

ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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 5

LOCAL COUNTY CLERK OFFICE

ADDRESS

HOURS

PHONE

Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder's Office

530 E. Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611

8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday

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 26, 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 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 5 until 7 pm on Election Day

BASALT TOWN HALL

101 Midland Avenue | Basalt, CO 81621

Available 24/7 from Monday, October 5 until 7 pm on Election Day

CHURCH AT REDSTONE

213 Redstone Blvd | Redstone, CO 81623

Election Day Only 7:00 am-7:00 pm

WHERE TO VOTE IN PERSON

BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY

14 Midland Avenue | Basalt, CO 81621

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 | 7:00 am-7:00 pm

PITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & SHERIFF'S OFFICE

530 East Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611

Early Voting October 19-November 2 | Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday, October 31 | 10 am-2 pm

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 | 7:00 am-7:00 pm

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE TOWN HALL

130 Kearns Road | Snowmass Village, CO 81615

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 | 7:00 am-7:00 pm

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH YOU!

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PITKIN COUNTY

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

JEANETTE JONES
530 E. MAIN STREET, ASPEN, CO 81611
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PITKIN COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A: HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND MILL LEVY

SHALL PITKIN COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$5,266,081.00 ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF COLLECTION IN 2028, TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND, WHICH HAS PROVIDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR YEARS, AFTER THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX EXPIRES IN 2027, AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FIVE YEARS, BY THE IMPOSITION OF A NEW 0.853 MILL LEVY, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A STABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS INCLUDING:

- PROTECTIVE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING FOOD ACCESS, FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
- SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING HEALTHY AGING FOR OLDER ADULTS
- SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND AFTERCARE SERVICES
- CARE FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL AND THEIR FAMILIES
- PROTECTING AND SUPPORTING NATURAL RESOURCES
- PREVENTIVE AND INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR LOWER-INCOME INDIVIDUALS
- SERVICES SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

AND SHALL THE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX AND THE INTEREST EARNINGS THEREON AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE ABOVE THE ANNUAL LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND ABOVE ANNUAL LIMITS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE APPLY OR BE PROPOSED, INCLUDING AS AN APPROVED EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR ARTICLE 9 OF THE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER?

FISCAL INFORMATION ON BALLOT ISSUE

THE ESTIMATED OR ACTUAL TOTAL OF THE COUNTY’S FISCAL YEAR SPENDING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND EACH OF THE PAST FOUR YEARS IS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2026 (current year estimated)	\$ 195,603,713
2025 (actual)	\$ 161,284,340
2024 (actual)	\$ 148,160,174
2023 (actual)	\$ 155,090,485
2022 (actual)	\$ 136,576,380

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2022 THROUGH 2026: 43%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2022 THROUGH 2026: \$59,027,333

ESTIMATED FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR IMPACT OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

ESTIMATED 2028 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE UNDER BALLOT ISSUE 1A: \$242,609,730

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED 2028 TAX INCREASE UNDER BALLOT ISSUE 1A: \$5,266,081

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 1A:

THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND WAS CREATED BY PITKIN COUNTY VOTERS IN 2002 AND RENEWED BY VOTERS IN 2006, 2011, AND 2018. THE FUND AUTHORIZATION WILL SUNSET IN 2027 UNLESS RENEWED BY VOTERS. A YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 1A REAUTHORIZES THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND (HCF) FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. IT PROVIDES DEDICATED, STABLE FUNDING FOR ESSENTIAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, SENIOR SERVICES, SOCIAL PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN PITKIN COUNTY. VOTE YES ON 1A TO SUPPORT THIS FUND. OVER 70 ORGANIZATIONS WERE FUNDED IN 2025, PROVIDING KEY RESOURCES TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS WHEN THEY FACE DIFFICULT TIMES. VOTE YES ON 1A TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY’S NETWORK OF CARE REMAINS STRONG. SINCE 2002, THE HCF HAS ABSORBED THE COST OF INCREASED FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL MANDATES FOR CRITICAL LIFE AND HEALTH/SAFETY PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, DETOXIFICATION SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH CORE SERVICES, SENIOR SERVICES, AND INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING CUTS ARE ANTICIPATED IN THE YEARS AHEAD FOR PROGRAMS LIKE SNAP AND MEDICAID, AND VOTING YES ON 1A WILL GREATLY SHORE UP THE CAPACITY TO MEET THESE PROGRAM DEMANDS. THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND PROPERTY TAX WILL CHANGE THE CURRENT FIXED REVENUE PROPERTY TAX TO A 0.853 MILL LEVY, WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$85.30 PER \$100,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE. THIS MILL LEVY IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE \$5,266,081 IN 2028. THE REAUTHORIZATION ASKS VOTERS TO APPROVE A CHANGE IN THE FUND’S STRUCTURE, FROM A FIXED REVENUE PROPERTY TAX TO A MILL LEVY. THIS ALLOWS THE FUND TO GROW IN THE YEARS AHEAD WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASING NEED. VOTE YES ON 1A TO APPROVE THIS CHANGE. SINCE THE HCF WAS LAST RENEWED IN 2018, NONPROFIT AGENCIES SERVING PITKIN RESIDENTS AND WORKERS HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED NEED FOR EXPANDED SERVICES AS ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND SOCIAL FACTORS AFFECTING PERSONAL AND FAMILY WELL-BEING IN OUR VALLEY HAVE BECOME MORE COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING. DEMONSTRATING THIS GROWTH, BETWEEN 2020 AND 2025, THE HCF AGENCIES REPORTED OVER 55,000 PERSONAL CONTACTS FOR SERVICES. IT IS CRITICAL TO SUPPORT THESE ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS THAT HELP OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS THRIVE. VOTE YES ON 1A TO KEEP THEM STRONG. A VOLUNTEER CITIZEN GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE THOROUGHLY EVALUATES EACH ORGANIZATION APPLYING FOR HCF SUPPORT. THIS PROCESS PROVIDES STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC REPORTING OF EACH DOLLAR SPENT. PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT DURING THE YEAR ENSURES THAT THE PROGRAM REMAINS OUTCOMES-BASED AND RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS. A YES VOTE ON 1A TO RENEW OUR HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND CONTINUES TO DEFINE US AS A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE. FROM THE VERY YOUNG THROUGH OUR SENIOR POPULATION, IT BUILDS A STRONGER COMMUNITY AND A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF PITKIN COUNTY. VOTE YES ON 1A.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 1A:

THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND MILL LEVY WILL BE FUNDED BY AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES. HOMEOWNERS WOULD PAY \$85.30 IN TAXES PER \$100,000 VALUATION ON THEIR PROPERTY. IF THE MEDIAN PRICE OF A HOME IN PITKIN COUNTY VALUED AT 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS, THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES TO BE PAID FOR THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND MILL LEVY WOULD BE ALMOST \$3000. SOMEONE WHOSE HOUSE IS VALUED AT \$12,000,000 WOULD PAY OVER \$10,000 DOLLARS. THAT MEANS THAT RENTS WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE TO COVER THE INCREASED PROPERTY TAXES.

CITY OF ASPEN

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

NICOLE HENNING
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CITY OF ASPEN BALLOT ISSUE 2A: DEBT FOR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT

WITHOUT INCREASING ANY TAXES, SHALL THE CITY OF ASPEN DEBT BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000,000, WITH A TOTAL REPAYMENT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$255,000,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE EXPANSION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, REMODELING AND EQUIPPING OF ITS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY; SUCH DEBT TO BE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF REVENUE BONDS OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION, WITH SUCH TERMS, AND BEARING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL, PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE REVENUE, AND TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUE AND INTEREST FROM THESE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE TO LIMITS UNDER COLORADO LAW, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

TOTAL CITY FISCAL YEAR SPENDING*

FISCAL YEAR	
2026 (estimated)	\$ 153,754,000
2025 (actual)	\$ 172,934,000
2024 (actual)	\$ 155,133,000
2023 (actual)	\$ 142,062,000
2022 (actual)	\$ 119,045,000

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2022 TO 2026: 29.2%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2022 TO 2026: \$34,709,000

*FISCAL YEAR SPENDING UNDER TABOR DOES NOT INCLUDE ENTERPRISE REVENUE. IF SUCCESSFUL, THESE BONDS WILL BE PAID FROM ENTERPRISE REVENUE, WHICH FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE.

INFORMATION ON CITY'S PROPOSED DEBT:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF PROPOSED BONDS: NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL CITY REPAYMENT COST: NOT TO EXCEED \$6,800,000
TOTAL CITY REPAYMENT COST: NOT TO EXCEED \$255,000,000

INFORMATION ON CITY'S CURRENT DEBT¹

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING DEBT: \$4,545,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$839,212
REMAINING TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$5,021,925

¹EXCLUDED FROM DEBT ARE ENTERPRISE AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OBLIGATIONS.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

TOWN OF BASALT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

PAM SCHILLING
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TOWN OF BASALT BALLOT ISSUE 3A: INCREASE SALES TAX FOR PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITIES

SHALL THE TOWN OF BASALT'S SALES TAXES BE INCREASED BY NOT MORE THAN \$1,700,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2027) AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING, FOR A LIMITED PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS, THE TOWN'S SALES TAX BY 0.5% WHICH SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2027, AND WHICH REVENUES THEREFROM SHALL BE USED FOR THE ACQUISITION, PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITIES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND SUCH REVENUES, AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME EARNED FROM SUCH REVENUES, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION IMPOSED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

TOTAL TOWN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING:

FISCAL YEAR	
2026 (estimated)	\$ 15,674,807
2025 (actual)	\$ 12,160,294
2024 (actual)	\$ 11,285,045
2023 (actual)	\$ 10,693,076
2022 (actual)	\$ 11,584,597

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2022 TO 2026 35.31%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2022 TO 2026 \$4,090,210

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 3A:

VOTING YES ON 3A THIS ELECTION DAY WILL ENSURE THE TOWN OF BASALT CAN PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND VISITORS.

A STRONG COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON DOING THE BASICS WELL. WE NEED POLICE OFFICERS WHO CAN RESPOND WHEN WE NEED THEM, ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED, AND PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES THAT REMAIN SAFE, ATTRACTIVE, AND WELCOMING.

THESE SERVICES REQUIRE ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND A COMMUNITY WILLING TO INVEST IN THEM.

VOTING YES ON 3A WILL FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO BASALT'S PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES.

BASALT'S POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKS EVERY DAY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, YET OFFICERS WORK IN A FACILITY NEVER DESIGNED FOR MODERN LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHARES OFFICE SPACE WITH PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND LACKS DEDICATED AREAS FOR INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND EVIDENCE HANDLING. THERE IS NO SECURE PARKING FOR PATROL VEHICLES, ADEQUATE DETAINEE-PROCESSING SPACE, OR SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

THESE AREN'T LUXURIES. THEY ARE BASIC TOOLS OUR OFFICERS NEED TO DO THEIR JOBS SAFELY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

THE SAME IS TRUE FOR PUBLIC WORKS. WHEN WE DRIVE ON A TOWN STREET, ENJOY A PARK, OR WALK A TRAIL, WE ARE RELYING ON THE WORK OF THIS DEPARTMENT. PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES MAINTAIN AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING STREETS, PARKS, OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, STREETLIGHTS, AND THOUSANDS OF TREES.

YET PUBLIC WORKS STAFF AND EQUIPMENT ARE SPREAD ACROSS FIVE LOCATIONS, INCLUDING TEMPORARY STRUCTURES THAT HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR USEFUL LIFE. THAT

MEANS ADDITIONAL TRAVEL TIME, FUEL COSTS, AND LESS EFFICIENT COORDINATION. SOME EQUIPMENT MUST BE STORED OUTDOORS, EXPOSING VALUABLE TAXPAYER-OWNED ASSETS TO WEATHER AND SHORTENING THEIR USEFUL LIVES.

THE PROPOSED PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITY WOULD BRING POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS TOGETHER IN A MODERN, PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY. FOR POLICE, THAT INCLUDES SECURE EVIDENCE AND INVESTIGATION AREAS, PRIVATE SPACES FOR VICTIMS, SECURE VEHICLE STORAGE, AND APPROPRIATE AREAS FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS. FOR PUBLIC WORKS, IT INCLUDES CENTRALIZED EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE, FASTER DEPLOYMENT, AND BETTER PROTECTION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TAXPAYERS HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED.

THERE IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS. DURING A WILDFIRE, FLOOD, UTILITY DISRUPTION, OR MAJOR TRAFFIC INCIDENT, POLICE OFFICERS AREN'T THE ONLY PEOPLE RESPONDING. PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ARE OFTEN RIGHT THERE WITH THEM, MANAGING ROADS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT. BRINGING THE DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER WOULD IMPROVE COORDINATION WHEN OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS IT MOST.

THE PROPOSED 0.5% SALES TAX, ONE-HALF CENT ON EVERY DOLLAR OF TAXABLE PURCHASES, IS A REASONABLE WAY TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT. BECAUSE IT IS A SALES TAX RATHER THAN A PROPERTY TAX, VISITORS WHO SHOP AND SPEND MONEY IN BASALT WILL HELP PAY FOR THE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE THEY USE WHILE HERE.

VOTING YES ON 3A WILL ENSURE OUR POLICE OFFICERS HAVE THE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES THEY NEED TO KEEP US SAFE AND THAT PUBLIC WORKS CAN MAINTAIN BASALT'S STREETS, PARKS, TRAILS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

INVESTING IN THESE PRIORITIES IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN BASALT. PLEASE VOTE YES ON 3A.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 3A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

ROARING FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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ROARING FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 BALLOT ISSUE 5C: MILL LEVY OVERRIDE

SHALL ROARING FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$5.6 MILLION IN 2026 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2027) AND IN SUCH AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- INCREASING TEACHER AND STAFF PAY;
- RETAINING AND RECRUITING HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF;
- STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC OUTCOMES AND ELIMINATING ACHIEVEMENT GAPS;

WITH ALL SPENDING OF SUCH REVENUES REPORTED IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AND REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTORS;

BY THE IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY THAT, WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHER MILL LEVY OVERRIDES APPROVED BY VOTERS FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, GENERATES THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED BY SECTION 22-54-108(3)(B)(VI) AS OF JULY 1, 2026, BY THE LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE SUCH AMOUNTS;

WHICH TAXES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT AND SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND?

FISCAL INFORMATION

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2026-2027 (estimated)	\$ 108,677,851
2025-2026 (actual)	\$ 106,364,760
2024-2025 (actual)	\$ 110,077,922
2023-2024 (actual) NOTE A	\$ 101,307,620
2022-2023 (actual)	\$ 93,237,407

GENERAL NOTE: BOND PROCEEDS, DEBT PROCEEDS, AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE EXCLUDED FROM TABOR REVENUE.

NOTE A: TWO RIVERS COMMUNITY SCHOOL (TRCS) WAS ADDED AS AN INTERNAL CHARTER SCHOOL FOR 2023-24 THROUGH 2026-27. THE INCREASE INCLUDED IN TABOR REVENUE TOTALD \$6.659 MILLION FOR 2023-24 AND \$7.709 MILLION FOR 2026-27. THE OVERALL CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD EXCLUDING TRCS TOTALS 8.29%.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2022-2023 TO 2026-2027: 16.56%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2022-2023 THROUGH 2026-2027: \$15,440,444

PROPOSED DISTRICT TAX INCREASE

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE IN FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR: \$5,600,000

ESTIMATED FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT THE INCREASE: \$108,677,851

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 5C:

MEASURE 5C WOULD GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$5 MILLION ANNUALLY TO INCREASE RFSD TEACHER AND STAFF COMPENSATION, HELPING THE ROARING FORK SCHOOLS RECRUIT AND RETAIN HIGH-QUALITY EMPLOYEES TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC OUTCOMES AND ELIMINATE

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ACHIEVEMENT GAPS.

THE COST TO HOMEOWNERS IS MODEST: ABOUT \$7 A MONTH FOR A HOME VALUED AT \$500,000, LESS THAN A CUP OF COFFEE A WEEK, TO KEEP EXPERIENCED TEACHERS IN OUR CLASSROOMS INSTEAD OF LOSING THEM TO DISTRICTS, OR PROFESSIONS, THAT PAY MORE.

THE \$5 MILLION RAISED WOULD GO DIRECTLY TOWARD RECRUITING AND RETAINING EXCELLENT TEACHERS AND STAFF, THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT IN-SCHOOL FACTOR IN STUDENT SUCCESS. EIGHTY-FOUR PERCENT OF OUR DISTRICT’S BUDGET ALREADY GOES TO THE PEOPLE WHO TEACH, FEED, TRANSPORT, AND CARE FOR OUR STUDENTS EVERY DAY, AND THIS MEASURE KEEPS THAT INVESTMENT COMPETITIVE.

RFSD HAS WORKED TO ADDRESS ITS FINANCIAL CHALLENGES BEFORE ASKING TAXPAYERS FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE DISTRICT HAS CUT NEARLY \$19 MILLION THROUGH STAFFING REDUCTIONS, HIRING FREEZES, OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES, AND OTHER BUDGET REDUCTIONS. FURTHER CUTS INCREASINGLY THREATEN THE PEOPLE AND SERVICES STUDENTS RELY ON EVERY DAY.

RECRUITING AND RETAINING GREAT EDUCATORS HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. RFSD HAS THE FOURTH-HIGHEST COST OF LIVING AMONG COLORADO’S 178 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, YET RANKS 16TH IN AVERAGE TEACHER PAY. THAT GAP MAKES IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF TO AFFORD TO BUILD THEIR LIVES IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY WORK AND FOR RFSD TO COMPETE WITH OTHER DISTRICTS FOR EXPERIENCED, HIGHLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS. THAT IS WHY WE SUPPORT BALLOT MEASURE 5C.

THIS LOCAL INVESTMENT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE COLORADO RECENTLY CHANGED THE FORMULA IT USES TO FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE NEW FORMULA DISADVANTAGES SOME HIGH-COST DISTRICTS, INCLUDING RFSD. RECOGNIZING THIS IMPACT, STATE LAWMAKERS CREATED A LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR AFFECTED DISTRICTS TO ASK LOCAL VOTERS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AUTHORITY. THAT OPPORTUNITY EXPIRES IN 2030. ROARING FORK SCHOOLS’ STUDENTS DESERVE EXCELLENT TEACHERS BECAUSE TEACHER QUALITY AND STABILITY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT IN-SCHOOL FACTORS SHAPING THEIR SUCCESS. GREAT TEACHERS CHALLENGE STUDENTS, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, RECOGNIZE WHEN A CHILD NEEDS EXTRA SUPPORT, AND CREATE CLASSROOMS WHERE STUDENTS CAN THRIVE. RESEARCH ALSO SHOWS THAT HIGH TEACHER TURNOVER DISRUPTS STUDENT LEARNING AND NEGATIVELY AFFECTS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. MEASURE 5C PROVIDES A WAY TO INVEST DIRECTLY IN GREAT TEACHERS AND STAFF.

STRONG SCHOOLS ALSO STRENGTHEN OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THEY HELP MAKE THE ROARING FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT A PLACE WHERE FAMILIES WANT TO LIVE, BUSINESSES CAN ATTRACT EMPLOYEES, AND YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE THE EDUCATION THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 5C:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6A: ZIEGLER RESERVOIR ENHANCEMENT BOND

SHALL SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$15 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$22.5 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$2 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE EXPANSION OF ZIEGLER RESERVOIR, TO INCREASE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY, IMPROVE RAW WATER QUALITY AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL WATER FOR EMERGENCY FIRE SUPPRESSION, AND TO THE EXTENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FINANCING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH BONDS SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT PER ANNUM AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIMES AND PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AMOUNTS, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNTS SET FORTH ABOVE, SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING¹
2022 (actual)	\$ 9,586,476
2023 (actual)	\$ 8,848,647
2024 (actual)	\$ 13,310,897
2025 (actual)	\$ 10,965,168
2026 (current year estimated)	\$ 9,888,889

¹FISCAL YEAR SPENDING DOES NOT INCLUDE AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR BONDED DEBT SERVICE.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2022-2026: 3.15%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2022-2026: \$302,413

ESTIMATED 2027 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6A: \$11,733,821

ESTIMATED 2027 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6A: \$2,000,000

INFORMATION REGARDING BONDED DEBT PROPOSED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6A:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	\$ 15,000,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$ 2,000,000
MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$ 22,500,000

INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT BONDED DEBT:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	\$13,500,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$ 1,642,500
MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST:	\$17,552,000

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6A:

THOSE OF US WHO CALL SNOWMASS VILLAGE HOME UNDERSTAND THAT WATER IS ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY’S MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE CANNOT TAKE ITS AVAILABILITY FOR GRANTED.

RECENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS, WARMER TEMPERATURES, EARLIER SNOWMELT, AND LOW STREAM FLOWS HAVE PLACED INCREASING PRESSURE ON OUR WATER SUPPLY. AT THE SAME TIME, HOTTER AND DRIER CONDITIONS INCREASE WATER DEMAND AND THE NEED FOR RELIABLE WATER FOR OUR HOMES, BUSINESSES, SNOWMAKING, AND EMERGENCY FIRE PROTECTION.

THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ZIEGLER RESERVOIR WOULD ADD APPROXIMATELY 40 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER STORAGE. THIS ADDITIONAL CAPACITY WOULD ALLOW OUR COMMUNITY TO STORE MORE WATER AND DRAW UPON THAT SUPPLY DURING DROUGHT AND PERIODS OF LOW STREAM FLOW.

FOR SUPPORTERS, THIS IS ABOUT PREPARING SNOWMASS VILLAGE FOR THE FUTURE. WE CANNOT CONTROL THE WEATHER, THE TIMING OF SNOWMELT, OR WHEN THE NEXT DROUGHT WILL OCCUR. WE CAN, HOWEVER, STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO RESPONSIBLY MANAGE AND PROTECT THE WATER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US.

ZIEGLER RESERVOIR IS A LONG-TERM COMMUNITY ASSET. EXPANDING IT WILL PROVIDE GREATER STORAGE FLEXIBILITY, INCREASED DROUGHT RESILIENCE, AND AN ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR EMERGENCY FIRE SUPPRESSION.

APPROVING BALLOT ISSUE 6A IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE FOR SNOWMASS VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE. A YES VOTE WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS HELPING PROTECT THE COMMUNITY WE CALL HOME FOR DECADES TO COME.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

SNOWMASS-WILDCAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

JENNIFER THOMPSON

1089 W. JW DRIVE, CARBONDALE, COLORADO 81623
970 340 7035

SNOWMASS-WILDCAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALLOT ISSUE 6B:

SHALL SNOWMASS-WILDCAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$2,300,000 MILLION IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027 AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY A SALES TAX OF 0.55% (55 CENTS ON EACH \$100) UPON EVERY TRANSACTION IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE STATE IMPOSES A SALES TAX (EXCLUDING GROCERIES AND OTHER EXEMPT ITEMS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AS SERVICE DEMANDS INCREASE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A YEAR-ROUND WILDLAND FIRE DIVISION
- IMPLEMENTATION OF HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECTS
- MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF FIRE SUPPRESSION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES
- ACQUISITION OF RELATED EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, AND FACILITIES, AND
- PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL, MAINTENANCE, PERSONNEL, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS;

AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

TOTAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

FISCAL YEAR	
2026 (estimated)	\$ 8,332,133
2025 (actual)	\$ 8,133,352
2024 (actual)	\$ 7,674,732
2023 (actual)	\$ 5,305,253
2022 (actual)	\$ 5,208,405

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2022 TO 2026: 63%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2019 TO 2023: \$ 3,123,728

PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE): BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7A: \$2,300,000

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF 2024 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: \$6,521,749

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6B:

I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED 0.55% SALES TAX BECAUSE I BELIEVE MAINTAINING RELIABLE FIRE, EMS, RESCUE, AND WILDFIRE PROTECTION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE AS A COMMUNITY.

THE REALITY IS THAT THE DEMAND FOR OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES IS GROWING. WE ARE SEEING GREATER WILDFIRE RISK, INCREASING CALL VOLUMES, AND HIGHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STAFFING AND MAINTAINING A PROFESSIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM. WE CANNOT ASSUME THAT THE WAY WE HAVE FUNDED THESE SERVICES IN THE PAST WILL BE ENOUGH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE.

TODAY, MUCH OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY’S FUNDING COMES FROM PROPERTY TAXES. I BELIEVE IT MAKES SENSE TO BROADEN THAT RESPONSIBILITY. OUR COMMUNITY WELCOMES VISITORS AND NON-RESIDENTS WHO STAY IN LOCAL HOTELS, EAT AT OUR RESTAURANTS, SHOP, AND ENJOY OUR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THEY BENEFIT FROM THE EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE HERE, TOO. A SALES TAX ALLOWS THOSE WHO SPEND MONEY IN OUR COMMUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE SERVICES THAT HELP KEEP THEM, OUR RESIDENTS, AND OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

THE PROPOSED RATE IS 0.55%—JUST 55 CENTS ON EVERY \$100 SPENT. AT THE SAME TIME, MANY ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES ARE EXEMPT UNDER COLORADO LAW, INCLUDING GROCERIES FOR HOME CONSUMPTION, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, DIAPERS AND FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY AND GAS, GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, AND OTHER QUALIFYING NECESSITIES.

I SEE THIS AS AN INVESTMENT IN PREPAREDNESS. NONE OF US KNOWS WHEN WE MIGHT NEED A FIREFIGHTER, PARAMEDIC, RESCUE TEAM, OR WILDFIRE RESPONSE. WHEN THAT MOMENT COMES, I WANT TO KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS THE PEOPLE, EQUIPMENT, AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO RESPOND.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE PROPERTY-TAX REDUCTION THAT SNOWMASS-WILDCAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE WHEN THE EXISTING VOTER-APPROVED CAPITAL FUNDING QUESTION SUNSETS ON DECEMBER 31, 2026. THE 0.75-MILL REDUCTION IS APPROXIMATELY \$5 FOR EVERY \$100,000 OF ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE.

THIS FUNDING WOULD ALLOW THE FIRE AUTHORITY TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE RATHER THAN SIMPLY REACT TO TODAY’S NEEDS. IT WOULD SUPPORT A FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND WILDLAND FIRE DIVISION, WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION, FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, INCREASING EMERGENCY CALLS, AND FUTURE INVESTMENTS IN EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AND FACILITIES.

A SMALL SALES TAX THAT SPREADS THE COST AMONG RESIDENTS AND THE MANY VISITORS WHO USE OUR COMMUNITY IS A PRACTICAL WAY TO HELP PROVIDE THAT SECURITY. FOR ME, SUPPORTING THIS PROPOSAL IS ABOUT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE AND MAKING SURE OUR ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY SERVICES HAVE A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING BASE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6B:

NO COMMENTS AGAINST WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7A:

SHALL BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,518,000 MILLION IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027 AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY A SALES TAX OF 0.55% (55 CENTS ON EACH \$100) UPON EVERY TRANSACTION IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE STATE IMPOSES A SALES TAX (EXCLUDING GROCERIES AND OTHER EXEMPT ITEMS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AS SERVICE DEMANDS INCREASE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A YEAR-ROUND WILDLAND FIRE DIVISION
- IMPLEMENTATION OF HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECTS
- MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF FIRE SUPPRESSION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES
- ACQUISITION OF RELATED EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, AND FACILITIES, AND
- PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL, MAINTENANCE, PERSONNEL, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS;

AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

TOTAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

FISCAL YEAR	
2026 (estimated)	\$ 9,279,013
2025 (actual)	\$ 9,323,795
2024 (actual)	\$ 9,212,867
2023 (actual)	\$ 4,151,979
2022 (actual)	\$ 4,789,259

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2022 TO 2026: 52%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2022 TO 2026: \$ 4,489,754

PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE): BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7A: \$1,518,000

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF 2027 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: \$9,045,909

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 7A:

IF APPROVED BY VOTERS, THIS SALES TAX WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND WILDLAND FIRE DIVISION. GIVEN THE CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED DURING RECENT FIRE SEASONS AND THE PROJECTED WILDFIRE RISKS FACING OUR REGION, THIS FUNDING WOULD SUPPORT THE DISTRICT'S WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES.

THE PROPOSED SALES TAX RATE IS 0.55%, OR 55 CENTS ON EVERY \$100 SPENT. THE INTENT OF THE TAX IS TO PROVIDE A BROADER AND MORE DIVERSIFIED SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.

MANY EVERYDAY PURCHASES WOULD REMAIN EXEMPT FROM THE TAX UNDER COLORADO LAW, INCLUDING GROCERIES FOR HOME CONSUMPTION, GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, PRESCRIPTION

MEDICATIONS, ELECTRICITY, AND RESIDENTIAL HEATING FUEL.

A SALES TAX WOULD DIVERSIFY THE FIRE DISTRICT'S FUNDING SOURCES BY ALLOWING VISITORS AND NON-RESIDENTS WHO UTILIZE LOCAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO CONTRIBUTE AS WELL. INDIVIDUALS WHO STAY IN LOCAL LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, DINE AT RESTAURANTS, SHOP, AND PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP SUPPORT THE FIRE, RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, AND WILDFIRE PROTECTION SERVICES THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

IF APPROVED, BALLOT ISSUE 7A WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING TO:

- ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND WILDLAND FIRE DIVISION
- SUPPORT HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECTS
- ADDRESS INCREASING EMERGENCY SERVICE DEMANDS AND CALL VOLUMES
- SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER STAFFING, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION EFFORTS
- FUND FUTURE CAPITAL NEEDS, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FACILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

THE PROPOSED FUNDING IS INTENDED TO HELP THE FIRE DISTRICT CONTINUE PROVIDING FIRE, RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, AND WILDFIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY EVOLVE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 7A:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

PLEASE VOTE YOUR MAIL BALLOT

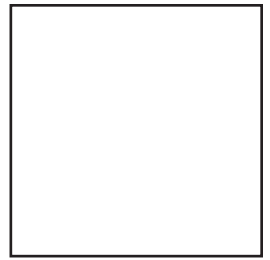
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Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder
530 East Main Street
Aspen Colorado 81611

2026 ELECTION INFORMATION PITKIN COUNTY



ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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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