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## 2023 ELECTION INFORMATION PITKIN COUNTY

**ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

I, Ingrid K. Grueter, Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder,  
certify that the ballot issue notice is complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS.

RECEIPT OF THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT ANY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS REGISTERED TO VOTE. FURTHER, YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED IN THIS NOTICE.

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# ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO REPEAL UNUSED DEBT | TO EXTEND A MILL LEVY | TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

### PITKIN COUNTY BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED ON OCTOBER 16

<b>LOCAL COUNTY CLERK OFFICE</b>	Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder's Office
<b>ADDRESS</b>	530 E. Main Street   Aspen, CO 81611
<b>HOURS</b>	8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday
<b>PHONE</b>	970 429 2732 (Main)   970 445 3007 (Fax)

**TYPE OF ELECTION** All Mail Ballot and Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC)

## RETURNING YOUR MAIL BALLOT

- ▶ Mail ballots cannot be forwarded through the United States Postal Service.
- ▶ We recommend you drop your voted ballot in a 24/7 secure, video-monitored drop box.
- ▶ You can track your mail ballot using BallotTrax.com. This service will notify you through text or email when your ballot is sent, when it is received by the clerk's office and when it is accepted for counting.
- ▶ After October 30, the Election Department can no longer mail a ballot to you. You can visit a Voter Service and Polling Center to vote or secure a replacement mail ballot in person.
- ▶ Our office must receive your ballot by 7 pm on Election Day for your vote to count. **Postmarks do not count!**

## MAIL BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS (CLOSE 7 PM ELECTION DAY)

### PITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & SHERIFF'S OFFICE

530 East Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611  
Available 24/7 from September 23 until 7 pm on Election Day

### BASALT TOWN HALL

101 Midland Avenue | Basalt CO 81621  
Available 24/7 from Monday, October 16 until 7 pm on Election Day

### TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE TOWN HALL

130 Kearns Road | Snowmass Village, CO 81615  
Available 24/7 from Monday, October 16 until 7 pm on Election Day

## WHERE TO VOTE IN PERSON

### PITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & SHERIFF'S OFFICE

530 East Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611  
Early Voting October 30-November 6 | Monday through Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday, November 4 | 10 am-2 pm  
Election Day, Tuesday, November 7 | 7:00 am-7:00 pm

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH YOU!**

You can find a full list of acceptable identification at [PitkinVotes.com](https://PitkinVotes.com)

# BASE VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 2

## DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

CHARLES WOLFERSBERGER  
8354 NORTHFIELD BLVD, BUILDING G, SUITE 3700  
DENVER, CO 80238  
720 541 7725

## BALLOT ISSUE 6A: REPEAL UNUSED DEBT AUTHORIZATION

SHALL ALL UNUSED DEBT AUTHORIZATION GRANTED BY THE VOTERS IN ALL PRIOR ELECTIONS TO BASE VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO 2 BE FOREVER REPEALED AND RESCINDED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY?

	CURRENT DISTRICT BORROWING AUTHORITY	DISTRICT BORROWING AUTHORITY IF BALLOT ISSUE 6A IS APPROVED	DIFFERENCE / CHANGE
Principal amount of debt	\$ 403,600,000	\$ 0	(\$ 403,600,000)
Maximum annual repayment cost	\$ 52,032,000	\$ 0	(\$ 452,032,000)
Total repayment cost	\$ 1,856,560,000	\$ 0	(\$ 1,856,560,000)

	CURRENT DISTRICT BONDED DEBT
Principal amount outstanding	\$ 50,030,459
Maximum annual repayment cost	\$ 9,187,500
Remaining total repayment cost	\$ 108,754,000

## SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

### FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6A:

IN NOVEMBER 2004, NOVEMBER 2006 AND NOVEMBER 2007 - BEFORE ANY HOMEOWNERS MOVED INTO THE DISTRICT - FIVE VOTERS WHO WERE EMPLOYEES OF THE LAND DEVELOPER - UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO BORROW UP TO \$453.5 MILLION TO FUND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THE DISTRICT IS NOW FULLY BUILT OUT AND \$403.6 MILLION IN "VOTER" BORROWING AUTHORITY REMAINS WITH THE DISTRICT. A "YES" VOTE FOR THIS BALLOT ISSUE PROPOSAL WILL REVERSE ALL OF THE DISTRICT'S REMINING BORROWING AUTHORITY.

A "NO" VOTE ON THIS BALLOT ISSUE WILL MEAN THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE "VOTER" AUTHORITY TO BORROW UP TO \$403.6 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL DEBT WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HOMEOWNER/TAXPAYER APPROVAL.

IF A FUTURE PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIALLY BENEFICIAL TO THE HOMEOWNERS IN THE DISTRICT, THE HOMEOWNERS - RATHER THAN FIVE DEVELOPER EMPLOYEES FROM 2004 - SHOULD DECIDE AND VOTE ON WHETHER TO AUTHORIZE AND LEVY ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAXES ON DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS TO FINANCE SUCH PROJECTS.

### AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE

# SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

## DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

KIT HAMBY  
177 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE  
SNOWMASS VILLAGE, CO 81615  
970 923 20563

## BALLOT ISSUE 6B: EXTEND A MILL LEVY ON A REFERRED MEASURE

WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN THE CURRENT TAX RATE, SHALL THE SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT'S EXPIRING MILL LEVY CURRENTLY IMPOSED FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS BE EXTENDED THROUGH TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2038, WITH THE REVENUES FROM THE EXTENDED TAX RATE OF 2.135 MILLS TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND TO PAY OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CAPITAL COSTS FOR THE LIMITED FIFTEEN-YEAR EXTENSION PERIOD, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND TO BE AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND ANY OTHER LAW?

## SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

### FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6B:

THE SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RECOMMENDING AN EXTENSION OF THE MILL LEVY ORIGINALLY APPROVED IN 2013 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CAPITAL COSTS FOR THE LIMITED FIFTEEN-YEAR EXTENSION PERIOD. THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE MILL LEVY HAS BEEN SELECTED TO OCCUR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE EXISTING MILL LEVY THAT WAS ESTABLISHED TEN YEARS AGO TO FUND WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS AND GENERAL OPERATIONS.

MUCH OF THE WATER LINES, SEWER LINES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IS APPROACHING 50 YEARS OLD AND IS WEARING OUT. REPLACING AGING WATERLINES THAT ARE PRONE TO LEAKS OR BREAKS IS THE CORNERSTONE TO HAVING THE WATER DISTRICT RUN EFFICIENTLY AS WELL AS GOOD WATER CONSERVATION. THIS PRACTICE PROTECTS LOCAL STREAMS BY REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF WATER DIVERTED. REPLACEMENT OF LEAKING LINES NOT ONLY REDUCES THE VOLUME OF WATER TREATED BUT DECREASES THE INCREMENTAL COST TO TREAT WATER BY SAVING ENERGY AND CHEMICALS NEEDED TO PROCESS WATER. THESE SAVINGS ARE PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMER THROUGH LOWER RATES. EXTENDING THE EXISTING MILL LEVY WOULD ALLOW THE WATER DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS ITS HIGHEST PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS WITHOUT HAVING TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES.

BALLOT ISSUE 6B IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE FOR SNOWMASS VILLAGE RESIDENTS. YOUR YES VOTE ON ISSUE 6B IS ESSENTIAL IN ASSURING LOW WATER RATES AND PROVIDING RELIABLE SERVICE FOR YEARS TO COME.

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE

# STARWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

## DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

JEFFREY CONKLIN  
P.O. DRAWER 2030  
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO 81602  
970 928 2124

## BALLOT ISSUE 6C: WATER

SHALL STARWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$1,885,000, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$95,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING:

- WELL DRILLING, EQUIPPING AND SECURING OF A WATER SUPPLY AND OTHER WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS,

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OR NOTE WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 7.0% PER ANNUM, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, CONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND SHALL ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND DEBT CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

### ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2019 (actual)	\$ 2,028,548
2020 (actual)	\$ 1,870,070
2021 (actual)	\$ 1,935,287
2022 (actual)	\$ 1,875,651
2023 (current year estimated)	\$ 1,746,923

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INCLUDES AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR BONDED DEBT SERVICE.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2019-2023: (13.88%)

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2019-2023: (\$281,625)

ESTIMATED 2024 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6C: \$1,947,572

ESTIMATED 2024 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6C: \$95,000

### INFORMATION REGARDING BONDED DEBT PROPOSED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6C (ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS)

Principal amount	\$ 1,000,000
Maximum annual repayment cost	\$ 95,000
Maximum total repayment cost	\$ 1,885,000

### INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT BONDED DEBT:

Principal amount	\$ 1,806,910
Maximum annual repayment cost	\$ 267,132
Maximum total repayment cost	\$ 2,132,896

### SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

#### **FOR** STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6C:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

#### **AGAINST** STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6C:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

## BALLOT ISSUE 6D: ROADWAY ENTRY

SHALL STARWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,500,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$2,835,000, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$145,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING:

- THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAVING, GRADING, DRAINAGE, LIGHTING, LANDSCAPING, ENTRY GATE AND OTHER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT AND EXTENSIONS OF, AND IMPROVEMENTS, TO SAID FACILITIES,

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OR NOTE WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 7.0% PER ANNUM, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, CONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND SHALL ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND DEBT CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

### ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2019 (actual)	\$ 2,028,548
2020 (actual)	\$ 1,870,070
2021 (actual)	\$ 1,935,287
2022 (actual)	\$ 1,875,651
2023 (current year estimated)	\$ 1,746,923

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INCLUDES AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR BONDED DEBT SERVICE.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2019-2023: (13.88%)

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2019-2023: (\$281,625)

ESTIMATED 2024 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6D: \$1,947,572

ESTIMATED 2024 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6D: \$145,000

**INFORMATION REGARDING BONDED DEBT PROPOSED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6D (ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS):**

Principal amount:	\$ 1,500,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$ 145,000
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$ 2,835,000

**INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT BONDED DEBT:**

Principal amount:	\$ 1,806,910
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$ 267,132
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$ 2,132,896

**SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:**

**FOR** STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6D:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

**AGAINST** STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6D:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

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Help us make this a safe election for everyone by returning your ballot via mail or secure, video-monitored drop box.



## BASALT AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL**

JENNIFER THOMPSON  
1089 W. JW DRIVE  
CARBONDALE, CO 81623  
970 340 7035

### BALLOT ISSUE 7A: INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

SHALL BASALT AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$26 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$42 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$2.1 MILLION ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT, SUCH DEBT TO BE USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING:

- EXPANSION, RENOVATION, AND MODERNIZATION OF FIRE STATION 42 IN EL JEBEL, INCLUDING ADDING CREW QUARTERS TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL 24 HOUR STAFFING AND RESPONSE CAPABILITY, AND ADDING TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AND EMPLOYEE HOUSING;

SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR ANY OTHER MULTIPLE YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF THE DISTRICT; SUCH 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 AND AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE PERCENT; AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH BOND PROCEEDS AND TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2023 (estimated)	\$ 4,328,846
2022 (actual)	\$ 4,789,259
2021 (actual)	\$ 5,293,828
2020 (actual)	\$ 3,725,004
2019 (actual)	\$ 3,345,983

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2019 TO 2023: 23%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2019 TO 2023: \$ 982,863

**PROPOSED TAX INCREASE**

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE): BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7A: \$2,100,000

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF 2024 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: \$6,133,992

**INFORMATION ON DISTRICT'S PROPOSED DEBT FROM BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7A:**

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF PROPOSED BONDS: NOT TO EXCEED \$ 26,000,000

MAXIMUM ANNUAL DISTRICT REPAYMENT COST: NOT TO EXCEED \$ 2,100,000

TOTAL DISTRICT REPAYMENT COST: NOT TO EXCEED \$ 42,000,000

**INFORMATION ON DISTRICT'S CURRENT DEBT**

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING DEBT: \$ 2,610,000

MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$ 262,800

REMAINING TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$ 3,384,397

**SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:**

**FOR** STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7A:

IF PASSED, THIS FUNDING WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY SERVICES, PERSONNEL, AND FACILITIES TO SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY IN THE MID-VALLEY. BASALT & RURAL FIRE SERVES EVERYONE BY DIRECTLY PROTECTING THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY OR INDIRECTLY FOR THOSE DRIVING THROUGH THE DISTRICT ON HWY 82. EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATE IN MINUTES AND SECONDS BUT WHEN RESOURCES ARE INADEQUATE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE AT RISK.

THIS FUNDING WILL ENSURE THE DISTRICT CAN MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS, KEEP EQUIPMENT OPERATIONAL, AND PROCURE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND TRAINING FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS TO MITIGATE EMERGENCY CALLS EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

SKYROCKETING HOUSING COSTS IN THE ROARING FORK VALLEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO HIRE AND RETAIN QUALIFIED FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS. MANY OF OUR CURRENT EMPLOYEES LIVE OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT AND COMMUTE LONG DISTANCES. THIS FUNDING WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING UNITS.

TRAINING FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS IS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE SINCE MOST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE ON THE FRONT RANGE AND INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE COSTS FOR TRAVEL AND LODGING. THIS FUNDING WILL ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO BUILD ITS TRAINING FACILITY, KEEPING OUR PERSONNEL LOCAL AND AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES.

WITH INCREASING FIRE HAZARDS IN THE RURAL PARTS OF OUR COUNTIES, IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN FIRE PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE. CURRENT CATASTROPHIC FIRES IN THE WESTERN US AND HAWAIIAN ISLANDS UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR STAFFING, TRAINING AND PREPARATION TO DEAL WITH UNPRECEDENTED HAZARDS AND UNIMAGINABLE LOSSES IN LIFE AND PROPERTY.

A YES ON BALLOT QUESTION 7A. PROVIDE FOR INCREASED STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE EL JEBEL STATION WHICH WAS GROUND ZERO IN OUR FIREFIGHTING EFFORT OF 2018. THIS SET OF PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS WITH ITS STAFFING EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS WILL SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE OUR FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES AND WILL SUPPORT FIRE PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE PLANNING.

THE COSTS AS PRESENTED ARE A WORST-CASE FINANCIAL SCENARIO BASED ON CURRENT HIGH INTEREST RATES WHICH BY ALL FORECASTS ARE LIKELY TO DECLINE IN THE FUTURE. THIS WILL RESULT IN MORE OF THE DISTRICT TAX REVENUE TO PRINCIPAL REDUCTION AND LOWER INTEREST COSTS.

CONTINUED FIRE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS WILL CREATE A MORE FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE AVAILABILITY AND COST FOR HOME HAZARD INSURANCE WHICH IS GETTING MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND WITH EVERY PASSING DAY. IMPROVED FIRE RESPONSE WILL DEMONSTRATE OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO FIRE MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION.

**AGAINST** STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7A:

PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON BASALT AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7A.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ADD MORE TO OUR PROPERTY TAXES BILLS. PROPERTY OWNERS ARE BRACING FOR A HUGE HIKE IN PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO SOARING PROPERTY VALUES. THE DISTRICT COULD SEE A HUGE WINDFALL IN REVENUES. PLUS, VOTERS ALREADY APPROVED A SUBSTANTIAL MILL LEVY INCREASE IN 2012.

THE BALLOT LANGUAGE ASKS: "...SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$2.1 MILLION ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT?" THAT MUCH OF AN ANNUAL INCREASE IS UNREASONABLE.

**PER PITKIN COUNTY ABSTRACT OF ASSESSMENT FOR BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AS FOLLOWS:**

YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	MILL LEVY	TAX REVENUE
2010	\$ 214,088,460	5.464	\$ 1,169,779
2011	\$ 148,126,450	5.772	\$ 854,986
2012	\$ 149,801,820	8.857	\$ 1,326,795
2013	\$ 130,188,790	8.981	\$ 1,169,225
2014	\$ 130,560,890	8.962	\$ 1,170,086
2015	\$ 140,002,320	9.102	\$ 1,274,302
2016	\$ 139,813,690	8.892	\$ 1,243,224
2017	\$ 137,256,910	8.852	\$ 1,214,998
2018	\$ 137,375,383	8.852	\$ 1,216,047
2019	\$ 165,045,620	8.745	\$ 1,443,324
2020	\$ 161,363,770	9.115	\$ 1,470,830
2021	\$ 168,834,670	8.822	\$ 1,489,458
2022	\$ 170,196,180	8.834	\$ 1,503,513
2023	~\$ 310,000,000	??	??

ALSO, HOW IS THE ADDITIONAL \$26 MILLION DOLLARS GOING TO BE SPENT? HOW MUCH IS THE LAND? HOW MUCH IS THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE CREW QUARTERS? HOW MUCH FOR THE REMODEL OF THE FIRE STATION? HOW MUCH FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING? HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO PAY THE DEBT OFF? WILL TAXES GO DOWN AFTER THE DEBT IS PAID?

VOTERS NEED TO KNOW HOW THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES WILL AFFECT THEIR TAXES BEFORE VOTING ON ANY NEW TAX. MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED BEFORE VOTERS APPROVE THIS. VOTE "NO" ON 7A.

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