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2022 ELECTION INFORMATION PITKIN COUNTY

ELECTION DATE **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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 8, 2022



NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO ADD A TAX | TO EXTEND TAXES | TO INCREASE TAXES | TO EXPAND USE OF TAXES | ON A REVENUE CHANGE

PITKIN COUNTY BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED ON OCTOBER 17

LOCAL COUNTY CLERK OFFICE	Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder's Office
ADDRESS	530 E. Main Street Aspen, CO 81611
HOURS	8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday
PHONE	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 31, 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 24 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 17 until 7 pm on Election Day

BASALT TOWN HALL
101 Midland Avenue | Basalt CO 81621
Available 24/7 from Monday, October 17 until 7 pm on Election Day

CHURCH AT REDSTONE
213 Redstone Blvd. | Redstone CO 81623
Available Election Day only, November 8 from 7 am until 7 pm

WHERE TO VOTE IN PERSON

PITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION & SHERIFF'S OFFICE
530 East Main Street | Aspen, CO 81611
Early Voting October 24 - November 5
Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday, November 5 | 10 am - 2 pm

ASPEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
435 West Main Street, Aspen
Monday, November 7, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 7 am - 7 pm

SNOWMASS VILLAGE TOWN HALL
130 Kearns Road | Snowmass Village, CO 81615
Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 7 am - 7 pm

BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY
14 Midland Avenue | Basalt, CO 81612
Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 7 am - 7 pm

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH YOU!
You can find a full list of acceptable identification at PitkinVotes.com

CITY OF ASPEN

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BALLOT ISSUE 2A: SHORT TERM RENTAL TAX

SHALL CITY OF ASPEN TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$9,140,000 COMMENCING MAY 1, 2023, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE TAX OF NOT MORE THAN 10% ON THE AMOUNT CHARGED ON A NIGHTLY ROOM RATE AT ANY ACCOMMODATION OR BUSINESS THAT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT FROM THE CITY; PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT:

- SUCH TAX SHALL BE APPLIED TO "LODGE EXEMPT PERMIT PROPERTIES" AS HEREAFTER DEFINED IN AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT STR-LE AT 5.0%
- SUCH TAX SHALL BE APPLIED TO "OWNER OCCUPIED UNITS" AS HEREAFTER DEFINED IN AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNER-OCCUPIED PERMIT STR-OO AT 5.0%
- AND 2ND HOMEOWNER, INVESTMENT PROPERTY UNITS AS HEREAFTER DEFINED IN AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT STR-CLASSIC AT 10%;

AND SHALL AT LEAST 70% OF THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM SUCH TAX BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SHALL THE REMAINDER OF THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM SUCH TAX NOT UTILIZED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BE UTILIZED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES; AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, KEEP AND SPEND THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME THEREFROM NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2A:

SHORT TERM RENTALS (STRS) HAVE DRIVEN DRAMATIC CHANGES IN ASPEN AND THE ROARING FORK VALLEY INCREASING DEMANDS FOR ALL SERVICES, DECREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IMPACTING NEIGHBORHOOD COHESION AND LOCAL CHARACTER.

LIKE OTHER RESORT COMMUNITIES, THE CITY OF ASPEN HAS BEGUN TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL STRS WITH A PERMIT SYSTEM AND HAS PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE 2A TO TAX STR RENTALS TO MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ASPEN AS A COMMUNITY AND OUR RESORT ECONOMY.

VOTING YES ON 2A DIRECTS THE CITY OF ASPEN TO USE A MINIMUM OF 70% OF THE FUNDS RAISED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND NO MORE THAN 30% OF THE FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES.

VOTING YES ON BALLOT MEASURE 2A WILL HELP MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF SHORT- TERM RENTALS ON OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY, SERVICE DELIVERY, ECONOMY, AND ENVIRONMENT.

A YES VOTE ON BALLOT MEASURE 2A APPROVES A 5% EXCISE TAX ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS OF LE- LODGE EXEMPT UNITS AND ON THE RENTAL OF OWNER-OCCUPIED OO-STR PERMITTED UNITS. ASPEN RESIDENTS MAY OBTAIN AN OWNER-OCCUPIED PERMIT AND RENT THEIR UNITS SHORT TERM FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS ANNUALLY.

A YES VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION 2A APPROVES A 10% EXCISE TAX ON ALL OTHER STRS.

THE PANDEMIC YEARS USHERED IN REAL ESTATE PRICE INCREASES AND DISRUPTION REGIONALLY, AN INFLUX OF REMOTE WORKERS OUT-PRICING THE LOCAL WORKFORCE, THE SECOND HOME MARKET OUT-BIDDING THE WORKING CLASS, AND STRS REPLACING LONG-TERM RENTALS.

ASPEN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CALLS FOR LIVED- IN COMMUNITY OF YEAR-ROUND LOCALS, INCLUDING FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND SENIORS, LIVING HERE FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND CULTURE, PROVIDE LABOR AND CAPITAL SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY, ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PEACE THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF FIRST RESPONDERS, HEALTH CARE AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY, ENSURING THE LONG- TERM VIABILITY OF A PERMANENT COMMUNITY AND TOURIST ECONOMY.

HOUSING AVAILABILITY FOR LOCAL WORKERS OF ALL OCCUPATIONS IS RAPIDLY DIMINISHING, BUSINESSES ARE HURTING AND THE SYSTEM AND RESOURCES FOR DELIVERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS NOT KEEPING PACE WITH NEED, AS THE REGIONAL HOUSING MARKET AND STATE OF COLORADO ARE IN CRISIS.

A YES VOTE ON 2A WILL HELP ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING CRISIS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING OUR RESIDENTS, SERVICE PROVIDING AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, GUESTS AND BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT OUR TOWN.

ADDITIONALLY, YOUR YES VOTE ON CITY BALLOT QUESTION 2A WILL ALLOW THE CITY TO ADDRESS OTHER PRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, EXTEND THE LIFE OF OUR LANDFILL, REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE - SUCH AS REPLACING AGED STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS TO PROTECT RIVER HEALTH AND WATER QUALITY, OR REFURBISHING THE OLD CITY HALL/AMORY BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVING PURPOSES.

YOUR YES VOTE ON 2A ALLOWS THE CITY TO MOVE FORWARD NOW ON KNOWN AREAS OF GREAT NEED BEFORE THEY BECOME THE CRISES OF TOMORROW- PLEASE VOTE YES ON 2A.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2A:

ASPEN VOTERS SHOULD REJECT 2A, CITY COUNCIL'S \$9 MILLION TAX INCREASE ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS. THIS TAX ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE—AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING—BUT USES THE WRONG SOLUTION. THIS BALLOT QUESTION SINGLES OUT ASPEN'S HISTORIC CONDOMINIUM LODGING AND ASKS THIS SECTOR TO ABSORB A MASSIVE TAX INCREASE TO ADDRESS A CITYWIDE PROBLEM.

AS A COMMUNITY, WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO CONFRONT THIS ISSUE AND SHARE IN THE COSTS, INSTEAD OF SINGLING OUT ONE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY. PASSING THIS TAX WILL HURT ASPEN'S ECONOMY, INCLUDING SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS THAT DEPEND ON VISITOR SPENDING TO PROVIDE JOBS.

2A WILL PLACE A NEW TAX ON TRADITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PART OF THE CITY'S LODGING BASE FOR MORE THAN A HALF-CENTURY. THIS TAX UNFAIRLY SINGLES OUT CONDOMINIUMS, CREATING DIFFERENT TAX RATES FOR CONDOMINIUMS AND HOTELS—BOTH OF WHICH SERVE VISITORS. 2A WRONGLY

ADDS THIS NEW TAX ON TOP OF EXISTING TAXES ALREADY PAID BY PART OF THE LODGING SECTOR THAT IS NOT CAUSING THE CITY'S HOUSING CRUNCH.

ASPEN'S CONDOMINIUMS WERE DESIGNED, LOCATED AND MARKETED SPECIFICALLY FOR SKIERS AND VACATIONERS. THEY NEVER WERE INTENDED TO SERVE AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR FULL-TIME RESIDENTS. 2A'S TAX INCREASE LIKELY WILL NOT MATTER TO VISITORS RENTING UPSCALE HOMES AND LUXURY PROPERTIES—BUT IT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY RAISE THE PRICE OF A CONDO RENTED BY VISITORS WHO MAY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE RESORTS.

ADDING MORE TAXES ON ONE PART OF THE LODGING SECTOR WILL CREATE A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE WITH SIMILAR PROPERTIES IN SNOWMASS, VAIL AND OTHER MOUNTAIN DESTINATIONS. ASPEN'S CONDOS ALSO NEED TO "COMPETE" IN THE LOCAL LODGING MARKET WITH HOTELS AND FRACTIONALLY-OWNED HOTEL ROOMS, BOTH OF WHICH WILL NOT PAY THIS NEW TAX. THIS WILL MAKE CONDOS MORE EXPENSIVE, PUTTING THEM AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE WITH HOTELS.

ASPEN'S CONDOS HAVE LONG SERVED THE LODGING NEEDS OF ASPEN'S ARTS AND CULTURAL NONPROFITS AND OTHER BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE ROOMS FOR CONFERENCES, SPEAKERS AND TALENT. THIS TAX WILL HAVE TO BE PASSED ALONG TO THEM AS WELL, PUTTING UNINTENDED PRESSURE ON SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS, MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT DIVERSE VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

FINALLY, TAXPAYERS SHOULD BEWARE OF 2A'S DETAILS. CITY COUNCIL WROTE INTO THIS TAX HIKE AN ABILITY TO SIPHON OFF 30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL REVENUE, AT LEAST \$3 MILLION IN THE FIRST YEAR, FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS. IF THE CITY IS IN SUCH DIRE STRAITS TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHY IS COUNCIL ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO SPEND NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF THIS TAX ON PET PROJECTS AND OTHER PRIORITIES? THESE SPENDING AUTHORIZATIONS HAVE LITTLE OR NO CONNECTION TO ASPEN'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS AND SHOULD BE FUNDED OUT OF THE CITY'S CURRENT REVENUE—NOT A NEW TAX.

LET'S VOTE NO ON 2A. TELL COUNCIL TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS—WITHOUT HARMING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND OUR ECONOMY.

BALLOT ISSUE 2B: EXTENSION OF EXISTING 0.5% SALES TAX FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

SHALL THE CITY OF ASPEN'S EXISTING 0.5% SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING, IMPROVING, AND MAINTAINING TRAIL, RECREATIONAL AND OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES, AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2025, BE EXTENDED IN PERPETUITY; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH SALES TAXES AND THE EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR) OR ANY OTHER LAW?

TOTAL TOWN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

FISCAL YEAR	
2022 (ESTIMATED)	\$ 188,580,000
2021 (ACTUAL)	\$ 157,147,629
2020 (ACTUAL)	\$ 131,719,469
2019 (ACTUAL)	\$ 129,764,970
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$ 119,337,281

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2018 TO 2022 58%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2018 TO 2022 \$ 69,242,719

INFORMATION ON TOWN'S PROPOSED DEBT

PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

CITY 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. 2A: \$ 9,140,000

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2B: NO INCREASE

CITY ESTIMATE OF 2024 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT PROPOSED TAX INCREASE*: \$ 319,400,000

* INCLUDES \$70,000,000 FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE DEBT ISSUANCE AND PROCEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH A LARGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSIDERED FOR COMMENCEMENT IN 2024. SUCH DEBT ISSUANCE WOULD FIRST NEED TO BE APPROVED BY ASPEN VOTERS FOR THIS TO OCCUR AND THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ANY ISSUANCE HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED AND IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2B:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2B:

THE CITY OF ASPEN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM HAS BEEN FUNDED BY A 1.0% SALES TAX SINCE 1970. IN 2000, AN ADDITIONAL 0.5% SALES TAX WAS ADDED TO FUND OPEN SPACE AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. IN 2021, THESE SALES TAXES TOTALED \$15.4 MILLION. 2021 PITKIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROPERTY TAXES ADDED ANOTHER \$13.9 MILLION FOR A TOTAL OF NEARLY \$30 MILLION IN ANNUAL COMMUNITY FUNDING DEDICATED TO PARKS AND OPEN SPACE. IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CITY'S OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROGRAM, MANY KEY ACQUISITIONS WERE COMPLETED INCLUDING THE SMUGGLER AND SKY MOUNTAIN PARCELS. SINCE 2011, THE CITY HAS EXPENDED JUST \$5.3 MILLION ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS WITH 40% OF THESE FUNDS BEING CONTRIBUTED TO OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. THE CITY'S PARKS & OPEN SPACE FUND BALANCE HAS BALLOONED TO OVER \$14.0 MILLION. IT IS TIME TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROGRAM HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACQUIRING KEY OPEN SPACE PARCELS AND THEREFORE THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE FUNDING NEEDS HAVE DECLINED. A 1.0% PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SALES TAX PRODUCING OVER \$10 MILLION PER YEAR IS ENOUGH TO FUND THE CITY'S NEEDS. VOTE NO ON EXTENDING THE ADDITIONAL 0.5% PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SALES TAX.

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TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

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BALLOT ISSUE 2C: AUTHORIZING THE EXPANDED USE OF EXISTING TAX DOLLARS FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX AND WITHOUT RAISING ANY EXISTING TAX RATE, SHALL THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPAND THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF THE EXISTING 2.4% TOWN LODGING TAX AND 2.5% OF THE EXISTING TOWN SALES TAX CURRENTLY RESTRICTED TO MARKETING, SPECIAL EVENTS AND GROUP SALES PURPOSES TO ALSO INCLUDE WORKFORCE HOUSING PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN-OWNED, CONTROLLED OR SPONSORED WORKFORCE HOUSING, COMMENCING WITH REVENUES GENERATED BY SAID TAXES IMPOSED ON JANUARY 1, 2023, AND MAY ALL SUCH REVENUES BE DEPOSITED IN ONE FUND COLLECTIVELY DEDICATED TO MARKETING, SPECIAL EVENTS, GROUP SALES AND WORKFORCE HOUSING, AND SHALL ALL SUCH REVENUES CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL INFORMATION

BALLOT ISSUE 2C EXPANDS THE USE OF EXISTING TAX DOLLARS WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX AND WITHOUT RAISING ANY EXISTING TAX RATE OR INCURRING ANY ADDITIONAL BONDED DEBT.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 2C:

- A YES VOTE WILL NOT RAISE TAXES, AND IT WILL HELP CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN MORE WORKFORCE HOUSING IN SNOWMASS VILLAGE.
- VOTE YES TO EXPAND THE CURRENTLY ALLOWED USE OF THE MARKETING SALES TAX AND THE LODGING TAX SO THAT THESE EXISTING TAXES CAN ALSO BE USED TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN MORE WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS.
- CURRENTLY, THESE TWO EXISTING TAXES ARE RESTRICTED SO THAT THEY CAN ONLY BE USED TO PROMOTE TOURISM. BY VOTING YES, THESE TAXES WILL STILL BE USED FOR TOURISM PROMOTION, BUT ANY FUNDS NOT NEEDED TO ADEQUATELY PROMOTE TOURISM COULD THEN BE USED TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN NEW WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS.
- VOTING YES, DOES NOT INCREASE TAXES. IT ONLY EXPANDS THE USE OF EXISTING TAXES SO THEY CAN BE USED TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN WORKFORCE HOUSING. A "NO" VOTE DOES NOT REDUCE TAXES AND KEEPS THESE EXISTING TAXES RESTRICTED SO THEY CAN ONLY BE USED FOR TOURISM PROMOTION.

- A "YES" VOTE EXPANDS THE ALLOWED USE OF THE TAXES SO THAT THE EXISTING TAX REVENUES CAN HELP ADDRESS THE CRITICAL COMMUNITY NEED OF BUILDING MORE WORKFORCE HOUSING. MORE WORKFORCE HOUSING IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMY. EXPANDING THE ALLOWED USE OF THESE EXISTING TAXES TO BUILD WORKFORCE HOUSING WILL HELP SUPPORT THE ECONOMY.
- TOURISM PROMOTION REMAINS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY AND REMAINS WELL FUNDED. THE MOST THAT HAS EVER BEEN SPENT IN ANY ONE YEAR FROM THE COMBINED TAXES IS APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION. THIS LEVEL OF SPENDING OCCURRED IN 2019 AND 2021. IN 2021, JUST OVER \$8.5 MILLION WAS GENERATED BY THE TWO TAXES COMBINED. THE TWO TAXES ARE EXPECTED TO GENERATE OVER \$10 MILLION IN 2022 AND OVER \$11 MILLION IN 2023. VOTING YES WILL ALSO KEEP OVER \$10 MILLION IN SAVINGS THAT WILL BE STRICTLY DEDICATED TO TOURISM. CLEARLY, THESE TAXES GENERATE AMPLE FUNDS THAT CAN AND SHOULD SUPPORT BOTH TOURISM PROMOTION AND WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS.
- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CONSTRUCT MORE WORKFORCE HOUSING IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND HAVE HOMES FOR WORKFORCE. VOTING YES WILL EXPANDED THE ALLOWED USES OF THESE TAXES, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TOURISM PROMOTION, AND CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN MORE WORKFORCE HOUSING.

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 2C:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

PLEASE VOTE YOUR MAIL BALLOT

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



ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT

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BALLOT ISSUE 6A: DEDICATED FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT

SHALL ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$2,443,901 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE, FOR COLLECTION IN 2023) AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS FROM AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE OF 0.599 MILLS, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A STABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE IN EACH YEAR AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR), SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., THE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER OR ANY OTHER LAW?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION

FISCAL YEAR	SPENDING
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$ 1,318,792
2019 (ACTUAL)	\$ 1,396,166
2020 (ACTUAL)	\$ 1,412,074
2021 (ACTUAL)	\$ 1,538,405
2022 (CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED)	\$ 1,558,177

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2018 THROUGH 2022: 18.2%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2018 THROUGH 2022: \$ 239,385

ESTIMATED 2023 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6A: \$ 1,544,321

ESTIMATED 2023 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 6A: \$ 2,443,901

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6A:

THE ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT WAS CREATED IN 1982 WITH AN ORIGINAL VOTER APPROVED MILL LEVY OF 0.82 MILLS. COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THIS SPECIAL DISTRICT WAS BASED ON THE NEED FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THAT WAS 40 YEARS AGO AND THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE HAS GROWN AS OUR POPULATION IS AGING, VISITATION IS INCREASING WITH SECOND HOMEOWNERS STAYING EVEN LONGER, AND MORE PEOPLE OF ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE ENJOYING RECREATION AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS. THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT RESPONDS NOT ONLY TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS, BUT ALSO TO

CALLS RELATED TO WILDFIRES, STRUCTURE FIRES, AUTO ACCIDENT FIRES AND TO PEDESTRIAN, HIKER, BIKER, AND SWIFT-WATER CALLS. THEY ARE ADDITIONALLY ON STANDBY FOR MOUNTAIN RESCUE INCIDENTS. THE NEED TO STAFF THE ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE IS NOW 24X7...365 DAYS A YEAR...REQUIRING 2 AMBULANCES WITH 2 CREW MEMBERS PER AMBULANCE.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT ARE NOT LIMITED TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THEY DO PREVENTION AND EDUCATION SUCH AS TEACHING CPR AND AED CLASSES, SUPPORTING LOCAL WELLNESS FAIRS, AND PROVIDING STAND-BY MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS. WHEN PITKIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SET UP THE COVID19 VACCINATION SITE IN THE MUSIC TENT PARKING LOT, AMBULANCE DISTRICT PARAMEDICS AND EMTS WERE THERE EVERY DAY...RAIN, SHINE OR SNOW... ESPECIALLY DURING SNOW! THEY ARE ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU AND NOW WE HOPE YOU WILL BE THERE FOR THEM NOW BY VOTING YES ON BALLOT ISSUE 6A!

THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT IS ASKING FOR LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE FUNDING BECAUSE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR OUR COMMUNITY HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH THE COMMUNITY'S FUNDING OF THEIR EXCELLENT SERVICE. THEY ARE RESPONDING TO MORE CALLS, AND MORE DIVERSE CALLS, REQUIRING ADVANCED TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY. MANY OF THESE CALLS DON'T RESULT IN FEES COLLECTED TO THE DISTRICT. AN AMBULANCE IS ALWAYS GOING TO COME, BUT IT IS NOT ALWAYS GOING TO SEND YOU A BILL FOR SERVICES! WHEN THE DISTRICT DOES COLLECT FEES, DECREASES IN INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATES LEAVES THEM AT A LOSS. WHEN CHARGING FEES TO BE ON STANDBY AT SPECIAL EVENTS, THE DISTRICT CHARGES SLIGHTLY MORE THAN THE GOING RATE IN OTHER RESORT COMMUNITIES. THEREFORE, COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE MILL LEVY IS CRUCIAL IN SUPPORTING THESE NECESSARY SERVICES. IF THE MILL COLLECTS MORE THAN THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES, THE BOCC SERVING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CAN GIVE A CREDIT TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO REDUCE THE TAX.

THE ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT PROVIDES SERVICES FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S VISITORS AND GUESTS. YOUR YES VOTE ON 6A IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURING THAT THE DISTRICT IS FULLY STAFFED WITH HIGHLY TRAINED PERSONNEL AND HAS THE RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN AND REPLACE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND STATE OF THE ART MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY...EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, SUPPLIES, COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, ETC. PLEASE VOTE YES FOR 6A SO WE CAN KNOW THAT HELP IS ALWAYS ON THE WAY!

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6A:

IN 2014, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40 YEARS, THE ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT ASKED VOTERS TO INCREASE THEIR MILL LEVY. THE RESULT WAS A 2.3 TIMES INCREASE IN THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE. AT THE TIME, OFFICIALS CALCULATED THE PROPOSED MILL LEVY WOULD COVER DEBT SERVICE ON A NEW AMBULANCE BARN AND STAFF HEADQUARTERS FACILITY AND MEET ONGOING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. SINCE THEN, THE DISTRICT HAS ENJOYED STEADILY INCREASING TAX REVENUE YET IS NOW ASKING TO ONCE AGAIN MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS MILL LEVY AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE. THE POPULATION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED SINCE 2014. THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO ADJUST ITS OPERATIONS AND/OR PATIENT/CUSTOMER BILLINGS TO BALANCE ITS BUDGET RATHER THAN INCREASE ITS MILL LEVY AND TAX REVENUE BY A FACTOR OF 2.2. PLEASE VOTE NO TO AN ASPEN AMBULANCE DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

CRYSTAL OAKS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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BALLOT ISSUE 6B: MILL LEVY

SHALL THE CRYSTAL OAKS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$30,000 ANNUALLY (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024), AND BY ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS THAT ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN AD VALORUM PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF 13.5 MILLS; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THEREAFTER CONSIST OF A MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED 13.5 MILLS BUT TO BE DETERMINED, ANNUALLY, BY THE BOARD WITHIN THAT LIMITATION AT SUCH A RATE AS MAY BE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE REVENUES NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL EXPENSES AND TO CREATE IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT RESERVES; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON CONSTITUTE VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR) AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

___ YES ___ NO

PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

BALLOT ISSUE 6B: \$30,000

DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF SPENDING IN 2024 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: \$0

TOTAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR INCOME STATEMENT: THIS IS A NEW DISTRICT, SO IT HAS NO PAST FINANCIAL INFORMATION. IF THE DISTRICT IS APPROVED AT THIS VOTE, THE DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE \$30,000 IN REVENUE FROM THE MIL LEVY IN 2024. IN 2024, THE DISTRICT SPENDING IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$22,000.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

FOR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 6B:

A "YES" VOTE ON BALLOT ISSUE 6B WILL ALLOW FOR CONSISTENT AND EFFICIENT GENERATION OF REVENUE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

- ROAD MAINTENANCE: ROAD SURFACE UPKEEP AND SNOW REMOVAL
- BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS
- SAFETY FEATURES: MAINTAINING SIGNAGE REGARDING BRIDGE LOADS AND SPEED
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OVER TIME
- SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING CREATING PROPER DRAINAGE ON ROADWAY AND SPEED CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS
- THE ABILITY TO ESTABLISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

A "NO" VOTE WILL FORCE THE CURRENT ENTITY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR BRIDGE TO CONTINUE TO BE HINDERED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- INABILITY TO ENFORCE COLLECTION OF NON-PAYMENT AND COLLECTIONS OF ANNUAL OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, LEAVING THE TOTAL COST BURDEN TO BE BORNE BY FEWER RESIDENTS
- LACK OF LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR BOARD AND ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
- UNCERTAINTY FOR ACCESS TO FUNDS TO ONE DAY REPLACE THE BRIDGES
- CONTINUED RELIANCE ON THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS TO PLOW AND MAINTAIN ROADS AND BRIDGES

AGAINST STATEMENTS AGAINST ISSUE 6B:

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

BALLOT ISSUE 6C: VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE ("DE-BRUCING" STYLE)

SHALL THE CRYSTAL OAKS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX, OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES, BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF GRANTS, FEES, TAXES, AND OTHER REVENUES COLLECTED IN 2023 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

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.

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