is committed to providing the best learning environments, and your YES vote on 4A will help make that possible. This funding will allow us to repair HVAC systems and install air conditioning in schools that urgently need it, bringing relief to thousands of students. A YES vote is an investment in our children's futures and the vitality of our neighborhood schools.

With declining enrollment and national birth rates falling, we need this measure to ensure our schools remain open and vibrant. Without this critical funding, PSD would have to consider other options, including staffing cuts or other drastic measures, which we are committed to avoiding at all costs. Our students, teachers, staff, parents, and community are counting on us to prevent these outcomes.

We understand that recent increases in property values have raised taxes for many in our district. However, this did not increase funding for our schools. In Colorado, when the local share of taxes increases, the state reduces its share of education funding. This means we still need to ask our local voters to support these much-needed investments in our schools and classrooms.

The future of our community is directly tied to the future of our schools. Strong schools mean a vibrant community, and our classrooms are the lifeblood of a healthy democracy. A YES vote on 4A is a vote for our children, our teachers, and the continued prosperity of our neighborhoods.

Every vote matters. This is a defining moment for our schools and our children. Help us secure a brighter future for all by voting YES on 4A. Let's ensure our kids continue to thrive in this great community we all cherish!

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:

It's hard for me to believe that the Poudre School District (PSD) has the audacity to ask for additional funding on this year's ballot. I'm sure that after presenting a few facts you will be as incensed as I am.

1. According to a newspaper article, Larimer County property values increased 37-69% from 2021 to 2023. PSD directly benefits from this increase.
2. Over half of all property tax revenue goes to PSD, mine is over 55%. There was no decrease in the mill levy meaning PSD received the 37-69% increase in funding from property tax revenues. What has PSD done with this windfall?
3. The current superintendent received an 18.7% pay raise – an increase of \$43,000 dollars from 2023 to 2024 for a salary of \$273,000.00. This salary increase is on top of the expense accounts and other perks of the position. One must wonder what wonderful and glorious things the superintendent has accomplished to deserve such a lavish raise? The superintendent's salary is conveniently left off the 2023-2024 PSD Administrator and Professional Salary Schedule.
4. The top five positions on the superintendent's staff received an average salary increase of 16% to an average salary of \$165,000.
5. The PSD board of directors essentially fired the previous school superintendent, yet the board paid her a severance of \$560,000. Is this good fiscal responsibility?
6. PSD touts a student/teacher ratio of 16 to 1 yet only 48% of PSD students are proficient in math and reading is only slightly better at 59%. These were failing grades where I came from, and you didn't reward failure.
7. A PSD step "10" teacher has a salary range of \$62,469 with a bachelor's degree to \$74,010 with a PhD. Yet the LGBTQIA+ coordinator's salary range is \$78,511 - \$108,345 and the DEI coordinator's salary range is \$80,866 - \$111,595. It is obvious that PSD's priority is NOT teaching children the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic.
8. There are 2.8 million acres in the Colorado school trust lands leased for income – none of the PSD financials I can find, show how much revenue PSD receives from these trust lands. Maybe some of these lands should be sold before PSD asks for additional funding from the public in these times of inflation and poor economy. Maybe they should budget like every working family must.
9. PSD spent \$5 million dollars on the 127 acres of Wellington Middle/Highschool and another \$130 million for the school building. All the while PSD has declining enrollment.
10. In 2016 PSD won a \$375 million dollar bond issue and an 8-million-dollar mill override. In 2019 PSD received another mill levy override providing an additional \$18 million annually for support staff. What is PSD currently doing with this funding?

Bottom line: It's not how much funding PSD receives, it how PSD spends that funding.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Laura Lee Ehlers, Designated Election Official, Thompson School District No. R2-J, 800 S Taft Ave, Loveland, CO 80537

Telephone Number: (970) 613-5013

Ballot Title and Text:

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?

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?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024-2025 (estimated)	\$ 267,537,662
2023-2024 (estimated)	\$ 242,608,507
2022-2023 (actual)	\$ 230,294,533
2021-2022 (actual)	\$ 213,597,276
2020-2021 (actual)	\$ 196,529,786

Overall percentage change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: 36.13%

Overall dollar change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: \$ 71,007,876

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase:

BALLOT ISSUE 5A:	\$ 13,000,000
BALLOT ISSUE 5B:	\$ 32,000,000

District Estimate of First Full Fiscal Year Spending Without the Proposed Tax Increases: \$ 267,537,662

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE 5B:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 220,000,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 32,000,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 395,000,000

Information on District's Current Debt *

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

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons 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.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons 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.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons 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.
- 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.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons 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!

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Greg Fieth, Financial Operations Consultant, St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J, 395 S. Pratt Parkway, Longmont, CO 80501

Telephone Number: (303) 682-7203

Ballot Title and Text:

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?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024-2025 (estimated)	\$ 559,920,166
2023-2024 (estimated actual)	\$ 522,386,510
2022-2023 (actual)	\$ 462,447,533
2021-2022 (actual)	\$ 410,247,467
2020-2021 (actual)	\$ 390,982,500

Overall percentage change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: 43.21%
Overall dollar change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: \$ 168,937,666

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE 5C:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 739,800,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 102,022,025
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 998,900,000

Information on District's Current Debt *

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

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 5C:

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.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 5C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
POUDRE OVERLOOK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 30
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Tina Harris, Designated Election Official, 200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Telephone Number: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6A

SHALL THE POUDRE OVERLOOK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 30 TAXES BE INCREASED \$21,000.00 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATED FIRST FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE IN 2025), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY (IN ADDITION TO THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 ANNUALLY), THE TOTAL MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED MORE THAN 14.730 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AND BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT ALL AS SET FORTH IN THE 2004 PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATION OF THE DISTRICT, AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON BOTH CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND/OR SPENDING CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND FROM ITS MILL LEVY ANY SUCH AMOUNT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PERMITTED UNDER THE 5.5% LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (Estimated)	\$ 4,000.00
2023	\$ 3,340.00
2022	\$ 22,402.00
2021	\$ 3,260.00
2020	\$ 8,119.00
Overall percentage change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	-50.73%
Overall dollar change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	\$ 4,119.00
Estimated 2025 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:	\$ 440,000.00
Estimated 2025 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:	\$ 21,000.00

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
VINE DRIVE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 29
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Tina Harris, Designated Election Official, 200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Telephone Number: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6B

SHALL THE VINE DRIVE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 29 TAXES BE INCREASED \$18,500.00 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATED FIRST FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE IN 2025), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY (IN ADDITION TO THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00 ANNUALLY), THE TOTAL MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED MORE THAN 24.535 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AND BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT ALL AS SET FORTH IN THE 2004 PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATION OF THE DISTRICT, AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON BOTH CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND/OR SPENDING CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND FROM ITS MILL LEVY ANY SUCH AMOUNT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PERMITTED UNDER THE 5.5% LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending	
2024 (Estimated)	\$ 16,140.00	
2023	\$ 13,058.00	
2022	\$ 13,764.00	
2021	\$ 10,325.00	
2020	\$ 9,519.00	
Overall percentage change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):		69.56%
Overall dollar change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):		\$ 6,621.00
Estimated 2025 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:		\$ 23,000.00
Estimated 2025 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:		\$ 18,500.00

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6B:

Currently, district roads are graded once annually. The current mill levy is insufficient to cover this one road service, which itself is inadequate to maintain drivable roads for a whole year. If this measure is rejected, the road service may be reduced or even omitted in some years. If passed, the additional mill levy amounts to approximately \$100 for every \$100,000 in property value in 2025. Our roads will still be unpaved, but this measure provides sufficient funds for improved grading, dust mitigation, and drainage improvements. Residents in the neighborhood deserve smoother roads. This measure will improve road quality year-round, at a reasonable cost.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
 GRAYHAWK KNOLLS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 43
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Tina Harris, Designated Election Official, 200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Telephone Number: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6C

SHALL THE GRAYHAWK KNOLLS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 43 TAXES BE INCREASED TO \$72,000.00 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATED FIRST FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE IN 2025), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT MORE THAN 14.120 MILLS (FOR A TOTAL MILL LEVY OF NOT MORE THAN 34.642), THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AND BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT ALL AS SET FORTH IN THE 2010 PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATION OF THE DISTRICT, AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON BOTH CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND/OR SPENDING CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND FROM ITS MILL LEVY ANY SUCH AMOUNT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PERMITTED UNDER THE 5.5% LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (Estimated)	\$ 21,381.00
2023	\$ 2,798.00
2022	\$ 3,181.00
2021	\$ 10,450.00
2020	\$ 6,935.06
Overall percentage change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	208.30%
Overall dollar change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	\$ 14,445.94
Estimated 2025 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:	\$ 2,500.00
Estimated 2025 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:	\$ 72,000.00

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
TANAGER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 72
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Tina Harris, Designated Election Official, 200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Telephone Number: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6D

SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED \$23,800.00 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST YEAR) OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT AS IS RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED TANAGER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 72 BY THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES AT A MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.730 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SUCH REVENUES TO BE USED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AS REQUESTED IN THE PETITION FOR CREATION OF THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES; SHALL TANAGER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 72 BE CREATED; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES, THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT AND INVESTMENT EARNING ON BOTH CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND/OR SPENDING CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND FROM ITS MILL LEVY ANY SUCH AMOUNT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PERMITTED UNDER THE 5.5% LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (Estimated)	\$ 0
2023	\$ 0
2022	\$ 0
2021	\$ 0
2020	\$ 0
Overall percentage change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	0%
Overall dollar change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	\$ 0
Estimated 2025 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:	\$ 0
Estimated 2025 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:	\$ 23,800.00

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
 FOX RIDGE ESTATES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 79
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Tina Harris, Designated Election Official, 200 W Oak St, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Telephone Number: (970) 498-7820

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6E

SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED \$12,000.00 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST YEAR) OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT AS IS RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED FOX RIDGE ESTATES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 79 BY THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES AT A MILL LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED 9.207 MILLS, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SUCH REVENUES TO BE USED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AS REQUESTED IN THE PETITION FOR CREATION OF THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES; SHALL THE FOX RIDGE ESTATES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 79 BE CREATED; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES, THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT AND INVESTMENT EARNING ON BOTH CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND/OR SPENDING CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND FROM ITS MILL LEVY ANY SUCH AMOUNT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PERMITTED UNDER THE 5.5% LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (Estimated)	\$ 0
2023	\$ 0
2022	\$ 0
2021	\$ 0
2020	\$ 0
Overall percentage change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	0%
Overall dollar change from 2020 through 2024 (estimated):	\$ 0
Estimated 2025 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:	\$ 0
Estimated 2025 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:	\$ 12,000.00

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6E:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6E:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
CRYSTAL LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO RETAIN AND REASSIGN A PORTION ON A REFERRED
MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

Local Election Office Address: Doug Race, Designated Election Official, 61 Kaska Ct., Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

Telephone Number: (702) 595-5981

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6F

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL THE CRYSTAL LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND AND RETAIN THE REVENUE FROM UP TO 3 MILLS OF THE 4 MILLS EXPIRING AT THE END OF 2024 AND ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2015 TO SUPPORT A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, THROUGH AN EXTENSION AND REASSIGNMENT OF SUCH 3 MILLS, WITHOUT EXPIRATION, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPROVED MILL LEVIES OF THE DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL OPERATIONS, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT; AND SHALL SUCH TAX PROCEEDS CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES IN EACH YEAR, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ANY COLORADO LAW, INCLUDING THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6F:

The Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District is seeking to retain and reassign up to 3 mills of an existing 4 mill tax levy which is set to expire, without imposing a tax rate increase or introducing new taxes. This authorization is critical for maintaining funding levels that directly support capital improvements and department operations. The expiration of the authorized 4 mill tax levy approved by district voters in 2015 to remodel the district's fire station would result in significant revenue restrictions, complicating the district's escalating operational costs and service demands. In short, the district would be forced to meet current and future budgetary demands with 1995 revenues.

The district's current base mill tax levy rate is 5 mills. Permanently retaining and reassigning 3 mills of the expiring 4 mill tax levy, for a total of 8 mills, will enable the district to meet the demands of rising expenses related to advanced technology systems, a growing population, increased government requirements, and inflation.

Retaining and reassigning the 3 mills tax levy is essential if the district and department are to sustain the capacity to recruit and retain qualified volunteers, as well as provide funding for the construction, maintenance, and operations readiness of fire department apparatus and facilities. As examples, currently, three of the fire department's apparatus are more than 25 years old, which exceeds an apparatus' extended lifespan. Additionally, firefighter wildland and structure turnout gear have 10 year life spans. Much of the department's fire-fighting gear is nearing that lifespan. Both the apparatus and fire fighter gear will need to be replaced to meet safety and reliability requirements.

Support for this proposal is vital to ensure the continued effectiveness of emergency services within the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District. Permanently retaining the 3 mills will allow the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District to support the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department by maintaining present levels of service, providing base funding to improve future services, and continuing to develop the professional emergency responses that residents within the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District deserve.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6F:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF EXPIRING TAX ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

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

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

Telephone Number: (303) 381-4960

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 7C

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?

Total District 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 from 2020 to 2024: 1044%

Overall dollar change from 2020 to 2024: \$ 4,985,061

Proposed Tax Extension

Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Extension for Fiscal Year 2025: \$4,676,771

Estimate of 2025 Fiscal Year Spending Without the Proposed Tax Extension: \$ 5,260,432

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

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

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.

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

END OF BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE

As required by Colorado Statutes (C.R.S. 1-7-905), I hereby certify the ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.



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