

NOTICE OF ELECTION

November 3, 2020 – Election Day

All active, registered voters will be mailed a ballot beginning October 9.

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

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

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

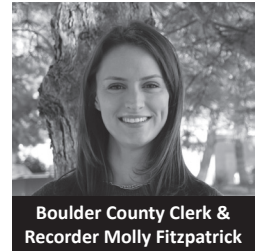


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Dear Boulder County Voters:

Greetings from your Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's Office! Our office is responsible for conducting the 2020 General Election for coordinating jurisdictions in Boulder County, and we are pleased to send you this booklet that contains information regarding tax or debt-related issues for Boulder County election participants.



Our mission at the Elections Division is to conduct each election in the most accessible, accurate, and secure way possible. Due to the pandemic, we cannot offer our normal in-person Ballot Processing Tours, but we do have excellent resources available online for you to learn about the elections process. These include multiple videos on our YouTube channel (www.YouTube.com/BoulderCountyClerk), information on our website that addresses frequently asked questions about ballot processing and security, plus a recently published Election Security Community Briefing. You can find a link to the report and more by visiting www.BoulderCountyVotes.org or by following us on Facebook (@BoulderCountyClerk) or Twitter (@BoCoClerk).

With COVID-19, voting at home using your mail ballot is the safest option for voting in the November 3 General Election. Act now to ensure you receive a mail ballot: register to vote or check/update your mailing address at www.GoVoteColorado.gov (note: receiving this mailing does not guarantee you are registered to vote, registered at your current address, or eligible to vote).

We take great pride in being able to serve our community here in Boulder County, and we are always open to your feedback about how we can do that better. Please share your thoughts with us at Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org or (303) 413-7740. And if you have any questions about the elections process, please get in touch.

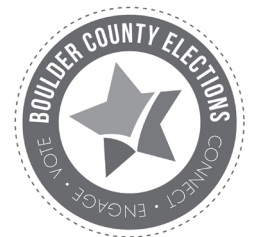
Thanks for being a voter,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Fitzpatrick".

Molly Fitzpatrick, Boulder County Clerk & Recorder

Be Election Ready!

- ★ **Check your voter registration.** Make sure your address is current, especially if you have moved in the last year or have not voted recently. All active, registered voters get a ballot in the mail. Ballots are mailed beginning October 9. Receiving this mailer does not guarantee you are registered to vote. **Check your registration at www.GoVoteColorado.gov.** Colorado does not have a registration deadline. If eligible, you may register and vote on the same-day, up to and including Election Day.
- ★ **Track your mail ballot.** Visit www.BoulderCountyVotes.org to sign up for Ballot Track to receive messages by email, text, or phone when your mail ballot has been printed, mailed, and then received back by Boulder County Elections to be counted.
- ★ **In-person voting is available.** If you would like to vote in-person or need additional assistance with voting, a list of Vote Centers (Voter Service and Polling Centers) will be included in your mail ballot packet. You can also find Vote Center locations and days/hours of operation on our website.
- ★ **Vote early.** Once you decide how to vote, return your voted mail ballot. Voting early helps reduce campaign phone calls/texts and helps the county process ballots throughout the election period rather than on just one night.
- ★ **Traveling?** If you need your ballot sent to a location other than your voter registration address, you must change your mailing (not registration) address as soon as possible at www.GoVoteColorado.gov. The last day to change a mailing address is October 26, 2020, in order to be sent a ballot in the mail. Remember to update your mailing address after the election if you made a temporary mailing address change.



About this TABOR Notice:

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

What is included: This booklet contains summary statements for ballot issues as required by the State of Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20 for ballot issues appearing on the 2020 General Election ballot. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. A “yes” vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a “no” vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

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

TABOR NOTICE

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS – Boulder County, Colorado

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

Election Date: November 3, 2020 • Deadline for Receipt of Ballots: November 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. Postmarks do not count.

Voter Service and Polling Centers open Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

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CITY OF BOULDER

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE AND REPURPOSE/EXTENSION OF EXISTING TAX ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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

Designated Election Official:

Pam Davis, Acting City Clerk

1777 Broadway

Boulder, CO 80302

Phone: (303) 441-4222

CITY OF BOULDER BALLOT ISSUE 2B NO EVICTION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

SHALL THE CITY OF BOULDER’S TAXES BE INCREASED ANNUALLY BY ONE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,900,000.00) (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM AN EXCISE TAX TO BE PAID BY LANDLORDS ON DWELLING UNITS WITH RENTAL LICENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75 PER YEAR, WITH THE TAX RATE INCREASING EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AT A RATE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE COLORADO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ON EACH RENTAL LICENSE FOR A DWELLING UNIT THAT IS ISSUED BY THE CITY; AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SHALL ALL OF THE REVENUES

COLLECTED BE USED TO FUND: THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST OF THE TAX, AND THEREAFTER TO ESTABLISH, RUN AND FULLY FUND A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO TENANTS WHO FACE THE LOSS OF HOUSING IN EVICTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDE A TENANT’S LEGAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; CREATE A TENANTS’ COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF FIVE MEMBERS PAID A \$1,000 PER YEAR STIPEND; AND PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS THAT ARE VULNERABLE TO EVICTION; AND SHALL THE FULL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AT SUCH RATES AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT, AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION, OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY OF BOULDER UNDER ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2020 (estimated)	\$251,109,000
2019 (actual)	\$294,915,000
2018 (actual)	\$292,197,000
2017 (actual)	\$276,886,000
2016 (actual)	\$241,412,000

CITY OF BOULDER (Continued)

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 to 2020: 4.0%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 through 2020: \$9,697,000

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$1,900,000

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$259,072,000

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

The No Eviction Without Representation (NEWR) Act will establish a comprehensive eviction prevention program to help all Boulder tenants maintain their right to housing. NEWR has two prongs: (1) all city of Boulder tenants will be guaranteed free legal representation in eviction court, with no limitations due to income, immigration status, or any other factor; (2) additional funds will be allocated to rental assistance to help tenants stay in their housing. To understand why NEWR is necessary, we must examine the current eviction process.

There is an eviction crisis in Boulder County, where well over 1,000 renters receive a summons to eviction court each year. This was the case in 2019, and the economic hardship brought on by the global coronavirus pandemic threatens to worsen this crisis by an order of magnitude or more. Tenants who face eviction are subjected to a confusing process, and many are unable even to appear in court. For tenants who can attend their hearings, the process is heavily weighted in favor of property owners.

In 2019, a five month-long study of eviction court proceedings found that 88% of evicting landlords in Boulder County have legal representation. Meanwhile, only 2% of tenants facing eviction in Boulder County can find or afford legal representation. Tenants may have to miss work to attend their eviction hearings, court locations may require long travel from their places of residence or employment, and childcare is not available at the courthouse. Although judges may appoint a third-party mediator to a case, this mediator is not tasked with serving as an advocate for the tenant, and the tenant often reaches an agreement without the benefit of legal advice. It is clear that there is a critical power imbalance in Boulder between tenants and landlords.

Funds for NEWR will be raised by a \$75 per-rental unit, per-year excise tax on landlords in the city of Boulder. This tax, amounting to a monthly \$6.25, will fully fund the program. In addition to not costing the city a cent, NEWR is likely to save the city money. NEWR is similar to successful initiatives in cities such as San Francisco, New York City, and Philadelphia. These initiatives have both served as a model for the ballot language of NEWR, as well as demonstrating the value of guaranteed legal representation. A study found that the city stands to gain almost \$13 for each \$1 spent on legal representation,

due to reduced costs associated with loss of jobs, services for people experiencing homelessness, and law enforcement. As the city faces stiff funding shortfalls in the upcoming year, any budgetary relief would be welcome, especially when it will be attended by a reduction of the trauma associated with eviction.

NEWR is win-win, it will save our city money and reduce the community-wide harm caused by eviction. Vote yes on 2B.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

Boulder has a housing affordability problem, not an eviction problem. Boulder County's eviction filing rate is less than half the rate of the state of Colorado. The 2019 Boulder County filing rate is 2.59% compared to 5.48% for Colorado and the city's filing rate would be even smaller. The majority of Boulder evictions are related to failure to pay rent.

Those opposed say:

- Taxation to support lawyers is the wrong approach to help those struggling to find affordable housing
- Money should go to rental assistance FIRST, not legal representation
- Legal representation does not provide long term relief to tenants for failure to pay rent
- Program has no cap on attorney fees that are paid
- Ongoing tax will not be subject to re-evaluation or a sunset period
- This tax unfairly burdens property owners who rarely, if ever, resort to an eviction
- Tax will result in greater difficulty finding suitable housing for those most in need
- There are no income qualifications for those receiving free lawyers
- Start to finish, evictions in Boulder County typically take more than 3 months currently. Increasing that delay through encouraging greater levels of litigation makes housing more expensive for residents that pay their rent in a timely manner
- The initiative will make it far more difficult for responsible property owners to enforce City of Boulder's behavior requirements like couches on porches, nuisance parties, over occupancy and trash disposal

**CITY OF BOULDER BALLOT QUESTION 2D
REPURPOSE UTILITY OCCUPATION TAX**

Repurpose the Utility Occupation Tax

Without raising the tax rate shall the existing utility occupation tax, which in 2021 and 2022 will be in the amount of \$2,076,181, be extended from a current expiration date of December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2025 and be repurposed to pay all costs associated with the formation of a municipal electric utility and to be used to fund projects, pilots, initiatives, and research that support the city’s clean energy goals in the context of the city’s racial equity goals and the community’s commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, such as: Providing energy-related assistance to disadvantaged members of the community, including support for utility bill payments and access to renewable energy; Improving system reliability and modernizing, and supporting clean energy-related businesses, including, without limitation, new approaches in electrification of buildings and transportation, enhancement of resilience; Implementing a partnership agreement with Public Service Company of Colorado; and Increasing access to energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions; only if a majority of registered electors approve a franchise agreement with Public Service Company of Colorado at the November 3, 2020 election, and shall the extended portion of the tax be subject to the same terms and conditions as the original tax and all earnings thereon (regardless of amount) constitute a voter approved revenue change, and an exception to the revenue and spending limits of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

FISCAL INFORMATION

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Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$2,076,181

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$259,072,000

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

Ballot Measure 2D is the companion measure to Ballot Measure 2C, the latter of which seeks voter approval for a new franchise agreement ending the city’s efforts to create a municipal electric

utility. If Measure 2C does not pass, Measure 2D becomes moot. Measure 2D proposes to re-purpose and extend to 2025 an existing utility occupation tax which has been paid by Boulder residents and businesses since 2012. If Measure 2C passes and, therefore, the tax is no longer needed to explore a municipal electric utility, Measure 2D would repurpose the tax for three things:

1. To re-pay \$1.4 million previously borrowed from the city’s General Fund for the municipal utility exploration.
2. To provide energy-related assistance to disadvantaged members of the community.
3. To provide funding for a partnership between the City of Boulder and Xcel Energy to help the city achieve its goal of 100% renewable resources for electricity generation by 2030. Measure 2D provides that the partnership funding will be used for projects, pilots, initiatives, and research, including:
 - Improved electricity system reliability and modernization
 - Support of advanced clean energy and storage projects
 - New approaches to electrification of buildings and transportation
 - More local involvement in grid modernization planning
 - Increased community access to energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions

Pilot programs that are successful in Boulder can be shared with other cities in Colorado and throughout the U.S., helping them achieve their own carbon-reduction goals.

The existing utility occupation tax amounts to about 76 cents on the monthly utility bill of an average residential customer in Boulder. This amount would not be increased under Measure 2D. But, Measure 2D proposes to extend the current expiration date of the tax from the end of 2022 to the end of 2025. This will allow for planning of programs for disadvantaged members of the community and for clean energy development and deployment projects beyond a two-year time horizon.

We urge you to vote Yes on Measure 2D so that the city can re-pay funds borrowed from the General Fund, so that disadvantaged members of our community can receive energy related assistance, and so that Boulder can be a leader in innovative exploration and experimentation to meet our climate goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

If Measure 2D passes, it will greatly weaken Boulder’s ability to enforce the terms of the proposed Xcel/PSCo franchise. Here’s why: Measure 2D de-funds any future work on creating a municipal utility. This cuts the legs out from under Boulder’s ability to press Xcel to provide all the supposed benefits from the franchise, since the ONLY real threat to Xcel is Boulder’s ability to exit from the franchise at the “opt out” points, and re-engage in creating a municipal utility. Without the money to continue the work on the municipalization process during the franchise, that threat is meaningless. And then Xcel will have even less motivation to perform, because the franchise and related agreements have almost no performance measures, and enforcement penalties are non-existent.

Passing Measure 2D will be a signal to future city councils that Boulder would just as soon give up on the fight for a locally controlled future of mostly renewable energy. Remember, Xcel/PSCo has said that their emissions reduction plan will only require them to get to 65-70% renewables, whereas Boulder's muni could be 90% renewables on Day 1. And Xcel/PSCo has no plans to stop burning coal, in contrast to the rest of the utilities in Colorado; every one of them will shut down all their coal plants in the next few years. Passage of 2D will also undercut everyone in the state and elsewhere who has seen Boulder as a leader in taking on the private for-profit electric utility monopolies and aiming for a more democratic and clean energy future.

The truth is – Measure 2D's funding is completely misdirected. Measure 2D should be putting money into big, consequential actions that will truly enhance our long-term energy future. That would include lobbying at the state Legislature to create a competitive power system that would be both cheaper and cleaner, as well as more democratically run, than the for-profit monopoly system we have now. It would include filing lawsuits to force our monopoly providers to give money to underground power lines to all areas, and not just, in effect, tax the non-franchised areas for the benefit of the franchised ones. And there are many other projects that 2D could fund that would, in the end, get us far more bang for the buck than spending our tax money on small local projects that any properly run and environmentally conscious electric utility would and should be doing as a matter of course.

And Measure 2D extends a tax that is regressive in nature, forcing the members of our community who are the least well off to bear a significant burden.

Finally, the disingenuousness of 2D is interesting relative to 2C. On the one hand, proponents of 2C are arguing that we should be voting for 2C because municipalization costs too much. But at the same time, they are asking people to vote for 2D -- a tax to support franchise related activities.

Please VOTE NO ON 2D.

CITY OF LOUISVILLE

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk
749 Main Street
Louisville, CO 80027
Phone: (303) 335-4536

CITY OF LOUISVILLE BALLOT ISSUE 2A DISPOSABLE BAG TAX

SHALL CITY OF LOUISVILLE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$2,000,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, A NEW TAX ON DISPOSABLE BAGS PROVIDED TO A CUSTOMER BY A RETAILER AT THE RATE OF UP TO TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.25) PER BAG, WITH THE TAX REVENUES BEING USED TO PAY FOR OR REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED FOR ADMINISTERING THE TAX OR EXPENDED BY THE CITY FOR OTHER SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS, WITH THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE INCREASED OR DECREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX DOES NOT EXCEED \$0.25 PER BAG, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY ORDINANCES HEREAFTER APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE; AND WITH THE CITY COUNCIL BEING AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES TO THE DISPOSABLE BAG TAX PROGRAM AS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED BY ORDINANCES HEREAFTER ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING CHANGING WHICH RETAILERS MUST COLLECT THE TAX, PROVIDING FOR OR REPEALING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE TAX OR TAX CREDITS, OR CHANGING THE RATE OF THE TAX, SO LONG AS THE TAX DOES NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.25) PER BAG; AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND SUCH REVENUE AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AND SHALL ORDINANCE NO. 1797, SERIES 2020, WHICH IMPOSES THE TAX, BE APPROVED?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2020 (estimated)	\$36,545,390
2019 (actual)	\$40,668,774
2018 (actual)	\$38,132,787
2017 (actual)	\$33,739,748
2016 (actual)	\$30,448,475

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 to 2020: 20.0%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over

the five-year period from 2016 through 2020: \$6,096,915

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$2,000,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$55,000,000

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

Paper or plastic? Neither one is a good choice.

People in Louisville use an estimated 4.5 million plastic bags every year. These bags have several and negative environmental impacts. Plastic bags are made from non-renewable fossil fuels, are more easily littered, will not biodegrade, and pose a threat to wildlife and ecosystems. Paper bags have other negative environmental impacts that are often just as detrimental as plastic. Paper bags require more water to produce, take more energy to transport, and contribute to deforestation.

Switching to reusable bags helps to protect the environment by significantly reducing these negative impacts.

A bag tax is better than a ban.

A bag tax will help protect the environment by reducing disposable bag use and encouraging people to use reusable bags instead. Other cities in the U.S. and Colorado who have implemented bag taxes have seen dramatic reductions in the use of disposable bags. While a ban on one type of bag will result in a large number of people switching over to another type of bag, a tax on all single-use bags results in a more substantial, longer-lasting reduction in total disposable bag use. The bag tax will raise revenue to fund sustainability projects. Key aspects of this bag tax are:

- The tax will not start until 2022 (and be delayed further if the pandemic is still upon us)
- Low income families on SNAP and other government programs are exempted from the charge
- No one has to pay the tax if they choose not to take a single use bag
- The tax does not apply to produce or meat bags

Colorado Communities need to take action:

Disposable bags are the most high profile symbol of the disposable, destructive consumption that's directly at odds with Louisville and Boulder County's vision for sustainability. Coloradans have increasingly been calling for action against disposable bags for years. Fifteen Colorado communities that have enacted some form of single-use bag ordinance, and it's time for Louisville to join this movement.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

No comments against this issue were filed by the deadline.

ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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

Designated Election Official:

Sue Blair, Designated Election Official

7995 E. Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Phone: (303) 381-4960

Email: elections@crsofcolorado.com

BALLOT ISSUE/TITLE

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

SHALL ST. VRAIN AND LEFT HAND WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$3,337,003 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY OF 1.25 MILLS (WHICH INCREASE AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$9 IN 2021 FOR EVERY \$100,000 IN RESIDENTIAL HOME VALUE), FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE DISTRICT'S WATER PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES: -PROTECT WATER QUALITY IN DRINKING WATER SOURCES; -MAINTAIN HEALTHY RIVERS AND CREEKS; -SAFEGUARD AND CONSERVE DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION; -PROTECT FORESTS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO WATER SUPPLY AND REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRES; WITH OVERSIGHT BY THE APPOINTED BOARD OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH INCREASE BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, OR SPENT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES AND AS AN EXEMPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2020 (estimated)	\$474,025
2019 (actual)	\$519,591
2018 (actual)	\$419,755
2017 (actual)	\$307,535
2016 (actual)	\$376,176

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 to 2020: 26%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 through 2020: \$97,849

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$3,337,003

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$514,939

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

Threats to our water quality and supply are increasing. The District's Water Plan addresses these threats and new revenue will allow the District to leverage additional funding from private partners to meet those threats more quickly. The requested tax would sunset (expire) after 10 years, allowing voters the ability to evaluate the benefits of the District's work and decide on the value of any tax extension. Proactive creek improvements and wildfire mitigation are far less costly than reactive disaster recovery, and the District currently lacks funding for this essential work. The District's current property tax assessment is 0.156 mills, which generated \$421,000 revenue to the District in 2020. As an illustration, the current levy amounts to 46 cents per month tax on a \$500,000 residential property. This is the first time in the District's 50-year history that it has requested an increase in mill levy. The ballot measure would add 1.25 mills to the District's current levy and provide approximately \$3.3 million of additional revenue annually, enabling the District to aggressively defend our water quality, water supplies, and riparian environment, all essential to our quality of life. This measure provides substantial community benefit at a very reasonable cost.

The 2020 wildfires and 2013 flood are reminders of how vulnerable our forests and water supplies are to disaster. This small tax can be used to make our community and watersheds more resilient to these severe events. Our quality of life benefits from this life-giving valley where St. Vrain and Left Hand Creeks run through it. 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.

For an annual investment of just \$9 per \$100,000 in property value, we can generate funding to ensure high quality, sustainable water supplies. This money will be spent in OUR basin that provides OUR water supply. Our community does not currently have a dedicated source of funds to protect and enhance this critical life sustaining element -- our water.

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

Water shouldn't be politicized. The District is a trusted local government led by volunteers. These selfless leaders have worked hard to put forward a plan that ensures our water will be available for our community, the environment, and local food production.

Support the plan proposed, as it (1) protects water quality and water sources; (2) safeguards and conserves drinking water; (3) creates water for local food production; (4) banks water for climate change; (5) maintains healthy rivers and creeks. This is small tax that has a tremendous return on investment for current and future generations.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

SUNSHINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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

Designated Election Official:

Daniel Fischer – Treasurer, SFPD Board of Directors

6320 Sunshine Canyon Dr.

Boulder, CO 80302

Phone: (303) 440-3658

SUNSHINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6A GALLAGHER REVENUE STABILIZATION

SHALL SUNSHINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE GENERAL MILL LEVIES ONLY IF, ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION DUE TO ARTICLE X SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT), SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD SUCH CHANGES NOT OCCURRED?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2020 (estimated)	\$201,210.00
2019 (actual)	\$100,005.87
2018 (actual)	\$93,278.36
2017 (actual)	\$67,368.83
2016 (actual)	\$244,698.33

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 to 2020: -17.8%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 through 2020: -\$43,488.33

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THE ISSUE

This ballot issue is not meant to raise taxes; it is meant to stabilize the Sunshine Fire Protection District's General Fund

tax revenue. The volunteer firefighters of the Sunshine Fire Protection District (SFPD) provide excellent fire and emergency medical services to residents of the District, responding to over 80 calls each year including fires, medical emergencies, search and rescue and auto accidents. Approval of this issue will enable our fire district to maintain the revenue that supports our volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel.

SFPD operates on a very slim budget, and depends on property taxes as its main source of income. SFPD tax revenues are projected to decline by 15% in the 2021 tax year due to the Gallagher Amendment and the COVID 19 economic downturn. The proposed ballot issue would stabilize SFPD tax revenues by authorizing the Board to raise the General Fund mill levy to compensate for tax revenue lost due to the Gallagher Amendment. A separate Community Wildfire Prevention Plan mill levy would remain unchanged

The Gallagher Amendment requires a statewide, 45%-55% split of the total property tax revenue between residential and non-residential/oil and gas properties. It maintains this split by adjusting the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) so that statewide residential property taxes make up 45% of the total statewide property taxes.

During an economic downturn, the Gallagher Amendment drives residential taxes down by reducing the RAR. When businesses recover, the Gallagher Amendment would allow the RAR to increase. However, that change is not allowed to happen. Raising the RAR is considered a tax increase and TABOR mandates that it can only be done by a statewide ballot referendum. Thus, Gallagher decreases residential taxes in a business downturn, and TABOR prevents them from rising in a business recovery. If this ballot issue is not approved, the reduction in the SFPD General Fund revenues will be permanent.

SFPD's General Fund mill levy supports the ongoing expenses of utilities, maintenance, firefighter/EMS training, firefighter/EMS PPE and leasing costs associated with the purchase of fire engines. As such, the District depends on a stable, ongoing revenue stream. This is why it is imperative that SFPD pass this ballot issue to provide protection from the effects of the Gallagher Amendment.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE ISSUE

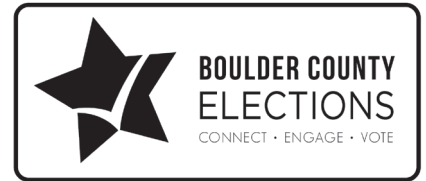
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

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

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Voting & Mail Ballot Return Options



Ballots are mailed beginning October 9. Voters may either vote their mail ballot and return it (instructions included with the mail ballot packet) or visit a Vote Center to cast a ballot in-person. Below is a list of 24-hour mail ballot drop-off boxes as well as Vote Centers. Additional voting information is available at www.BoulderCountyVotes.org.



24-Hour Ballot Drop-off Boxes – Open Friday, October 9 and close at 7 p.m. on Election Day – Tuesday, November 3

- Boulder** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder – 1750 33rd Street (east side of parking lot)
- Boulder** – Boulder County Courthouse – East Wing Entrance – 2025 14th Street
- Boulder** – Boulder County Housing and Human Services – Broadway & Iris
- Boulder** – CU Campus – UMC – 1669 Euclid Avenue – closest to Euclid street entrance of building
- Boulder** – South Boulder Recreation Center – 1360 Gillaspie Drive
- Erie** – Meadowlark School – Staff/bus parking lot (off Front Range Road at Laramie Lane)
- Lafayette** – Lafayette Public Library – 775 W. Baseline Road
- Longmont** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder / St. Vrain Community Hub – Corner of 6th Avenue and Coffman
- Longmont** – Boulder County Fairgrounds – 9595 Nelson Road (on Fairground Lane near the south parking lot)
- Longmont** – Front Range Community College – 2121 Miller Drive, Classroom Bldg (C1 Door on Pike Road)
- Longmont** – Garden Acres Park – 18th Avenue between Sunset and Juniper
- Longmont** – YMCA – 950 Lashley Street
- Louisville** – Louisville Police Department – 992 W. Via Appia Way
- Lyons** – Lyons Town Hall – 432 5th Avenue
- Nederland** – Nederland Community Center – 750 North Highway 72
- Superior** – Superior Town Hall – 124 E. Coal Creek Drive

Coming Soon!
Additional 24-Hour Drop Boxes.
Check our website for locations:
www.BoulderCountyVotes.org

Due to COVID-19, in-person voting may be limited or unavailable at certain locations. Please visit www.BoulderCountyVotes.org for current information.



Voter Service and Polling Centers – Centers have staged open dates. Below are the Phase 1 locations and days/hours available. See website for additional phases/locations. Services include:

- ★ Drop off your ballot
- ★ Cast a ballot in person
- ★ Request a replacement mail ballot
- ★ Register to vote or update your registration information
- ★ Vote using equipment and facilities for persons with disabilities

Phase 1 Locations

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

Days/Hours of Operation

- 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, October 19 – Friday, October 30 (no weekends until Oct 31)
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, October 31
- 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, November 2
- 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

Additional locations open for **Phase 2** (beginning Friday, October 30) and **Phase 3** (beginning Monday, November 2).

See website for all in-person voting locations as well as options to order your ballot with our **Ballot-to-Go** service.

For additional information, please visit www.BoulderCountyVotes.org or call 303-413-7740.

Si usted necesita ayuda en español, por favor comunicase con nuestra oficina al 303-413-7740 o visite nuestro sitio web en www.BoulderCountyVotes.org.

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Ballots mailed October 9. Contact us if you need to vote sooner.
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – Election Day
This is the last day to vote or return your ballot.

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

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

Questions?

Email Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org or call 303-413-7740

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