



El Paso County

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

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EL PASO COUNTY QUESTION 1A

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Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 1A

SHALL PIKES PEAK RURAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY) (PPRTA) TAXES BE INCREASED \$70 MILLION ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY LEVYING A 1% (ONE PENNY PER DOLLAR) SALES AND USE TAX UPON EVERY TRANSACTION OR OTHER INCIDENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH A SALES AND USE TAX IS LEVIED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO (EXCLUDING PURCHASES OF FOOD FOR DOMESTIC HOME CONSUMPTION, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, RESIDENTIAL UTILITY BILLS, OR OTHER EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS AS DETAILED IN ARTICLES 26 AND 30, TITLE 39, AS AMENDED, OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES), COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005, AND CONTINUING FOR THE FIRST FULL TEN (10) YEARS AFTER COMMENCEMENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OPERATIONS FOR ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES (35% OF NET REVENUE), FOR IMPROVED TRANSIT SERVICE WITHIN THE PPRTA'S BOUNDARIES (10% OF NET REVENUE), AND FOR SPECIFIC REGIONAL ROADWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (55% OF NET REVENUE) LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

PRIORITY "A" PROJECTS:

- BAPTIST ROAD WIDENING (MITCHELL AVE. TO I-25)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS INTERCHANGE (AT UNION BLVD.)
- WOODMEN RD. WIDENING AND INTERCHANGE (I-25 TO POWERS BLVD.)
- CIMARRON STREET BRIDGE (AT CONEJOS ST.)
- SOUTH METRO ACCESSIBILITY, PHASE I (STATE HWY. 115 TO POWERS BLVD.)
- BAPTIST RAILROAD CROSSING OVERPASS (AT BNSF/UP/MONUMENT CREEK)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (NEVADA AVE. TO ACADEMY BLVD.)
- MERIDIAN ROAD EXTENSION (FALCON HWY. TO U.S. HWY. 24)
- BAPTIST-HODGEN CONNECTION (STATE HWY. 83 TO ROLLERCOASTER RD.)
- COUNTY LINE ROAD UPGRADE (I-25 TO FURROW RD.)
- MERIDIAN RD. WIDENING (WOODMEN RD. TO REX RD.)
- HODGEN RD. UPGRADE TO ARTERIAL (ROLLERCOASTER RD. TO EASTONVILLE RD.)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS / NEVADA IMPROVEMENTS (AUSTIN BLUFFS AND NEVADA)
- I-25 INTERCHANGE COMPANION PROJECTS (BIJOU/I-25, NEVADA/ROCKRIMMON/I-25)
- FILLMORE/UNION IMPROVEMENTS (FILLMORE/UNION)
- CONGESTION/INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- POWERS BLVD. RIGHT OF WAY PROTECTION AND ACQUISITION (WOODMEN RD. TO STATE HWY. 16)
- STAPLETON/JUDGE ORR EXTENSION (EASTONVILLE RD. TO U.S. HWY. 24)
- BAPTIST RD. WIDENING (I-25 TO TARI DR.)
- STRUTHERS EXTENSION/JACKSON CREEK (FALCON'S NEST TO BAPTIST RD.)
- FILLMORE ST. CORRIDOR (I-25 TO CENTENNIAL BLVD.)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (BARNES RD. TO OLD FARM DR.)

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- MARKSHEFFEL RD. WIDENING AND EXTENSION (PETERSON AFB EAST GATE TO BLACK FOREST RD.)
- ACADEMY/FOUNTAIN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (ACADEMY BLVD./FOUNTAIN BLVD.)
- MARKSHEFFEL ROAD WIDENING (MESA RIDGE PARKWAY TO SH 94)
- STAPLETON/JUDGE ORR EXTENSION (U.S. HWY. 24 TO CURTIS RD.)
- ROADWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- ON-STREET BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS BRIDGE WIDENING (AT COTTONWOOD CREEK)
- VINCENT DRIVE BRIDGE (AT COTTONWOOD CREEK)
- 30TH ST. CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (GARDEN OF THE GODS TO MESA AVE.)
- AKERS DR. (CONSTITUTION AVE. TO N. CAREFREE)
- HANCOCK AVE. BRIDGE (AT TEMPLETON GAP FLOODWAY)
- UNION/PALMER PARK BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS (UNION BLVD. / PALMER PARK BLVD.)
- 25TH ST. BRIDGE (AT FOUNTAIN CREEK)
- CONSTITUTION/CIRCLE DR. IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTITUTION AVE. / CIRCLE DR.)
- FILLMORE ST. (TEMPLETON GAP RD. TO HANCOCK AVE.)
- GARDEN OF THE GODS / CHESTNUT IMPROVEMENTS (GARDEN OF THE GODS / CHESTNUT)
- FILLMORE / EL PASO ST. IMPROVEMENTS (FILLMORE ST. / EL PASO ST.)
- VINCENT DR. EXTENSION (NEVADA AVE. TO DUBLIN BLVD.)
- CONSTITUTION / CHELTON RD. IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTITUTION AVE. / CHELTON RD.)
- PIKES PEAK GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS (VARIOUS SECTIONS OF GREENWAY)
- ACADEMY BLVD. / PIKES PEAK IMPROVEMENTS (ACADEMY BLVD. / PIKES PEAK AVE.)
- UTE PASS AVE. WIDENING (THROUGH GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS)
- MANITOU AVE. IMPROVEMENTS (WITHIN MANITOU SPRINGS)

PRIORITY "B" PROJECTS:

- UNION / CONSTITUTION IMPROVEMENTS (UNION BLVD. / CONSTITUTION AVE.)
- NORTH NEVADA AVE. REVITALIZATION, PHASE I (FILLMORE ST. TO I-25)
- ACADEMY / FLINTRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS (ACADEMY BLVD. / FLINTRIDGE DR.)
- PIKES PEAK GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS (VARIOUS SECTIONS OF GREENWAY)
- EVANS AVE. BRIDGE (AT N. CHEYENNE CREEK)
- ROCKRIMMON / PRO RODEO DR. IMPROVEMENTS (ROCKRIMMON / PRO RODEO DR.)
- GARDEN OF THE GODS / FORGE RD. IMPROVEMENTS (GARDEN OF THE GODS / FORGE RD.)
- MESA RIDGE PARKWAY EXTENSION (POWERS BLVD. TO MARKSHEFFEL RD.)
- CHEYENNE BLVD / TEJON IMPROVEMENTS (CHEYENNE BLVD. / TEJON ST.)
- BLACK FOREST ALIGNMENT UPGRADE (HODGEN RD. TO SOUTHERLY)
- ROCKRIMMON / DELMONICO N. IMPROVEMENTS (ROCKRIMMON / DELMONICO NORTH)
- BIJOU ST. BRIDGE (AT SHOOKS RUN)
- ADA PEDESTRIAN RAMP PROGRAM (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- CURTIS RD. UPGRADE (STATE HWY. 94 TO JUDGE ORR RD.)
- W. UTAH INTERMODAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (COOPER ST. TO MESA AVE.)
- CRESTA RD. SIDEWALKS (LA VETA WAY TO CHEYENNE BLVD.)

PRIORITY "C" PROJECTS:

- PLATTE AVE. BRIDGE (AT SAND CREEK)

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- ACADEMY / FOUNTAIN INTERCHANGE (U.S. HWY. 24 BYPASS)
- PLATTE AVE. WIDENING (ACADEMY BLVD. TO POWERS BLVD.)
- I-25 / CIMARRON RAMPS (I-25 / CIMARRON)
- CENTENNIAL BLVD. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (FILLMORE TO I-25 AT FONTANERO)
- CONSTITUTION AVE. / PASEO RD. IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTITUTION AVE. / PASEO RD.)
- BRIARGATE / STAPLETON EXTENSION (BLACK FOREST RD. TO MERIDIAN RD.)
- ADA PEDESTRIAN RAMP PROGRAM (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- HANCOCK EXTENSION (CHELTON TO POWERS BLVD.)
- BRADLEY RD. EXTENSION (GRINNELL ST. TO POWERS BLVD.)
- FONTAINE BLVD. EXTENSION (MARKSHEFFEL RD. TO MERIDIAN RD.)

WITH PRIORITY "A" PROJECTS BEING COMPLETELY FUNDED PRIOR TO USE OF FUNDING ON PRIORITY "B" PROJECTS AND COMPLETE FUNDING OF PRIORITY "B" PROJECTS PRIOR TO USE OF FUNDING ON PRIORITY "C" PROJECTS, AND NO MORE THAN 1% OF TOTAL REVENUE TO BE EXPENDED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; AND AFTER CONTINUING SUCH TAX FOR TEN (10) FULL YEARS, REDUCING THE PPRTA 1% SALES AND USE TAX TO A 0.45% SALES AND USE TAX FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, FOR FUNDING MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OPERATION OF REGIONAL ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES (77.78% OF NET REVENUE) AND FOR FUNDING PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE (22.22% OF NET REVENUE), WITH ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX AND OTHER REVENUES OF PPRTA BEING COLLECTED AND SPENT EACH YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, §20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SHALL AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS, THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, AND EL PASO COUNTY BE APPROVED, THEREBY ESTABLISHING PPRTA, PURSUANT TO COLORADO REVISED STATUTES §43-4-601 *ET SEQ.*, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES OF COLORADO SPRINGS AND MANITOU SPRINGS, AND THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, AND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF UNINCORPORATED EL PASO COUNTY, WITH PPRTA'S ANNUAL SPENDING TO BE REVIEWED BY A CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO BE SUBJECT TO AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT?

TEXT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT:

**Intergovernmental Agreement
Among El Paso County, Colorado,
The City of Colorado Springs, The City of Manitou Springs,
and The Town of Green Mountain Falls
For Creation of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority**

Recitals

- A. El Paso County, Colorado (hereinafter "County") is a duly-organized county and political subdivision of the State of Colorado.
- B. The City of Colorado Springs (hereinafter "Colo. Spgs.") is a home-rule city and municipal corporation organized under Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution.
- C. The City of Manitou Springs (hereinafter "Manitou") is a home-rule city and municipal corporation organized under Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution.
- D. The Town of Green Mountain Falls (hereinafter "GMF") is a municipal corporation organized under Title 31 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.
- E. County, Colo. Spgs., Manitou, and GMF may be referred to collectively in this agreement as "Parties".
- F. The Parties desire to improve funding for expansion and maintenance of regional roadways and transit systems within their jurisdictions, and desire to engage in these activities in a cooperative and comprehensive manner.
- G. Whereas the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, the City Councils of the City of Colorado Springs and the City of Manitou Springs, and the Town Council of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, have mutually determined that the creation of a Rural Transportation Authority, authorized pursuant to C.R.S. 43-4-601 *et seq.*, would be the most effective method of accomplishing the desires of the Parties as reflected in this agreement;
- H. THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs, the City Council of the City of Manitou Springs, and the Town Council of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, that the Parties, based on the mutual promises and considerations contained herein, agree as follows:

Terms and Conditions of Agreement

- 1.0 Authority to Enter Agreement.** The Parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to C.R.S. 43-4-601 *et seq.*
- 2.0 Creation; Name of Authority.** The Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado (hereinafter "County Board"), the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs (hereinafter "Colo. Spgs. Council"), the City Council of the City of Manitou Springs (hereinafter "Manitou Council"), and the Town Council of the Town of Green Mountain Falls (hereinafter "GMF Council"), hereby establish a Rural Transportation Authority pursuant to C.R.S. 43-4-603(1). Such authority shall be known as the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (A Regional Transportation Authority), (hereinafter "PPRTA").
- 3.0 Political Subdivision.** PPRTA shall be a separate political subdivision and body corporate of the State of Colorado, and shall possess all of the duties, privileges, immunities, rights, liabilities, and disabilities of a public body politic and corporate, as restricted by Section 7 of this Agreement.
- 4.0 Purpose and Activities of Authority.** The purpose and activities of the PPRTA shall be limited to the funding of roadway capital improvements, maintenance and operations, and transit service within the Authority boundaries established in this Agreement. Such projects shall be compatible with established state and local transportation plans that transport or convey people or goods, or permit people or goods to be transported or conveyed, within or through El Paso County by any means. It is the intent of the Parties that funding from the

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PPRTA will not be used to substitute for or reduce Colo. Spgs.' funding to the existing transit system, or to substitute for or reduce any Party's funding for maintenance activities.

4.1 The Parties agree, as the process for accomplishing the projects and activities funded through the PPRTA, that the PPRTA Board of Directors' primary responsibility will be the management and disbursement of funds generated by the Authority, and the activities that support those functions. The PPRTA Board will determine annual appropriations, and the order in which projects shall be funded, for roadway capital improvements in accordance with the ballot language, and based on recommendations from the Parties. Each city or town shall determine the appropriation amounts for maintenance activities located in their jurisdictions which are funded under this Agreement, and the County shall determine the appropriation amounts for maintenance activities located in the County which are funded under this Agreement. Colo. Spgs. shall determine the appropriation amounts for transit activities which are funded under this Agreement. The PPRTA shall implement the Authority's roadway capital, maintenance, and transit projects through subsequent intergovernmental agreements between PPRTA and the various Parties for the expenditure of Authority funds on behalf of PPRTA. The Parties, in carrying out these intergovernmental agreements, may contract on PPRTA's behalf with other governments or private businesses to expend Authority funds for the purpose of implementing those projects.

5.0 Allocation of Revenues. The PPRTA shall pay its administrative expenses from the gross revenue generated by the tax authorized under Section 7.2 of this Agreement. Administrative expenses shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the gross revenue generated. All remaining funds, including earnings generated by such funds, shall be considered net revenue. The net revenue generated by the PPRTA shall be allocated to funding specific projects in the following percentages:

5.1 Roadway capital improvements – fifty five percent (55%) of net revenue. Such projects shall be specified on the ballot for voter approval, and the PPRTA shall not expend roadway capital improvement funds on any other projects until the listed projects have been funded. This component shall sunset ten (10) years after the first collection of the one percent (1%) sales tax approved by voters at the general election on November 2, 2004.

5.1.1 Roadway capital improvement funds shall be distributed for specific projects, and only in such amounts that will pay for the entire cost of the specific capital improvement, at such time and in such manner as shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the PPRTA.

5.1.2 Any funds remaining in the roadway capital improvement fund following the sunset of the fund may be used to complete remaining listed roadway capital improvement projects until such funds are depleted or until the Authority is terminated, whichever occurs first.

5.1.3 Any party joining this Agreement after January 1, 2005, is ineligible for roadway capital improvement funding.

5.2 Maintenance – thirty five percent (35%) of net revenue. Within this category, 75.4175% of the funds will be allocated to Colo. Spgs. maintenance activities, 1.0407% of the funds will be allocated to Manitou maintenance activities, 0.1615% of the funds will be allocated to GMF maintenance activities, and 23.3803% of the funds will be allocated to County maintenance activities. These percentages shall be adjusted after each decennial census and shall be proportional to the population of the various members of the Authority. PPRTA shall not expend maintenance funds for any other purpose.

5.2.1 The first funds available for use in maintenance activities shall be available on or after April 1, 2005.

5.2.2 Upon acceptance of a new party to this Agreement, the PPRTA shall adjust funding within this category to be proportional to the population of the various members of the authority, using the most recent decennial census. Such adjustment must be completed prior to January 1 of the year following acceptance of a new party to this Agreement.

5.2.3 Following the sunset of the roadway capital improvements portion of the PPRTA sales and use tax (as referenced in Section 5.1 of this Agreement), maintenance funding shall be allocated 77.78% of the net revenue, divided in the percentages previously determined.

5.3 Transit – ten percent (10%) of net revenue. Transit funds shall only be used to implement Colo. Spgs.-sponsored transit activities. The PPRTA shall not expend transit funds for any other purpose.

5.3.1 Transit funding shall be available for use on or after April 1, 2005.

5.3.2 Any party joining this Agreement after January 1, 2005, is ineligible for transit funding. However, those parties may receive transit service provided by the City of Colorado Springs.

5.3.3 Following the sunset of the roadway capital improvements portion of the PPRTA sales and use tax (as referenced in Section 5.1 of this Agreement), transit funding shall be allocated 22.22% of the net revenue.

6.0 Board of Directors. There is hereby established a Board of Directors of the PPRTA (hereinafter "PPRTA Board"), in which all legislative and management power of the Authority shall be vested.

6.1 The initial PPRTA Board shall consist of three (3) Directors appointed by the County Board, who shall be County Commissioners; three (3) Directors appointed by the Colo. Spgs. Council, who shall be Colo. Spgs. Councilmembers; one (1) Director appointed by the Manitou Council, who shall be a Manitou Councilmember; and one (1) Director appointed by the GMF Council, who shall be a GMF Councilmember. The various boards and councils shall select and appoint their Directors in any lawful manner determined by the respective Board or Council, provided such Director is eligible for appointment under Section 6.3 of

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- this Agreement. The PPRTA Board shall continue to consist of three (3) County Directors, three (3) Colo. Spgs. Directors, one (1) Manitou Director, and one (1) GMF Director until modified by Section 6.2.
- 6.2 Additional Directors of the PPRTA Board shall be appointed by the governing board of any party which joins this Agreement, or if the State of Colorado joins this Agreement, such member shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of Colorado. Any new party or the State of Colorado shall be entitled to appoint one (1) Director to the PPRTA Board upon joining this Agreement. Any director appointed by the State of Colorado shall be a non-voting member.
- 6.3 Any city or town Councilmember or County Commissioner of a party to this Agreement may be appointed by that party's governing board to the PPRTA Board. If the State of Colorado becomes a party to this Agreement, the Governor may appoint any elector of the State of Colorado to the PPRTA Board.
- 6.4 All PPRTA Board Directors shall serve without compensation.
- 6.5 The term of office for an individual PPRTA Director shall be one (1) year, and all terms shall commence on January 1 and terminate on December 31 of each calendar year. Any Director appointed by the Governor of the State of Colorado shall serve such term as may be specified by the Governor.
- 6.6 Any Director may be removed from the PPRTA Board by a majority vote of the members of the governing body appointing such Director to the PPRTA Board. Any Director may voluntarily resign from the PPRTA Board.
- 6.7 Any vacancies on the PPRTA Board shall be filled by the appointing body in such manner as they may determine, but in any event, within thirty (30) days of the creation of a vacancy.
- 6.8 Directors shall disqualify themselves from voting on any issue with respect to which the director has a conflict of interest, unless the director has disclosed the conflict of interest in compliance with C.R.S. 18-8-308. Any signatory to this Agreement may name an alternate Director who may vote in place of any disqualified Director.
- 6.9 The PPRTA Board shall elect the following officers upon its formation, and thereafter at its first meeting of each calendar year:
- 6.9.1 **Chairperson**, a Director who shall preside over all meetings of the PPRTA Board, may sign all contracts and agreements of the Authority, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chairperson and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Bylaws of the Authority or by the PPRTA Board.
- 6.9.2 **Vice-Chairperson**, a Director who shall serve as Chairperson, in his or her absence or during his or her inability to act. The Vice-Chairperson shall have such other duties as may be defined by the Bylaws of the Authority or by the PPRTA Board.
- 6.10 In addition, the PPRTA Board shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a written record of the minutes of all meetings, ensure that all notices required by law are duly given, shall serve as the custodian of Authority records, shall attest to documents as the need arises, and shall perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Bylaws of the Authority or by the PPRTA Board. The Secretary may be an employee of the PPRTA Board, an independent contractor, or a volunteer.
- 6.11 The PPRTA officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all Directors, whether by voice vote or secret ballot, as shall be determined by the Chairperson.
- 6.12 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions shall not be held by persons appointed by the same governmental body. Only Directors appointed by Colo. Spgs. or the County are eligible for selection as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
- 6.13 The PPRTA Board shall meet no less than twice per calendar year. Meetings will be held at the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments offices, or such other location as may from time to time be designated by the PPRTA Board. Notice of meetings shall be posted in such place and manner as determined by the Bylaws of the Authority, in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. 24-6-401 *et seq.*
- 6.14 A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. No official action shall be taken by the PPRTA Board unless a quorum is present at a meeting. Any action taken by the PPRTA Board shall be approved by a simple majority of those Directors present and voting, except as may otherwise be provided for in this Agreement. Any Director appointed by the Governor of the State of Colorado shall not be counted towards quorum requirements and shall not vote on any action.
- 6.15 The PPRTA Board may promulgate policies and procedures that govern its conduct.
- 6.16 The proceedings of the PPRTA Board shall comply with all provisions of the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. 24-6-401 *et seq.*, and shall provide opportunities for public input by, at minimum, permitting the public to address the PPRTA Board in open meetings. The Board shall adopt procedures for calling emergency meetings.
- 6.17 The PPRTA Board shall appoint a citizen advisory or citizen oversight committee and define the duties thereof.
- 6.18 **Board Powers.** The PPRTA Board may exercise the following powers:
- 6.18.1 Adoption of such bylaws as it deems necessary;
- 6.18.2 Fixing the time and place of meetings and the method of providing notice of such meetings;
- 6.18.3 Making and passing such orders and resolutions necessary for the government and management of the affairs of the authority and the execution of the authority's powers;
- 6.18.4 Adoption and use of a seal;
- 6.18.5 Maintaining offices at such place or places as the PPRTA Board may designate;
- 6.18.6 Contracting for professional services as deemed necessary to administer and implement the purposes of this Agreement;
- 6.18.7 Prescribing methods for auditing and allowing or rejecting claims and demands, or for acquisition of equipment; and
- 6.18.8 Exercising all rights and powers necessary or incidental to or implied from the specific powers granted by this Agreement.
- 6.19 **Annual Audit.** The PPRTA Board shall provide for an annual financial audit.

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- 7.0 **Powers of Authority.** The PPRTA, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have only the following powers:
- 7.1 To fund roadway capital improvements, maintenance and operations, and transit services within the boundaries of the Authority, as restricted by Section 5 of this Agreement, using funds obtained pursuant to Section 7.2, below, based on annual recommendations from members of each Party to this Agreement, and consistent with Section 5.1 of this Agreement.
- 7.2 Upon approval of a majority of voters residing within the boundaries of the Authority, to levy sales and use taxes at a rate of one percent (1%). Following the sunset of the roadway capital improvements portion of the PPRTA sales and use tax (as referenced in Section 5.1 of this Agreement), the PPRTA shall levy forty five one-hundredths of one percent (0.45%) sales and use taxes, for the purposes of maintenance, operations, and transit.
- 7.3 To invest or deposit any revenue as provided for by C.R.S. 43-4-616.
- 7.4 To sue and to be sued.
- 7.5 To have perpetual existence.
- 7.6 To enter into contracts and agreements affecting the affairs of the Authority.
- 7.7 To fund, construct, operate or maintain rural transportation systems within the Authority's boundaries.
- 7.8 To purchase, trade, exchange, acquire, buy, sell, lease, lease with an option to purchase, dispose of, and encumber real or personal property and any interest therein, including easements and rights-of-way.
- 7.9 To accept real or personal property for the use of the authority and to accept gifts and conveyances upon the terms and conditions as the board may approve.
- 7.10 To contract with a person or persons to assist the PPRTA Board with administrative, accounting, and financial services which may be required to carry out the duties enumerated in this Agreement, or to contract with any person or persons authorized under Section 6.18.6 of this Agreement. The parties intend for PPRTA to contract with the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments to provide these administrative and accounting services, as well as a PPRTA Board secretary and a financial officer.
- 7.11 In no event shall the PPRTA be authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain, issue bonds, impose motor vehicle registration fees, or impose any visitor benefit tax that may otherwise be permitted under law. The PPRTA shall not accept any Highway User Tax Funds from the State of Colorado.
- 8.0 **Boundaries.** The legal boundaries of the Authority shall be established as follows:
- 8.1 All unincorporated areas within the boundaries of El Paso County, Colorado;
- 8.2 The corporate limits of the City of Colorado Springs, as comprised on January 1, 2005, and as may be comprised in the future;
- 8.3 The corporate limits of the City of Manitou Springs, as comprised on January 1, 2005, and as may be comprised in the future; and
- 8.4 The corporate limits of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, as comprised on January 1, 2005, and as may be comprised in the future.
- 8.5 Additional territory shall be included in, or excluded from, the Authority boundaries by following the procedures in Section 12 of this Agreement.
- 9.0 **Effective Date.** This Intergovernmental Agreement shall become effective upon certification by the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government pursuant to C.R.S. §43-4-603(1), but only upon the approval of a majority of the voters residing in unincorporated El Paso County, Colorado, the City of Colorado Springs, the City of Manitou Springs, and the Town of Green Mountain Falls, at the general election to be held on November 2, 2004. The Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until terminated.
- 9.1 The Agreement may be terminated only upon the unanimous agreement of the Parties. Such agreement shall be expressed by vote of the governing bodies of every signatory to the Agreement. Such vote must be approved by unanimous consent of the membership of each governing body. The Authority shall continue for a period of ninety (90) days following the final vote to terminate the Agreement, at which time the Authority and the Agreement shall be terminated.
- 10.0 **Disposition of Assets Upon Termination.** The State of Colorado is ineligible for any distribution of property under this Section. Upon any termination of the Authority pursuant to Section 9, the following method shall be used to distribute, dispose of, or divide the assets of the Authority:
- 10.1 Any real property interest or fixtures to real property shall become the property of the signatory in whose jurisdiction such real estate or fixture is located. If property is located within a jurisdiction that is no longer a party to the Agreement, it shall become the property of County.
- 10.2 Any personal property shall be liquidated at auction, and the proceeds from such sale shall be combined with any cash in the Authority's accounts. Such funds shall be divided among the signatories to the Agreement based upon the number of persons residing in the jurisdiction of each signatory, relative to the total number of persons residing in the Authority's boundaries, expressed as a percentage.
- 10.3 Any other property not addressed above shall be distributed to one or more signatories to the Agreement, as determined by the PPRTA Board members prior to termination of the Authority.
- 11.0 **Amendment of Agreement.** This Intergovernmental Agreement may be amended upon the unanimous consent of all signatories. Such consent shall be manifested by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership of each governing body of a signatory. This section is inapplicable to additions or deletions of territory under Section 12 of the Agreement. Section 9.1 of this Agreement may only be amended by a unanimous vote of the membership of each governing body of a signatory.
- 12.0 **Addition or Deletion of Parties and Territory to this Intergovernmental Agreement.**
- 12.1 Any municipality (as defined by C.R.S. 31-1-101(6)), or any county organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, may request to become a party to this Agreement and a member of the Authority.

**EL PASO COUNTY
QUESTION 1A (cont)**

Intergovernmental Agreement: (cont)

- 12.2 An entity described in Section 12.1 may request to be added as a party to this Agreement, and its corporate boundaries to be added to the territory of the PPRTA, upon a majority vote by the governing body of such municipality or county. The governing body shall place the matter on the ballot for approval of a majority of voters residing in such jurisdiction at any general or special election requesting approval to join the Authority.
- 12.3 In no event shall an additional municipality or county become a party to this Agreement without the unanimous consent of the existing parties to the Agreement. Such assent shall be determined by a majority vote of the governing bodies of each existing party to the Agreement.
- 12.4 Any party to the Agreement may terminate their participation in the Authority by passage of a resolution of the governing body of the political subdivision, provided such resolution is passed by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the governing body.
 - 12.4.1 In no event may a party withdraw from the Agreement which, if such withdrawal were effective, would result in fewer members than one (1) county and one (1) municipality, two (2) municipalities, or two (2) counties. In such cases, termination of the Authority is appropriate and must be pursued as provided for in this Agreement.
- 12.5 The PPRTA Board shall take the following actions to include parties and additional territory within the PPRTA, or prior to deleting any party and territory from the PPRTA:
 - 12.5.1 Notice of the proposed inclusion or exclusion shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the PPRTA boundaries. Such notice shall be mailed to the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government; to the Colorado Transportation Commission; and to the owners of all property to be included or excluded at the last-known address described for the owners in the real estate records of the county in which the property is located.
 - 12.5.2 Such notice shall describe the property to be included or excluded, shall specify the date, time, and place at which the PPRTA Board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed inclusion or exclusion, and shall state that persons objecting to the inclusion or exclusion may appear at the public hearing to object to the proposed inclusion or exclusion. The date of public hearing shall not be less than twenty (20) days after the mailing and publication of the notice.
 - 12.5.3 The PPRTA Board shall, on the date and at the time specified, hear all objections to the proposed inclusion or exclusion.
 - 12.5.4 The PPRTA Board may adopt a resolution including or excluding the described property upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the PPRTA Directors, and such inclusion or exclusion shall be effective upon passage of the resolution. The PPRTA Board shall file the resolution with the Director of the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government.
 - 12.5.5 The PPRTA Board may adjust the territory of the Authority as listed in this Section 8 following approval under this Section as a ministerial act, and such act shall not constitute an amendment of this Agreement under Section 11.
- 12.6 Inclusion or exclusion of parties and territory shall be effective on January 1 of the year following the filing of a resolution required by Section 12.5.4 of this Agreement.

WITNESS the signatures of the authorized representatives to the Parties to this Agreement, as set forth below:

EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Chuck Brown, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Date:_____

Lionel Rivera, Mayor
City Council
Date:_____

CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS

TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS

Marcy Morrison, Mayor
City Council
Date:_____

Tyler S.C. Stevens, Mayor
Town Council
Date:_____

ATTESTED TO:

El Paso County Clerk and Recorder

Colorado Springs City Clerk

Manitou Springs City Clerk

Green Mountain Falls Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

El Paso County Attorney

Colorado Springs City Attorney

Manitou Springs City Attorney

Green Mountain Falls Town Attorney

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2004 (ESTIMATED)	\$	0.00
2003 (ACTUAL)	\$	0.00
2002 (ACTUAL)	\$	0.00
2001 (ACTUAL)	\$	0.00
2000 (ACTUAL)	\$	0.00

**EL PASO COUNTY
QUESTION 1A (cont)**

Fiscal Year Spending Information (cont):

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:		0.0%
Overall dollar amount of change:	\$	0.00
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2005:	\$	70,000,000.00
Estimated 2005 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$	0.00

Summary of written comments for the proposal:

The transportation authority created will be held accountable by an appointed citizens' oversight committee and undergo an independent audit every year.

The unpaid governance board consists of Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, and El Paso County officials. They are prohibited from moving this money to the general fund or other areas. Administrative expenses are limited by law.

The funds generated will be in addition to current levels of transportation funding.

A specific project list has been identified and the money can only be spent on the construction, maintenance and service outlined in the ballot language.

55% of the funds are designated for roadway capital improvements, including safety projects. This portion would sunset after 10 years.

35% of the funds are earmarked for maintenance of existing roads and bridges and 10% will be used to improve transit services.

This measure will help reduce emergency response times.

Colorado Springs has experienced an increase in traffic accidents, traffic congestion, red light running, road rage and unsafe intersections. These improvements and repairs will make our roads safer.

This measure will provide revenue to replace and repair designated failing bridges to make them safer.

If we don't fix the problem, within 10 years at least 10 major roadways will be at failure rate; the cost to repair them then will be greater.

This will enhance East-West mobility by expanding or improving critical roadways.

This measure will alleviate our traffic congestion problems by making improvements to designated roadways and synchronizing traffic lights.

This measure will improve the local bus service by making it more accessible to all residents, adding express routes to work centers and extending hours to better serve students, employees, and seniors. This will reduce traffic congestion.

Employers rate traffic as the biggest problem. Traffic congestion has a significant negative impact on the economy, as employers choose other cities with better transportation and transit infrastructure.

Only 1/10th of the revenue is for transit, but it will have a big impact on reducing congestion.

Over the past 13 years, more than \$300 million in capital improvements funding was lost through the dissolution of the capital improvement tax.

Delaying the needed repairs and maintenance will only increase costs in the future.

If we don't increase preventive and necessary maintenance, our infrastructure will continue to worsen and experience catastrophic failures which will result in road closures and injuries.

The RTA will improve mobility of many citizens. It is needed now and is a good compromise that is far better than maintaining the status quo.

It is rare in this community for the various political parties to agree on a tax increase. This ballot initiative has almost unanimous support.

We are a growing and sprawling community which requires new and expanded roads to accommodate the increased number of cars to serve the new neighborhoods that weren't designed to be efficiently served by mass transit.

A one percent sales tax places some burden on tourists which is a good thing.

The RTA is the right thing right now.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

1A is the largest tax increase in county history. 1A costs over ONE BILLION DOLLARS in the first ten years alone, and continues FOREVER. Vote NO 1A

1A imposes another layer of unaccountable government FOREVER. We don't elect and can't recall RTA directors. Waste? Fraud? Scandals? Taxpayers will be helpless.

First-year cost for average family of four? \$400. Roads are not "extras." Governments get enough now. Basics should come first. Politicians starve infrastructure. Demand better budget priorities.

The ballot shows no price tags for projects, no priority ranking within groups, no completion deadlines.

1A allows current road funds to be spent on other programs (meaning no added road repairs).

**EL PASO COUNTY
QUESTION 1A (cont)**

Summary of written comments against the proposal (cont):

Empty local buses lose \$6 million yearly now --under 1A, \$13 million. They'll end up with 22+% of our taxes forever. Higher losses won't increase riders, reduce traffic.

1A means another layer of government, a 100% increase in the countywide sales tax, a blank check forever, vague promises, more empty buses. If you oppose any of this, vote "NO."

1A allows unlimited COPs without voter approval. Politicians will borrow billions in bankrupting burdens if they get this revenue windfall.

Two towns with 900 and 5,000 people get one director each, plus first-tier projects. The county's 560,000 and city's 370,000 get only three directors each. Offering unequal voting and pet projects to buy political support is bad policy. Four other towns opted out.

RTA can use our taxes to build toll roads, then charge drivers again to use those roads! RTA can lien your property without your consent using special improvement districts, and annex property without owner consent or even elections to raise taxes.

These scams will continue until citizens shout "NO" to public taxation for private profit.

This RTA proposal puts an undue share of the burden of transportation network improvements on current residents. New developments have been under-assessed for off-site impacts on our transportation network.

Long-term resolution of traffic congestion and other transportation problems depends on adopting fair and prudent cost-sharing for growth impacts, combined with responsible planning and auditing for true costs of expansion.

If we fix the congestion problem, more employers will want to move here and that will just make our growth problem worse. It should be defeated.

There is too little of the money going to mass transit.

We should be discouraging people from driving rather than encouraging them. As the roads are more congested, people will move closer to their jobs, travel less, and when they do, they will be more likely to walk or use a bicycle.

Instead of funding more road projects so that more people drive and pollution is increased, we should begin building a light rail system throughout the city.

The city and county should be spending much more money encouraging people to use the bus and carpool.

This measure will not make our roads safer. Congestion may cause more fender benders, but it reduces the number of high speed accidents.

Remember, RTA means "Raise Taxes Again." Vote NO on 1A.

**EL PASO COUNTY
QUESTION 1B**

Designated Election Official:

Robert C. "Bob" Balink
El Paso County Clerk & Recorder
200 South Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719) 520-6222

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND REVENUE
EL PASO COUNTY
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 1B

WITHOUT ANY NEW TAXES OR INCREASED TAXES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, SHALL THE EL PASO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES RECEIVED IN THE YEAR 2004, AND THEREAFTER, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO COLORADO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE X, SECTION 20?

Summary of written comments for the proposal:

THIS QUESTION IS NOT A TAX INCREASE and the Health Department is not a taxing entity on its own. 1B will allow the Health Department to pursue funds from grants, contracts, and other sources other than taxes. Voting YES on Question 1B will not cost taxpayers any additional money or decrease any future tax refunds.

Passage of 1B would remove the cap on revenue, but leave ALL OTHER TABOR PROVISIONS IN PLACE, including election provisions requiring voter approval on any other proposed changes.

Recent cuts at the state and county levels have significantly reduced the dollars available for local public health protection programs. Consequently, the TABOR revenue cap has been lowered significantly. The Health Department is operating with a smaller budget than several years ago, despite rapid local growth and

**EL PASO COUNTY
QUESTION 1B (cont)**

Summary of written comments for the proposal (cont):

significant outbreaks of West Nile, influenza, and the looming threats of bioterrorism, SARS, a re-emergence of tuberculosis. Under the current restrictions, there is no room for the Department to recover resources.

- For example, if state public health dollars were to be restored to El Paso County, our community would not be able to accept the full amount because of the lowered cap.
- Another example is the funding already allocated to Colorado for bioterrorism prevention/ response or other new/emerging threats. These funds could not be fully accepted in El Paso County and the money would go to OTHER counties despite the need and the number of citizens in El Paso County.
- If we do experience a public health crisis like bioterrorism or SARS, the Health Department may have to CHOOSE between fully addressing the crisis and maintaining essential core services - services all citizens of El Paso County depend upon. Our community should not have to go without any essential services.

This question is not a tax increase. In fact, local tax support for the Health Department is projected to DECREASE. In 2004, the Health Department will spend 6.7 cents per day per person in El Paso County. Only 2.2 cents – about a third - are from local taxes. With or without passage of 1B, the County share will decrease in 2005 to 2.1 cents per day per person.

The annual Health Department budget is very lean when compared to other communities our size (500,000+ residents). El Paso County rates in the BOTTOM 25th percentile for public health funding and is operating with HALF the number of full time employees when compared to the national median. No one else in the community does this type of work. Removal of this revenue cap is a necessary step to sustain the Department and protect the health of our public.

1B is not a license for the Health Department to rapidly increase spending, and the Department itself cannot raise taxes. Most service fees are regulated by the State of Colorado. Grant and contract funds are designated for very specific purposes that must address targeted community needs.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

1B is the third time in four years the county has tried to rewrite the TABOR limits on government spending. The two prior schemes lost in landslides. So did the city's ballot issue. You can't amend the state constitution in a local vote. 1B is the last grasp for unlimited spending before reform commissioners take over and set better budget priorities. Reject this emotionally-deceptive money grab. Protect your family's right to future tax relief. Vote "NO" on 1B.

The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights provides a generous formula for automatic increases--inflation plus local growth. County budgets have more than doubled since TABOR passed. They are now over \$240 million. That's fast enough!

The county now gives the health department over \$3 million yearly of its \$10.5 million budget. If 1B passes, commissioners will divert that \$3 million to spend on non-health programs, telling the health department to seek other taxpayer money. (It's ALL taxpayer money.) That is a shell game. 1B will not increase spending on health programs, but free up current health department revenue to be diverted to political pet projects you may dislike.

"Health" is the perfect excuse for welfare state nannies. If Big Brother is responsible for our health, that becomes government's excuse to control our behavior.

Don't give one department special protection. 1B means reduced spending on roads, jails, sheriff patrols, parks, and all other programs of general benefit.

If the county collects excess revenue, it must either refund it or ask us to let them keep the excess. Last time the county asked, we said "NO" and got an \$8 million tax refund – helpful to the local economy. The county still got its annual spending increase. Everyone benefits from TABOR spending limits, which passed here with 68% voter approval.

1B lasts FOREVER. We can never change our mind. The county should ask us yearly if we want to allow yearly revenue to exceed limits. That's the only way to keep them financially accountable. Instead, 1B takes away our right to vote on finances FOREVER.

1B is too vague. It does not describe any projects.

The state and city are refunding excess revenue; why can't the county? We get tax refunds only by voting "NO." The county will pay us to vote "NO."

Why not ask for a specific amount for a specific purpose for one year? TABOR requires listing a "dollar amount" of increased revenue requested. 1B has no amount. TABOR is not by "local option;" it can be amended only by voters statewide. Why risk a lawsuit at taxpayer expense, as the city recently lost with the open space ballot issue?

1B will let government raise health fees without limit. Without revenue limits, watch abuses of fees, licenses, permits, and fines skyrocket.

Reject unlimited spending without accountability to taxpayers. Make the county live on a budget, not a blank check. Demand your tax refund. Vote "NO" on 1B.

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN
QUESTION 2A**

Designated Election Official:
Sharon G. Mosley
City Clerk
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Fountain, CO 80817
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO
INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE
CITY OF FOUNTAIN
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 2A

SHALL CITY OF FOUNTAIN DEBT BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600,000, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF \$8,000,000, AND SHALL CITY OF FOUNTAIN TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,047,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY; SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS ISSUED SOLELY FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
 - AQUATICS CENTER/SWIMMING POOL
 - FITNESS CENTER
 - GYMNASIUM FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AEROBICS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES
 - FAMILY, YOUTH AND SENIOR MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS
- PAYING ALL NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL COSTS RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
 - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE EXERCISE AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES
 - THE FUNDING OF A BOND RESERVE FUND AND COSTS OF ISSUING THE BONDS

SUCH BONDS TO BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIMES, AND AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE;

SUCH TAX TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 5.06 OF THE FOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE AND TO CONSIST OF A RATE INCREASE IN THE CITY-WIDE SALES TAX OF 0.70% (SEVENTY ONE-HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT, WHICH REPRESENTS SEVEN CENTS ON EACH TEN DOLLAR PURCHASE AS SHOWN IN THE TAX SCHEDULE AT THE END OF THIS BALLOT ISSUE) BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005, WITH A REDUCTION OF SUCH TAX TO 0.50% (FIFTY ONE-HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT, WHICH REPRESENTS FIVE CENTS ON EACH TEN DOLLAR PURCHASE) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 OR SUCH LOWER RATE AS THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE AFTER SUCH DATE, TO BE USED SOLELY TO PAY THE FOLLOWING:

- COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER DESCRIBED ABOVE
- PAYING DEBT SERVICE ON THE SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS DESCRIBED ABOVE
- PAYING ALL NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL COSTS RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE EXERCISE AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES, AND REPAIRS, RENEWALS, REPLACEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS THEREOF, AND THE FUNDING OF RESERVES THEREFOR; AND
- CONSTRUCTION OR UPGRADES TO CITY OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES; AND SHALL ALL TAX REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE SALES TAX AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND FROM ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

TAX SCHEDULE		
TOTAL SALES		
FROM	TO	TAX
0.01	0.71	0.00
0.72	2.14	0.01
2.15	3.57	0.02
3.58	4.99	0.03
5.00	6.42	0.04
6.43	7.85	0.05
7.86	9.28	0.06
9.29	10.71	0.07
10.72	12.14	0.08
12.15	13.57	0.09
13.58	14.99	0.10
15.00	16.42	0.11
16.43	17.85	0.12
17.86	19.28	0.13
19.29	20.71	0.14
20.72	22.14	0.15
22.15	23.57	0.16
23.58	24.99	0.17
25.00	26.42	0.18
26.43	27.85	0.19
27.86	29.28	0.20
29.29	30.71	0.21
30.72	32.14	0.22
32.15	33.57	0.23
33.58	34.99	0.24

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN
QUESTION 2A (cont)**

Tax Schedule (cont):

TOTAL SALES		
FROM	TO	TAX
35.00	36.42	0.25
36.43	37.85	0.26
37.86	39.28	0.27
39.29	40.71	0.28
40.72	42.14	0.29
42.15	43.57	0.30
43.58	44.99	0.31
45.00	46.42	0.32
46.43	47.85	0.33
47.86	49.28	0.34
49.29	50.71	0.35
50.72	52.14	0.36
52.15	53.57	0.37
53.58	54.99	0.38
55.00	56.42	0.39
56.43	57.85	0.40
57.86	59.28	0.41
59.29	60.71	0.42
60.72	62.14	0.43
62.15	63.57	0.44
63.58	64.99	0.45
65.00	66.42	0.46
66.43	67.85	0.47
67.86	69.28	0.48
69.29	70.71	0.49
70.72	72.14	0.50
72.15	73.57	0.51
73.58	74.99	0.52
75.00	76.42	0.53
76.43	77.85	0.54
77.86	79.28	0.55
79.29	80.71	0.56
80.72	82.14	0.57
82.15	83.57	0.58
83.58	84.99	0.59
85.00	86.42	0.60
86.43	87.85	0.61
87.86	89.28	0.62
89.29	90.71	0.63
90.72	92.14	0.64
92.15	93.57	0.65
93.58	94.99	0.66
95.00	96.42	0.67
96.43	97.85	0.68
97.86	99.28	0.69
99.29	100.00	0.70
0.00		

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

2004 (ESTIMATED)	\$	8,314,473
2003 (ACTUAL)	\$	8,341,377
2002 (ACTUAL)	\$	7,553,763
2001 (ACTUAL)	\$	7,306,614
2000 (ACTUAL)	\$	6,588,157
Overall percentage change from 2000-2004		26.20%
Overall dollar amount change from 2000-2004	\$	1,726,316
2005 fiscal year spending without tax increase	\$	8,940,000
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2005	\$	1,047,000

Information on Current Bonded Debt

Principal Amount:	\$	0
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$	0
Total repayment cost:	\$	0

Information on Proposed Bonded Debt

Principal amount:	\$	4,600,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$	398,600
Total Repayment Cost:	\$	8,000,000

Summary of written comments for the proposal:

PLEASE VOTE YES ON 2A!

We live in a special community with a truly unique quality of life. We are proud of our community...our homes, facilities and public spaces and how they all define our neighborhoods and our commitment to each other.

Our recreational facilities provide community health and wellness programs for thousands of our citizens. But it's not just population growth that has put pressure on our facilities, it's the ever-increasing participation by our residents and their increasing need to improve their overall quality of life. We are part of an active community, and you deserve a community recreation center that meets your needs. And that's what YES on 2A will provide to our community.

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN
QUESTION 2A (cont)**

Summary of written comments for the proposal (cont):

The city of Fountain has not asked for any new tax for over 10 years and we have not increased any of our current taxes for longer than that. In order to lessen the tax burden on our citizens we chose to increase the city-wide sales tax 0.70% which represents just 7 cents on a \$10 purchase. This method of financing allows a portion of the tax burden to be shouldered by non-residents and tourists.

YES ON 2A - CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW RECREATION CENTER

YES on 2A will provide our community a much-needed \$4 million facility.

YES on 2A will provide our community with:

- A 19,000 square foot community recreation center
- A new multi-use aquatics center and swimming pool
- Senior aquatic programs in the warm water therapy pool
- A new gym for basketball, volleyball, aerobics and community activities
- A run/walking track for aerobic exercise
- Multipurpose rooms for senior, family and youth activities

Best of all, because of the funding mechanism we have chosen, we can realize this new recreation center at a very modest cost. At just 7 cents on a \$10 purchase, most of us will pay less than the cost of one candy bar a month... and we'll cut down on cholesterol and fat in our diet!

Let's keep our high quality of life in the Fountain Community--Vote YES on 2A.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

PLEASE VOTE NO ON 2A!

This November the citizens of Fountain will be asked to support an increase to the sales tax of 0.7% to support a debt of 4.6 million dollars with a pay back of 8 million dollars. That is rounded up to one cent on every dollar. This 0.7% increase will decrease to 0.5% in the year 2026 and remain in effect forever. This one is pretty easy to define. City administration waits until the last minute to bring up an issue that deserves coordination and debate and four council members buy it hook, line and sinker! This unnecessary increase in sales tax will not only create an additional stress on our local economy and merchants but will add extra costs to those who use their services. Each year we say "NO" to tax increases and each year they come back to ask for more. This time they want to build a recreation center. This idea is appealing and I would probably join. Let's see how well they planned for this one. Is there a plan for the building, a detailed cost, an address, who will run the center, when it will be built. No. Do we know who will pay for the building. Yes. You. Will there be a fee to use the building, even though our tax dollars paid for it. Yes. You will need to join a nonprofit health club and pay dues or pay a fee in addition to the tax. Will School District 8 and other nonprofit health facilities participate. We don't know, they are still talking to them. There is a little paragraph that says this tax is not subject to TABOR limits which means the sky is the limit and they never have to give back a penny, no matter how much they collect. The problem with tax increase funding is that it places the burden of the cost on the shoulders of people who will never use the facility. It has become an issue of whether the money will finance the recreation of a few. I do not believe this ballot issue is fair. Let's talk to private health clubs about coming down here and keep our city government out of the recreation center business.

Please vote NO on 2A!

**LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
QUESTIONS 3A-3D**

Designated Election Official:

Joanne V. Jensen
Lewis-Palmer School District 38
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Monument, CO 80132
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON REFERRED MEASURE
LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 3A

SHALL THE LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$310,000 BY THE IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED ONE (1.0) MILL IN THE 2005 TAX COLLECTION YEAR AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH AND INCLUDING TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2014, BY THE IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED ONE (1.0) MILL FOR THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS OF MONUMENT ACADEMY, A CHARTER SCHOOL WITHIN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LAND ACQUISITION, BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, INCIDENTAL AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER COSTS NECESSARY FOR OCCUPANCY BY PUPILS TO BE ENROLLED IN MONUMENT ACADEMY; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER

**LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
QUESTIONS 3A-3D (cont)**

Question: 3A (cont)

APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 3B

SHALL LEWIS-PALMER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 TAXES BE INCREASED \$750,000 ANNUALLY (THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE COLLECTED IN ANY YEAR ABOVE AMOUNTS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO BE COLLECTED) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF:

- OPERATING AND MAINTAINING A SECOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR 800 STUDENTS IF BALLOT ISSUE 3C IS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004, ELECTION;

AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 3C

SHALL LEWIS-PALMER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 DEBT BE INCREASED \$33,500,000 WITH A REPAYMENT OF \$67,477,125 AND SHALL THE DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$2,994,937 ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT; SUCH DEBT AND TAXES TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING OR FURNISHING A SECOND HIGH SCHOOL TO EDUCATE 800 STUDENTS IF BALLOT ISSUE 3B IS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004, ELECTION; AND
- RENOVATING AND ENHANCING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT); SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BEARING INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.5%; 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 MORE THAN THREE PERCENT; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 3D

SHALL LEWIS-PALMER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 DEBT BE INCREASED \$29,795,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$60,375,825 AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$2,678,000 ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT; SUCH DEBT TO BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, OR FURNISHING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AS FOLLOWS:

- ESTABLISHING A NINTH GRADE CENTER AND RENOVATING AND ENHANCING THE CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS TO EDUCATE 800 ADDITIONAL STUDENTS;
- RENOVATING AND ENHANCING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES; AND
- RENOVATING AND ENHANCING PARKING LOTS AND THE COMMONS AREA AT THE EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT); SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BEARING INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.5%; 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 MORE THAN THREE PERCENT; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

**LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
QUESTIONS 3A-3D (cont)**

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>		
2004-05 (estimated)	\$	50,227,770
2003-04 (actual)	\$	43,468,819
2002-03 (actual)	\$	36,509,397
2001-02 (actual)	\$	33,870,247
2000-01 (actual)	\$	30,461,315

Overall percentage change from 2000-01 to 2004-05 65%

Overall dollar change from 2000-01 to 2004-05 \$ 19,766,456

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2005-06 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3A:	\$	310,000
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3B: (BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 2007-08)	\$	750,000
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3C:	\$	2,994,937
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3D:	\$	2,678,000
District Estimate of 2005-06 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$	54,245,993

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3C:		
Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$	33,500,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	2,994,937
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	67,477,125
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3D:		
Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$	29,795,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	2,678,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	60,375,825

Information on District's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$	40,474,980
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$	4,847,093
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$	62,481,661

*Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3A:

The Monument Academy has a large number of students from outside of District 38. I believe that our first responsibility is to educate the students residing in the District. I do not support the question to use property taxes from District 38 to build facilities for out of district students. If 3A were to pass, out of district parents would not pay taxes for their students' school facilities. District 38 patrons would pick up this additional tax burden. A \$310,000 yearly property tax increase for 10 years will cost taxpayers \$3.1 million. D-38 certainly won't drag out the building process for 10 years, so they are likely to issue debt (COPs) without voter approval to build the school. This is the same device the county used to build the jail and courthouse after voters rejected that debt. That scheme triggered recalls against two county commissioners involved. Use of COPs here means D-38 taxpayers will be in debt without their permission, and about half the money will be wasted on interest, which builds nothing. The district has a huge budget. It doesn't need a special tax increase to provide this token amount of parental choice of schools. School buildings are not "extras." The basics should come first. D-38 intentionally isolated this charter school and did not accept financial responsibility for it in the D-38 budget. Voters should not reward that cynical budget starvation and ballot isolation of D-38's one charter school. Read the detailed arguments against issue 3-C, another property tax increase, and decide which apply here to help you decide to vote No on 3-A.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3B:

The increased operating costs of \$750,000 per year are permanent. As a result, the mill levy override is required to fund the operation of the second high school. We will pay an additional \$750,000 every year. Why would we knowingly agree to increase our taxes and diminish educational programs and opportunities for the children of District 38? That is the outcome to expect with the passage of 3B and 3C. It is one thing to build the building (3C) and another to agree to a tax increase of \$750,000 every year (3B). This is a fiscally irresponsible choice that would be mandated for all taxpayers if passed. The \$148 annual tax increase for a house valued at \$272,000 will be \$52 higher for the second high school bond plus mill levy increase than that

**LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
QUESTIONS 3A-3D (cont)**

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3B (cont):

of the Freshmen Learning Center. To vote for a bond and mill levy increase for a second high school would unnecessarily burden all taxpayers and possibly lead to more difficulty in raising funds for continued district growth in the future. Families who prefer the choice of one larger school would still be required to pay for a second school. Families who desire their students to attend a smaller school have that option available through Monument Charter Academy.

We have no way to petition to remove it. Read it carefully. It is vague. If you oppose 3-C, you must oppose 3-B, which is tied to 3-C. What if 3-C doesn't pass? Study D-38's five-year spending history. Has your income risen that fast? They also now get money from Amendment 23, which takes away over \$330 million in our state tax refunds each year forever. What about past tax hikes? Isn't that all enough? We won't get school reform by rewarding the status quo. Only a "NO" vote will force change—merit pay for good teachers, ending tenure to remove bad ones, more choice, less bureaucracy, higher standards, fewer dropouts, higher test scores, etc. Throwing bonuses at overpaid administrators will not improve education. What about wasteful use of existing tax revenue? Over 80% of the budget goes for salaries; how do pay raises improve learning? Are you sure this is a good cause for raising taxes? Even so, is there other school spending you dislike? If so, voting "NO" is the only way to force them to change budget priorities. District 38 should focus on academics, not empire building. What counts is increased learning, not expanding bureaucracies. Their revenue grows automatically every year by inflation plus student enrollment. Why should it grow faster than that? Schools need to live on a budget, not a blank check. We must make the hard choices school boards won't. Raising taxes will further hurt our fragile economy. Is this form of tax fair? Property taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, particularly senior citizens. Colorado has the 6th highest local taxes and 2nd highest local sales taxes. Isn't that enough? Vote NO on 3-B.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3C:

Class offerings in District 38 are student-driven. Classes cannot be scheduled unless there are enough students in the classroom. A high school with a population of 800 students or less will not be able to provide the same offerings as LPHS. Reducing the population at LPHS may result in fewer class offerings. Capacity and sound educational programs need to be the focus of the decision. The second high school will have boundaries. Students living within the boundaries would attend a high school that would offer fewer class electives, few sports offerings, and fewer extracurricular offerings than LPHS. There would be less of a demand for homes within the boundaries of the second high school. This would lower property values. LPHS is a focal point for the community and defines the area academically. Two high schools will divide that focus and may even divide the community. The funds that will be needed for a new elementary school in the Jackson Creek area of the district will not likely be available in the near future if this option is passed. This is an option designed for districts with low performing or failing schools. LP is neither of these. To split into two smaller schools would result in lower academic quality, fewer course offerings that the best colleges and universities look for when comparing LP students to others, and longer trips for extracurricular activities to far sections of the state. Athletic competitions would shift from schools in the Academy, Colorado Springs, and Cheyenne Mountain school districts to those in La Junta, Lamar, and Buena Vista. In 2003, Lewis-Palmer School District 11th graders had the second highest composite ACT scores in the state. Splitting the quality of academic offerings and quality of teachers between two schools in LP would reduce test scores in at least one of the schools as can be seen in other high performing districts in which one school may perform well, while the others pull down the average for all others in the district.

This is a \$67.5 million tax increase, the largest in district history. \$34 million borrowed pays interest, and builds nothing. Isn't there enough government debt now? Let's pay-as-we-go and stop passing the bills to our children and grandchildren. The issue is what goes on in the classroom, not how pretty buildings are outside. 3-C does nothing to raise test scores or lower dropout rates. If 80% of budgets didn't go for salaries schools could set aside money for building repair and replacement, and save the interest cost. 3-C focuses on finances, not academics. It's not really "for the children," but for building contractors. People may accept a debt, but not a tax hike, or vice versa. Why can't we decide them separately? This debt includes bond dealer profits. We pay interest on that, too, which is tax-free income to rich investors buying bonds you repay with your hard-earned money. Property taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, like seniors and low-income citizens. Say "NO" to 3-C.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3D:

Educational and capacity needs are met in 3D. LPHS is a top performing school. Research suggests that students from affluent areas perform better academically in larger schools. As the student population at LPHS has grown, our kids have soared with increased opportunities in academics, activities, the arts and athletics. Additional space at LPHS and the ninth grade center will allow District 38 to continue and improve the already excellent status of high school education. This will maintain and enhance the reputation of the district. As a result, property values in this area will continue to improve. An increased student population at LPHS means that there will be more opportunities for academic and extracurricular offerings for students. This could include additional AP classes, more language offerings, and other academic electives. There would be more sports, both interscholastic and intramural. A district of LP's size and academic quality with no boundaries at the high school level is a significant benefit that few other districts in the state enjoy. There have been enough comments about disparities between the two middle schools in the district to indicate that competition or an "us versus them" attitude will likely occur in students of high school age and their parents. In a district of our size, the opening of a second school would create an ongoing level of competition that would provide no benefit, but many costs to our community. A split of the district would impact the current cohesiveness that exists. Having two schools would mean high school boundary lines that would require students living close to LPHS to travel much farther to a new school. The drawing of boundaries is one of the most emotionally-charged changes that a school

**LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
QUESTIONS 3A-3D (cont)**

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3D (cont):

district is required to make. To do this at the high school level with the resulting separation of friends and teammates, combined with the frustrations and misunderstandings this change could entail, is not offset by the perceived benefits of a second school.

The Ninth Grade Center will allow staff to focus on freshmen during the critical transition from middle school to high school. One of the most challenging transitions in a child's life is the one between middle school and high school. This is a period of both opportunity and anxiety. It is crucial to students' success that this transition go smoothly. The Ninth Grade Center structurally aligns with the Professional Learning Community concept to provide many benefits to ensure a smooth transition. It provides the highest quality of educational, athletic, fine arts, and social activities available to all students in the district – not simply those at one of two schools, as would likely be the case for many years as a second school developed its programs. While the Center provides specialized attention to students' needs, it also provides contact with the total high school environment. The additional facility at the high school will cost less to construct and operate than a second high school. It is a better value for taxpayers. YES on 3D.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3D:

This is a \$60 million tax increase, the largest in district history. Half that \$60 million borrowed pays interest, and builds nothing. Isn't there enough government debt now? Let's pay-as-we-go and stop passing the bills to our children and grandchildren with deficit spending. The issue is what goes on in the classroom, not how pretty buildings are outside. 3-D does nothing to raise test scores or lower dropout rates. If 80% of budgets didn't go for salaries, schools could set aside money for building repair and replacement, and save the interest cost. Buildings are not "extra," but part of a basic budget. Doesn't \$60 million to build an "add-on" to a school, plus some parking lots and ball fields, sound gold-plated? It's outrageous! The D-38 board is so indecisive that the local paper reported it couldn't decide what it wanted most, so it threw its entire wish list on the ballot. This action proves they can't set budget priorities. It makes no sense to vote for 3-B, 3-C, and 3-D; they are merely overlapping ideas. All three are not needed. The board even admitted it wouldn't know what to do if all three passed! It does make sense to vote against all three and send D-38 back to the drawing board to draft a clear proposal. 3-D focuses on finances, not academics. We need education reform—higher standards, merit pay for good teachers, ending tenure (to remove bad ones), more choice and creativity, parental control, a return to basics, and less bureaucracy. This just throws more money at schools. It's not really "for the children," but for building contractors. Needing money "now" shows bad planning we should not reward. People may accept a debt, but not a tax hike, or vice versa. Why can't we decide them separately? Study the government's 5-year spending history. It shows no "budget cuts." Has your income gone up that fast? Why can't that increase be used instead of taxes and debt? Is this an urgent need to put children into debt? Even so, is there some other school spending you dislike? Voting "NO" is the only way to make budget priorities change. Is their repayment method fair? Property taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, like seniors and low-income citizens. Colorado has the 6th highest overall local taxes in America. Do you want taxes increased "in any year, without limitation of rate or amount," without voting on the increase? If they have neglected buildings, should we reward lack of routine maintenance? It's part of every budget, like your home and business. We need to practice "tough love" to reduce waste and achieve reform. Who can spend your hard-earned money better—you or some bureaucracy? Raising taxes means less to spend on your children. Don't raise taxes. Don't pile more debt on the next generation. Just say "NO" to 3-D.

**COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
QUESTIONS 3F-3G**

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 3F

SHALL COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 DEBT BE INCREASED \$131,700,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$269,931,600, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$10,723,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES AS DESCRIBED IN THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL PLAN, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND AS MONITORED BY THE CITIZEN'S BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, INCLUDING:

- \$50 MILLION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS TO AND REPLACEMENT OF ROOFS, ELECTRICAL, HEATING AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, AND EXTERIORS OF EXISTING BUILDINGS IN ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT;
- \$21 MILLION FOR CORRECTING FIRE SAFETY PROBLEMS, CONVERTING "OPEN-CONCEPT" SPACES TO TRADITIONAL CLASSROOMS AND UPGRADING TELEPHONE LINES TO A DISTRICT OWNED FIBER-OPTIC NETWORK;

**COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
QUESTIONS 3F-3G (cont)**

Question: 3F (cont)

- \$22 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A NEW SOUTHEAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND A CAPACITY EXPANSION ADDITION TO DOHERTY HIGH SCHOOL;
- \$9.4 MILLION FOR UPGRADING SCIENCE ROOMS, ART ROOMS AND AUDITORIUMS;
- PURCHASING, REPAIRING OR IMPROVING BUILDINGS FOR DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND
- PURCHASING BUILDINGS, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, REMODELING, REPAIRING OR MAKING ADDITIONS TO ANY SCHOOL BUILDING, CONSTRUCTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, EQUIPPING OR FURNISHING ANY SCHOOL BUILDING, OR IMPROVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT), SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BEARING INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.5%; 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 3%; AND SHALL THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH BOND PROCEEDS AND TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 3G

SHALL THE MILL LEVY REQUIRED FOR THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON BONDS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 2, 2004, BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MILL LEVY LIMIT CONTAINED IN THE OVERRIDE TAX QUESTION APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	
2004-05 (estimated)	\$ 190,078,488
2003-04 (estimated)	\$ 189,869,631
2002-03 (actual)	\$ 186,740,941
2001-02 (actual)	\$ 182,636,259
2000-01 (actual)	\$ 175,954,489
Overall percentage change from 2000-01 to 2004-05	8.0%
Overall dollar change from 2000-01 to 2004-05	\$ 14,123,999

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2005-06 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3F: \$ 10,723,000

District Estimate of 2005-06 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$ 190,078,488

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3F:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$	131,700,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	10,723,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	269,931,600

Information on District's Current Debt¹

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$ 85,880,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 8,395,621
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$ 148,944,873

¹Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3F:

School District 11 includes over a half-billion dollars worth of facilities and equipment belonging to the taxpayers of the district. Over the last 30 years, the community has approved only one bond to address the maintenance of these buildings, which now average 42 years of age, many with heating, ventilation, plumbing and other systems currently operating long past their warranty life. A facilities condition assessment yielded the following results: 37% of district schools in good condition, 32% in fair condition and 31% of district schools in poor condition.

The District formed a Citizen's Task Force to review its capital needs over the course of a year of study and it unanimously recommended a \$131.7 million bond issue to address these needs. Some of these needs are as follows:

**COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
QUESTIONS 3F-3G (cont)**

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3F (cont):

School Utilization: Two new elementary schools will be built, one in the northeast and one in the southeast to alleviate overcrowding. A 400 student capacity expansion will be added to Doherty High School, and a permanent facility will be purchased for CIVA Charter School.

Capital Renewal: Repairs and improvements will be made to aging systems that have deteriorated beyond efficient or economical use. These include heating, ventilation, plumbing and safety systems throughout our schools.

Capital Improvements: These include modification of "open" school designs to accommodate individual classrooms and increased fire safety, upgrading of science and art facilities and improving technology systems.

The Citizen's Task Force, recognizing the need to be frugal, worked diligently to identify and include the most pressing needs of our schools in the plan, and further recommended the oversight of the Bond implementation by a committee of citizens as well. This model worked particularly well following the passage of the 1996 Bond.

Bonds are the most equitable and cost-effective mechanism for funding these critical repairs and improvements to our schools. The owner of an average priced (\$160,000) District 11 home will pay less that \$53 per year or \$4.40 per month when the Bond is passed. With the passage of the Bond, District 11 taxpayers will still enjoy one of the lowest tax rates among school districts in the Pikes Peak area, and we will have protected the considerable investment we have in our schools.

Vote YES on 3F.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3F:

This \$270 million property tax increase is the largest in D11 history. The \$139 million above \$131 million borrowed is for interest. Isn't there enough government debt now? Let's pay as we go. End "tax and spend." Vote "NO" on 3F.

The issue is what goes on in the classroom, not how pretty buildings are outside. 3F won't raise test scores or lower dropout rates. If 80% of budgets didn't go for salaries, schools could set aside money for building repair and replacement and save \$139 million interest costs.

We need education reform-higher standards, merit pay for good teachers, ending tenure (to remove bad ones), more choice and creativity, parental control, discipline, a return to basics, and less bureaucracy. 3F just throws more money at failing schools.

Needing money "now" shows bad planning we should not reward. People may accept a debt, but not a tax hike, or vice-versa. Why can't we decide them separately?

This debt includes bond dealer profits. We pay interest on that, too-tax-free income to rich investors buying bonds you repay with your hard-earned money.

Study D11's 5-year spending history. It shows no "budget cuts." Has your income gone up that fast? Why can't that increase be used instead of taxes and debt?

Owing 25 years of debt for items that wear out in 5-10 years is irresponsible.

Is there some other school spending you dislike? Too many administrators? Can more services be privatized? Can some assets be sold?

Voting "NO" is the only way to make budget priorities change. There's not enough performance and accountability now. Eight elementary schools are half-empty.

Two-thirds of D11's 6,000 employees are non-teachers; if only half were non-teachers that would save the \$10 million tax hike in 3F. D11 salaries are higher than taxpayer's salaries, despite only 169 days of annual instructions. Some work only 110 days a year yet get full pay. Ten administrators make more money than Colorado's governor-some nearly double.

Why buy 144 buses for only 95 routes?

Adjusting classroom walls to be trendy is not worth millions.

Is D11's repayment method fair? Property taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, like seniors and low-income citizens. Colorado has the 6th highest overall local taxes in America. Do you want property taxes increased "in any year, without limitation of rate or amount," without voting on that increase?

D11 has neglected buildings; why reward lack of routine maintenance? It's part of every budget, like your home and business. Basics should not cost extra. Let's practice "tough love" to reduce waste and achieve reform.

\$24 million for "technology?" Are you surprised two school board members publicly oppose 3F?

Who can spend your hard-earned money better, you or some bureaucracy? Raising taxes means less money to spend on your children.

Don't raise taxes. Don't pile more debt on the next generation. Don't reward waste. Just say "NO" on 3F. "F" stands for failure.

See www.RaiseTaxesAgain.com.

**COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
QUESTIONS 3F-3G (cont)**

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3G:

Issue 3G is not a tax increase but a means to allow School District 11 to exempt the bond from the mill levy cap approved by voters in 2000. This will NOT lift the cap for anything other than the current Bond projects. The cap needs to be lifted in order for the Bonds to be issued and the 2004 Capital Plan to be implemented.

School District 11 includes over a half-billion dollars worth of facilities and equipment belonging to the taxpayers of the district. Over the last 30 years, the community has approved only one bond to address the maintenance of these buildings, which now average 42 years of age, many with heating, ventilation, plumbing and other systems currently operating long past their warranty life. A facilities condition assessment yielded the following results: 37% of district schools in good condition, 32% in fair condition and 31% of district schools in poor condition.

The District formed a Citizen's Task Force to review its capital needs over the course of a year of study and it unanimously recommended a \$131.7 million bond issue to address these needs. Some of these needs are as follows:

School Utilization: Two new elementary schools will be built, one in the northeast and one in the southeast to alleviate overcrowding. A 400 student capacity expansion will be added to Doherty High School, and a permanent facility will be purchased for CIVA Charter School.

Capital Renewal: Repairs and improvements will be made to aging systems that have deteriorated beyond efficient or economical use. These include heating, ventilation, plumbing and safety systems throughout our schools.

Capital Improvements: These include modification of "open" school designs to accommodate individual classrooms and increased fire safety, upgrading of science and art facilities and improving technology systems.

The Citizen's Task Force, recognizing the need to be frugal, worked diligently to identify and include the most pressing needs of our schools in the plan, and further recommended the oversight of the Bond implementation by a committee of citizens as well. This model worked particularly well following the passage of the 1996 Bond.

Bonds are the most equitable and cost-effective mechanism for funding these critical repairs and improvements to our schools. The owner of an average priced (\$160,000) District 11 home will pay less that \$53 per year of \$4.40 per month when the Bond is passed. With the passage of the Bond, District 11 taxpayers will still enjoy one of the lowest tax rates among school districts in the Pikes Peak area, and we will have protected the considerable investment we have in our schools.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3G:

3G shows how lacking in fiscal discipline D11 is. Voters generously approved a huge property tax increase for D11 in 2000, in exchange for specific limits on future property tax rates. Now, D11 wants to keep the money, but bust the limits! They want to change the rules in the middle of the tax increase! Don't trust D11 again. Vote "NO" on 3G. "G" stands for "greed."

We need education reform-higher standards, merit pay for good teachers, ending tenure (to remove bad ones), more choice and creativity, parental control, discipline, a return to basics and less bureaucracy. 3G encourages throwing more money at failing schools. It diverts our attention from academics to economics. So long as D11 dwells on unlimited taxes for beautiful buildings, it will not educate children satisfactorily.

3G shows D11 money demands are not "for the children." D11 bureaucrats conned voters in 2000 by promising to be responsible with our money. They implied the 2000 increase was enough. Now they're back for more, proving they will never be satisfied, no matter how much we give them. They want voters in 2004 to say the same the same voters in 2000 were wrong to require limits. Well, limits on government are good. The best definition of freedom is limited government. D11 pleads with us to return to the bad old days of tax and spend, without limits on their access to our money. Tell them "No way!" Vote "NO" on 3G.

For more information, call 550-0010 or email taxcutter@msn.com or visit the website www.RaiseTaxesAgain.com

**FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
QUESTION 3I**

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES
FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
QUESTION 3I (cont)**

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 3I

SHALL FALCON SCHOOLS (SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49) TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$8,500,000 ANNUALLY, PROVIDED THAT THE ANNUAL TAX INCREASE SHALL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE 2004-2005 BUDGET YEAR AND SHALL IN ALL EVENTS TERMINATE AFTER THE 2035-2036 BUDGET YEAR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCOMMODATING GROWTH, RELIEVING OVERCROWDING, AND IMPROVING FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS SUCH AS (TO THE EXTENT FUNDS FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE ARE SUFFICIENT FOR SUCH PURPOSES):

- BUILDING AND EQUIPPING A NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MERIDIAN RANCH DEVELOPMENT
- BUILDING AND EQUIPPING TWO NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: ONE IN THE STETSON AREA AND ONE IN THE CLAREMONT RANCH DEVELOPMENT
- BUILDING AND EQUIPPING A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE INDIGO RANCH DEVELOPMENT
- COMPLETING AND EQUIPPING EVANS, MERIDIAN RANCH AND SPRINGS RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- CONVERSION OF FALCON HIGH SCHOOL TO A MIDDLE SCHOOL
- RENOVATING, EXPANDING, IMPROVING AND/OR CONVERTING SCHOOLS
- REPLACING, UPDATING OR INCREASING TECHNOLOGY FOR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS IN EVERY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT
- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING QUALITY TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF BY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED ABOVE IN EACH SUCH YEAR, 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, AND SHALL A CITIZENS' COMMITTEE REVIEW EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR SUCH PROPOSED PROJECTS AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS ANNUALLY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF EACH INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT; AND SHALL ALL MONIES FROM SUCH LEVY BE SEPARATELY ACCOUNTED FOR WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND, AND SHALL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OF SUCH MONIES BE REVIEWED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BY THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE; AND SHALL THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS THEREON CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT AFFECTING THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO COLLECT AND SPEND OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS, UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Actual Historical and Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2000-2001 (actual)	\$	32,206,930
2001-2002 (actual)	\$	38,301,810
2002-2003 (actual)	\$	42,941,902
2003-2004 (estimated)	\$	50,316,850
2004-2005 (current year estimated)	\$	54,842,912

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2000-2001 through 2004-2005: 70%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2000-2001 through 2004-2005: \$ 22,635,982

Estimated 2004-2005 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$ 54,842,912

Estimated 2004-2005 tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$ 4,487,691

Summary of written comments for the proposal:

Falcon School District 49 is experiencing explosive growth. Over the last nine years, D49 leadership has saved taxpayers millions of dollars through very conservative management of funds, but this Fall 1,100 new students entered our already overcrowded schools. With every school at or over capacity, overcrowding has put 2,400 D49 students in trailers and required the district to put classes in any available space, including cafeteria space. Falcon School District is the fastest growing school district in El Paso County and close to the fastest in Colorado.

To maintain good quality education for our children, we need to attract and retain high quality teachers and support staff; educate more children in classrooms, not trailers; give students the individual attention they deserve and maintain programs like art, music, physical education and athletics. A small portion of the mill levy override dollars will be used for these operational expenses.

Opponents argue that the money will be squandered. This is simply not true. D49 has delivered much more than it promised on bonds passed and has a committee of citizens oversee the expenditures to assure money is spent as promised. All projects from these bonds were completed on or under budget, allowing construction of many additional classrooms.

Even with all this additional effort to save taxpayers' dollars, there is a limit to how far existing funds will stretch, and it is only because other sources for additional schools have been exhausted that the district is now asking the public to help.

While many area districts are able to build schools that will be ready when additional students arrive, Falcon School District 49 already has thousands of students more than its present buildings can hold – and expects 20,000 more students in the next ten years. Without support of this mill levy override, the present crowded conditions will only get rapidly and progressively worse and educational programs will suffer.

**FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
QUESTION 3I (cont)**

Summary of written comments for the proposal (cont):

D49's ONLY means of building additional schools is to use most of this mill levy override's funds for facility construction. Just as you pay both principal and interest on your home, the District will pay interest on the \$77 million of principal it needs for constructing and equipping its schools. The monthly cost per \$100,000 of home value next year will be no more than \$8.50. This will decrease as the cost is spread over Falcon's growing residential and business community.

Because there is no other way to fund additional schools in Falcon School District 49, residents and parents who want to maintain and improve on the present quality of education in D49 schools can only do so by voting "YES" on 3I.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

- This \$8.5 million yearly tax increase lasts at least 32 years. That's \$272 MILLION! It ends "after the 2035-2036 budget year." How long after? 30+ years? Vote NO on 3-I.
- No early termination or tax refund is possible. Citizen reviews and audits are meaningless safeguards. 3-I will cost average homeowners thousands of dollars each.
- The ballot covers "projects such as" a list of eight. No listed project is guaranteed. All money could fund "similar" projects. The last item listed is pay raises, not part of citizen recommendations. Do you want higher taxes to fund \$272 million in pay raises?
- D-49 admits plans to impose debt without voter approval, and in excess of debt ceilings, using COPs like those used in the jail and courthouse scandals. \$272 million in taxes to repay \$77 million in illegal debt? That would provoke lawsuits! In the paper, D-49's finance chief agreed 3-I was "a shame." Don't reward this misconduct.
- Study D-49's five-year spending history. D-49's budget rose 30% over two years. Isn't that enough? Has your income risen that fast?
- We won't get school reform by rewarding the status quo. Only a "NO" vote will force change - - merit pay for good teachers, ending tenure to remove bad ones, more choice in schools, less bureaucracy, higher standards, fewer dropouts, higher test scores, etc.
- What about waste of existing tax revenue? D-49's "general education" program zoomed from \$145,000 to \$1.243 million in two years! Architectural services went from zero to \$100,000 this year! Why are D-49 salaries much higher than for taxpayers (for six hours work 180 days per year)? Over 80% of their budget goes for salaries; do huge pay raises improve learning?
- Are you sure this is a good cause for raising taxes? Even so, is there other school spending you dislike? If so, voting "NO" is the only way to force them to change budget priorities. District 49 should focus on academics, not empire building. What counts is increased learning, not rising salaries, debts, and expanding bureaucracies.
- D-49 revenue grows automatically every year by inflation plus one percent plus student enrollment growth. Why should it grow faster than that? Schools need to live on a budget, not a blank check. This is a gigantic taxpayer subsidy to developers, who aren't paying for growth impacts from their subdivisions.
- D-49 fights parental choice that would allow students to leave its monopoly, then complains about the number of (captive) students it has!
- We must make the hard choices school boards won't. Raising taxes will hurt economic growth of our economy. Property taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, particularly senior citizens. Is this form of taxation fair? Colorado has the 6th highest local taxes and 2nd highest local sales taxes. Isn't that enough?
- Reject increases that lack accountability and proof of performance. Require school reform. Protect your family budget and property values and vote "NO" on issue 3-I.

**BIG SANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTION 4B**

Designated Election Official:

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Chairman
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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE
BIG SANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 4B

IF BIG SANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS ORGANIZED SHALL BIG SANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES, GRANTS, OR ANY OTHER FEE, RATE, TOLL, PENALTY, OR CHARGE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE IMPOSED OR COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER REVENUE, INCOME, OR PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM THE STATE, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY), DURING FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FOR AS LONG AS THE DISTRICT CONTINUES IN EXISTENCE WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW, AS THEY CURRENTLY EXIST OR AS THEY MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE?

**BIG SANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTION 4B (cont)**

Summary of written comments for the proposal:

The *Big Sandy Fire Protection District Steering Committee* is proposing a tax initiative. The district will incorporate the existing *Simla Volunteer Fire Department* and have a response area mirroring the current borders of the *Big Sandy School District*. The committee is requesting a maximum tax levy of eight (8) mills for property owners within the response area.

The goal of the district is to reduce the response time for medical and fire emergency calls within the response area. The levy will provide funds to hire a full-time rescuer to be available during low coverage times.

The district will be able to purchase and maintain more reliable, modern and safer firefighting and emergency medical response equipment. The Fire Department currently has ten (10) firefighting vehicles with an average age of 25 years.

The district will also use this resource to increase staffing, improve training and improve retention of trained rescuers. Currently the average trained rescuer stays in the department for less than five (5) years.

The District is asking for an eight-mill tax increase, which equates out to approximately \$63.00 a year based on a \$100,000.00 (tax assessed value) residence within the proposed district.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

Residents of Elbert county currently pay 28.07 mill compared to Arapahoe County at 15.140, El Paso County at 7.947 or Douglas County at 19.774.

Town of Simla currently pays \$7,000.00 a year for fire protection with tax money. According to the city attorney, this is not a mandated service. In a recent Town Council meeting the council stated that the money comes from the general fund and the Town would not have to lower their mill levy if the fire protection district passed.

The Town of Simla currently has an ISO rating of 7 (1-10 insurance scale 10 being the worst). To notice a difference in your insurance the rating needs to be 6 or lower and factors include the number of volunteers and response time. Calhan has a rating of 6 and it has had its own fire district for 15 years. Forming the new district will not guarantee any reduction in ISO rating.

The economy is not great at this time. Governments are having problems with budget constraints so fees, etc. increase and services decrease. Fuel is up, insurance rates are up and the list goes on and on. Well, businesses and consumers are in that same boat. Income down and expenses are up.

**ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTION 4C**

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/SPENDING
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 4C

SHALL THE ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S TAXES BE RAISED THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY FROM 4.575 MILLS PER \$1,000.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION, TO 7.950 MILLS PER \$1,000.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION (AN INCREASE OF 3.375 MILLS PER \$1,000.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION) UNTIL MODIFIED OR AMENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, SUCH INCREASED AMOUNT TO BE \$60,468.00 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004, AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, (SUCH TAX INCREASE TO BE COLLECTED IN SUCH AMOUNTS NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROPERTY TAX CUT SPECIFIED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS OR AS AMENDED) TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING ANY AND ALL EXPENSES FOR THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION AND AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND RESCUE SERVICES EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION: TRAINING, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, FIRE FIGHTING AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT APPARATUS AND ALL RELATED EXPENSES, WITHOUT LIMITATION; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE IN 2004, AND IN EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Spending	Incr. (Decr.)	%Change
2004 (est.)	119,000	(5,065)	(4.07%)
2003	124,060	25,610	26.01%
2002	98,650	14,820	15.05%
2001	83,630	37,380	80.82%
2000	46,250	(20,820)	31.0%
1999	67,070	21,070	45%

**ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTION 4C (cont)**

Fiscal Year Spending Information (cont):

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:		59%
Overall dollar amount change:	\$	60,468
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2004:	\$	60,468
Estimated 2004 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$	119,000

Summary of written comments for the proposal:

- The Elbert Fire Protection District provides equipment and apparatus and trained volunteers to respond to emergency medical calls and emergency fire calls to those areas in and around the Town of Elbert. The District also provides emergency medical transportation to area hospitals, as well as fire prevention reviews and inspections to the community.
- The growing demand for these services requires an increased tax revenues to maintain the level of training for volunteers and maintain a sufficient level of maintenance on District equipment and apparatus, in order to provide effective assistance to the community for continued safety of private property and assistance to community members for their continuing health and safety.
- Nearly 70% of all District calls are for health-related reasons or responding to injuries in automobile accidents.
- The proposed tax increase is necessary to provide for upgraded training, provide new and improved safety and emergency medical equipment, and provide for operation, maintenance or acquisition of new apparatus, so as to allow for the continued, timely responses of both volunteers and equipment for fire and emergency medical calls, as well as provide timely medical transport of the sick or injured to proper emergency room facilities.
- Increased tax revenues will also be used to cover the costs of inflation for operation and maintenance of radios, trucks, safety equipment and ambulances, since the District has never secured a property tax increase before now.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

- No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**WOODMEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTION 5A**

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES
WOODMEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 5A

SHALL THE WOODMEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$18,972 IN THE 2005 FISCAL YEAR, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM AN INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR OPERATING PURPOSES OF AN ADDITIONAL 2.257 MILLS (INCREASING THE TOTAL TAX LEVY TO 9.050 MILLS); AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND FOR FIRE PROTECTION, AMBULANCE AND RELATED PURPOSES ALL REVENUE COLLECTED FROM SUCH TAX LEVY AND ALL OTHER DISTRICT REVENUE FROM SOURCES NOT EXCLUDED FROM FISCAL YEAR SPENDING AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AND SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S.; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR OPERATING PURPOSES BE INCREASED WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT VOTER APPROVAL IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE STATUTORY METHODOLOGY OR PERCENTAGE USED IN CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, SO THAT THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IS NOT REDUCED FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT?

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

2004 (ESTIMATE)	\$	84,000
2003 (ACTUAL)	\$	72,658
2002 (ACTUAL)	\$	100,364
2001 (ACTUAL)	\$	70,318
2000 (ACTUAL)	\$	79,966

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending from 2000 to 2004: 5%

**WOODMEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTION 5A (cont)**

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION (cont):

Overall dollar amount change from 2000 to 2004:	\$	4,034
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2005:	\$	18,972
Estimated 2005 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$	61,202

Summary of written comments for the proposal:

- The TABOR spending figures shown above are misleading. They include all of the grant money the department has been able to raise over the past few years plus any refinancing activity. Unfortunately, grant money is unreliable and is getting more and more difficult to find. Actual property tax receipts were \$60,814 in 2003 and \$50,942 in 2004.
- Due to a recent reallocation mandated by the state's Gallagher amendment, tax collections for Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District were cut from \$60,814 in 2003 to \$50,942 in 2004. Unlike most other districts, Woodmen Valley only contains residential property and vacant land, so the impact of the reallocation was particularly detrimental. Thanks to several generous grants in 2004, the department was able to avoid disaster this year. However, if the revenue is not restored, rising costs and limited grants will surely drive it to insolvency.
- Woodmen Valley Fire is our first line of defense for life-threatening emergencies. The City and neighboring departments are not required to, and do NOT automatically respond. We can't afford to lose this important service.
- Through the original funding of the district and outstanding work on the part of its volunteers, Woodmen Valley was able to achieve an outstanding ISO rating of 4.0. This cuts insurance rates for many of our residents by as much as 65%. The 2004 revenue cut endangers our ability to maintain the ISO standards and could lead to significantly higher insurance rates.
- Even with this increase, Woodmen Valley will have one of the lowest tax rates of any department in the county. This has only been possible because everyone on the department is a volunteer, and its officers are fiscally conservative. The increase for a \$200,000 house will be less than two dollars (\$2) per month over 2003 rates. This is a small price to pay to ensure professional, highly responsive support when emergencies arise.
- Of the existing tax revenues, 44% is consumed by existing truck and equipment leases and 38% is consumed by insurance, building and equipment expenses. The remaining 12% goes to training, supplies, fees and mandatory reserves. There's simply no room to accommodate new expenses after the recent tax cut.
- Woodmen Valley's brush truck is now over 25 years old. This is the first response unit for most locations in the valley and the only one capable of handling wild land fires. It needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The proposed increase will allow the department to obtain proper financing for the purchase and ensure reliable service.
- There's been a lot of new construction in our neighborhoods. These new houses are adding to the department's responsibilities while its resources are being cut.
- Your tax dollars are well spent. Everyone on the department, including the officers and board members, is a volunteer. No one receives compensation for their efforts. The board and officers are fiscally conservative and make every dollar count.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

- No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**FALCON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTIONS 5B-5C**

Designated Election Official:

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
FALCON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 5B

SHALL FALCON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$275,000 ANNUALLY (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2005), AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN INCREASE IN ITS EXISTING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX BY 1.788 MILLS, RESULTING IN A TOTAL MILL LEVY (EXISTING PLUS NEW) OF 7.500 MILLS FOR DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES CONSTITUTING A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE

**FALCON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
QUESTIONS 5B-5C (cont)**

Question: 5B (cont)

WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND ANY OTHER LAW?

Ballot Title and Text:

Question: 5C

SHALL FALCON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$7,640,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$13,500,000 AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$700,000 ANNUALLY OR BY SUCH LESSER ANNUAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY THE DEBT INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PROPER FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SAFETY FOR THE RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESSES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING:

- ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION NO. 1 INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION TO THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT;
- REMODELING AND RENOVATING FIRE STATION NO. 2 TO INCLUDE LIVING QUARTERS IN ORDER TO DECREASE RESPONSE TIME TO THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE DISTRICT;
- REMODELING, IMPROVING AND RENOVATING THE EXISTING FIRE STATION NO. 1 FOR TRAINING AND FLEET MAINTENANCE PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE TRAINING TOWER;
- ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION NO. 4 TO SERVE THE SOUTH AND WEST PORTION OF THE DISTRICT AND DECREASE RESPONSE TIME;
- ACQUIRING AND PURCHASING ADDITIONAL FIRE PROTECTION APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING FIRE ENGINES, LADDER TRUCKS OR WATER TENDERS;
- ACQUIRING OR CONSTRUCTING OTHER REAL PROPERTY, FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY;

OR TO REFUND (AT A LOWER OR HIGHER INTEREST RATE) DEBT ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE BUT ONLY IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT WHEN DUE OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT; SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY BONDS, NOTES, CONTRACTS, LOAN AGREEMENTS OR OTHER FORMS OF INDEBTEDNESS BEARING INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.00%; 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 THE PROCEEDS OF ANY SUCH DEBT AND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES, ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT, AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON, BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>		
2004 (estimated)	\$	883,424
2003 (actual)	\$	805,489
2002 (actual)	\$	705,686
2001 (actual)	\$	614,492
2000 (actual)	\$	283,563

Overall percentage change from 2000 to 2004		212%
Overall dollar change from 2000 to 2004	\$	599,861

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2005 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B:	\$	275,000
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5C:	\$	700,000

District Estimate of 2005 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$	961,334
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Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5C:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$	7,640,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	700,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$	13,500,000

Information on District's Current Debt¹

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$	0.00
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$	0.00
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$	0.00

¹Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

FALCON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT QUESTIONS 5B-5C (cont)

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5B:

Growth in the Falcon Fire Protection District has grown so much in the last five years that the fire department gets twice as many calls as it did in 1998. Most of these calls are related to medical emergencies such as heart attack, stroke, car accident or from an injury like an animal bite or household injury. The fire department is the first on the scene of an accident to provide emergency care. Because there are so many more calls, the FFPD can't always respond quickly, especially if personnel and equipment are already out on a call and miles away.

Fully staffed fire stations strategically located throughout the district will reduce the time it takes for the firefighters to respond to an emergency. This means that property and lives could be saved. For some people, having a fire station close by will reduce their insurance premiums. It will also make your house easier to sell.

The fire department wants to work with the community to provide that a safe place where people enjoy living. In addition to responding to emergencies, the FFPD also provides a safe building for emergencies such as tornados and blizzards, provides meeting space for civic groups and other events such as the Easter Pancake Breakfast, support at local school athletic events in case of an injury, and firefighters also provide search and rescue efforts during blizzards and other bad weather.

The FFPD has wisely used the mill levy passed in 2000 by purchasing radio equipment, fire trucks and increasing the size of Station One. But with the growth we are experiencing in Falcon, the Fire District must come to the voters again in order to continue providing the quality of service the residents of Falcon have come to rely upon.

Passing Ballot Initiative 5B will let the Fire Department operate and maintain the new fire stations. Costs such as fuel, salary, utilities, insurance and other upkeep must be covered in order to operate the fire stations effectively.

This bond and mill together will cost \$3.85 per month per \$100,000 of home value. That's only \$46.20 per year -- a minimal cost considering the lives and property firefighters save. They are there when we need help. Let's be there now that they need our help.

Both the bond and mill levy override will work together to help create a strong and safe environment for everyone in the Falcon Fire Protection District.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5B:

- This \$275,000 tax increase is FOREVER. We have no process by which to petition to remove or reduce it. The revenue amount will also increase forever. Read it carefully. It is very open-ended and vague. Note NO on 5B.
- Study the district's five-year spending history. Has your income risen that fast? Their revenue grows automatically by inflation plus new construction – isn't that enough?
- Neighboring Peyton Fire District taxes about two mills. Falcon wants 7.5 mills. Do we need a 275% increase from the property tax rate of a similar fire district?
- This 31% instant increase in your property tax bill is excessive. All governments need to live on a budget, not a blank check.
- We should be able to contract for the level of service we want. Taxing vacant land that has little risk from fire is unfair. Taxing land and businesses at 3.6 times the rate that homes are taxed is also not right. It doesn't cost 3.6 times as much to put out a grass fire or a store fire. Don't vote to compound the injustice of the current property tax system.
- The district should bill fire insurance companies for fire suppression. Little taxpayers should not have to raise taxes to subsidize big insurance companies. That's not right.
- Most calls for service are not for fire suppression. Most are traffic accidents and other responses. Auto and health insurance companies should pay for accident responses. The association of fire districts should ask the legislature to authorize this reform. Raising taxes will further hurt our falling economy. Is this form of tax fair? Property taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, particularly senior citizens. Colorado has the 6th highest local taxes and 2nd highest local sales taxes. Isn't that enough?
- Eastern El Paso County is booming. That means property tax revenue is booming. Why does the District need a bigger share of our money above this rapid increase?
- Falcon should explore merging with adjoining districts to become more efficient and reduce administrative overhead and these demands for higher taxes.
- Prices rise to offset higher taxes. Business lays off workers and lowers paychecks because of higher taxes and lower demand from consumers, who also have less money. Taxes are almost 50% of income now; saving one tax dollar is a \$2 pay raise.
- Who can spend your hard-earned money better – you or the government? Reject tax and spending increases like 5B that lack accountability and proof of performance.
- Proposing both 5B and 5C shows the district cannot set budget priorities. They want more money for everything. Voters must impose budget discipline and make tough choices, since the district is clearly not willing to do so.
- If you've had enough, if you want to force reform in the fire district property tax system, if you want to protect your family budget, vote "NO" on issue 5B.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5C:

Growth in the Falcon Fire Protection District has grown so much in the last five years that the fire department gets twice as many calls as it did in 1998. Most of these calls are related to medical emergencies such as heart attack, stroke, car accident or from an injury like an animal bite or household injury. The fire department is the first on the scene of an accident to provide emergency care. Because there are so many more calls, the FFPD can't always respond quickly, especially if personnel and equipment are already out on a call and miles away.

FALCON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT QUESTIONS 5B-5C (cont)

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5C (cont):

Fully staffed fire stations strategically located throughout the district will reduce the time it takes for the firefighters to respond to an emergency. This means that property and lives could be saved. For some people, having a fire station close by will reduce their insurance premiums. It will also make your house easier to sell.

The fire department wants to work with the community to provide that a safe place where people enjoy living. In addition to responding to emergencies, the FFPD also provides a safe building for emergencies such as tornados and blizzards, provides meeting space for civic groups and other events such as the Easter Pancake Breakfast, support at local school athletic events in case of an injury, and firefighters also provide search and rescue efforts during blizzards and other bad weather.

The FFPD has wisely used the mill levy passed in 2000 by purchasing radio equipment, fire trucks and increasing the size of Station One. But with the growth we are experiencing in Falcon, the Fire District must come to the voters again in order to continue providing the quality of service the residents of Falcon have come to rely upon.

Ballot Initiative 5C will build two new fire stations, add living quarters to Station Two so it can be staffed around the clock, and buy the trucks and equipment to put in the new stations. Station One would be converted to a training facility so that firefighters can be trained to handle the many different emergencies to which the firefighters respond. It will also give them a place to practice their skills.

Newly equipped fire stations will help assure that Falcon firefighters can respond to all emergencies in a timely manner. Safely covering over 130 square miles is a responsibility the Fire District takes seriously. The addition of the two new fire stations and training facility will help the district meet this responsibility.

This mill will cost \$1.19 per month per \$100,000 of home value. That's only \$14.28 per year -- a minimal cost considering the lives and property firefighters save. They are there when we need help. Let's be there now that they need our help.

Both the bond and mill levy override will work together to help create a strong and safe environment for everyone in the Falcon Fire Protection District.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5C:

- This is a \$13.5 million tax increase, the largest in district history. Almost \$6 million is interest, which will build nothing. Let's pay-as-we-go and stop passing the bills to our children and grandchildren with deficit spending. If 5C passes, we can never change our mind and cancel the debt. Vote "NO" on 5C.
- The District should set aside money yearly for building repair and replacement, and save the interest cost. Needing money "now" shows bad planning that we should not reward.
- It's time to end tax-and-spend, borrow-and-spend, spend-and-spend politics.
- Eastern El Paso County is booming. That means property tax revenue is booming. Why does the District need a bigger share of our money above that rapid increase?
- Voters already approved a generous property tax increase in 2000. The district is exploiting emotional sympathies with fire fighters by asking again so soon.
- This debt includes bond dealer profits. We pay interest on that, too, which is tax-free income to rich investors buying bonds you repay with your hard-earned money.
- Study the district's five-year spending history. It shows no "budget cuts." Has your income gone up that fast? Why can't that increase be used instead of taxes and debt?
- Notice the property tax can be "increased in any year without limitation as to rate." Do you want further property tax increases imposed without voter approval? No.
- Spending long-term bond money on items that wear out in 5 years is irresponsible.
- Is this truly an urgent need, or just a wish list? Voting "NO" is the only way to change budget priorities.
- We must make hard choices. Is their repayment method fair? Property taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, like seniors and low-income citizens. Colorado has the 6th highest overall local taxes in America.
- Read the proposed alternatives listed under comments against issue 5B. Has the district considered those alternatives? No.
- This tax is a huge subsidy to developers, who profit from growth that does not pay its own way, nor cover the impacts of new subdivisions on traffic, fire services, etc. If we bail out the developers now, the system will never change.
- If the district has neglected buildings, should we reward lack of routine maintenance? It's part of every budget, like your home and business. Basics should not cost extra. Normal budgets should include money for expansion, which is available from their current growth in revenue. We need to practice "tough love" to reduce waste and achieve reform.
- Don't pile more debt on the next generation. Vote "NO" on 5C.

END OF BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE

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

Robert C. "Bob" Balink
El Paso County Clerk & Recorder

ATTENTION:**NEW IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

If you vote during early voting or at your polling place on Election Day, you MUST present one of the following forms of identification:

- A valid Colorado driver's license; or
- A valid Colorado Department of Revenue identification card; or
- A valid U.S. passport; or
- A valid pilot's license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration; or
- A valid employee identification with a photograph issued by the U.S. Government, Colorado state government, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of the state; or
- A valid U.S. Military Identification card with photograph; or
- A valid Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the United States Health Care Financing Administration; or
- A certified copy of a birth certificate for the elector issued in the United States; or
- Certified documentation of naturalization; or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other governmental document that shows the name and address of the elector.

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5122121097	GOLD CAMP ELEMENTARY	5101721222	BRICKER ELEMENTARY	5101921347	NEW HEART COMMUNITY CHURCH		
5111721098	MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CH	5092021223	EXPLORER ELEMENTARY	5122121348	TRAILBLAZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
5111821099	ADAMS ELEMENTARY	5091421224	PRAIRIE HILLS ELEMENTARY	5042021349	MONUMENT TOWN HALL		
5091621100	PULPIT ROCK CHURCH	5091421225	WOODMEN-ROBERTS ELEMENTARY	5122121350	CHIPETA ELEMENTARY		
5091621101	GRANT ELEMENTARY	5091421226	ROCKRIMMON ELEMENTARY	5101521351	CHRIST TEMPLE APOSTOLIC CHURCH		
5091621102	BATES ELEMENTARY	5101521227	BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	5122121352	MASONIC CENTER		
5122121103	JACKSON ELEMENTARY	5091421228	SUNRISE UNITED METHODIST CH	5101521353	CIMARRON HILLS FIRE DEPT HQTRS		
5122121104	MASONIC CENTER	5101521229	FAITH EVANGELICAL COVENANT CH	5092021354	MOUNTAIN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL		
5091421105	WOODMEN VALLEY CHAPEL	5121921230	PINELLO ELEMENTARY	5042021355	CREEKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL		
5111821106	MANITOU SPRINGS CITY HALL	5111721231	PANORAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL	5042021356	ANTELOPE TRAILS ELEMENTARY		
5111821107	MONROE ELEMENTARY	5122121232	GOLD CAMP ELEMENTARY	5092021357	MOUNTAIN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL		
5101621108	RADIANT ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	5092021233	BLACK FOREST LUTHERAN CHURCH	5091421358	CHAPEL HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH		
5101521109	PENROSE ELEMENTARY	5101521234	DOHERTY HIGH SCHOOL	5091421359	JENKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL		
5091621110	RUSSELL MIDDLE SCHOOL	5111721235	STRATMOOR HILLS VFD	5091421360	SCOTT ELEMENTARY		
5042021111	BLACK FOREST LUTHERAN CHURCH	5121921236	RESTORATION CHURCH	5102021361	FALCON HIGH SCHOOL		
5121921112	WEBSTER ELEMENTARY	5101521237	NEW HEART COMMUNITY CHURCH	5121921362	SECURITY CHURCH OF NAZARENE		
5111721113	MONTEREY ELEMENTARY	5101621238	GRANT ELEMENTARY	5121921363	RESTORATION CHURCH		
5101521114	SABIN MIDDLE SCHOOL	5091421239	HIGH PLAINS ELEMENTARY	5121921364	LORRAINE COMMUNITY CENTER		
5121921115	TALBOTT ELEMENTARY	5092021240	BLACK FOREST LUTHERAN CHURCH	5121921365	JORDAHL ELEMENTARY		
5101621116	WINSLOW COURT RETIREMENT COMM	5121921241	SUNRISE ELEMENTARY	5122121366	OTERO ELEMENTARY		
5101521117	PATRICK HENRY ELEMENTARY	5121921242	SUNRISE ELEMENTARY	5101521367	SKYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL		
5101921118	HANOVER SCHOOL	5092021243	COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL	5101521368	STETSON ELEMENTARY		
5101921119	EDISON SCHOOL	5111521244	EMERSON-EDISON CHARTER SCHOOL	5101521369	STETSON ELEMENTARY		
5101621120	TWAIN ELEMENTARY	5101521245	FAITH EVANGELICAL COVENANT CH	5101521370	SPRINGS RANCH ELEMENTARY		
5111821121	STEELE ELEMENTARY	5091421246	ST LUKES LUTHERAN CHURCH	5091421371	PRAIRIE HILLS ELEMENTARY		
5101621122	JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY	5042021247	PRAIRIE WINDS ELEMENTARY	5042021372	CREEKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL		
5101621123	CIRCLE DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH	5122121248	OTERO ELEMENTARY	5092021373	COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL		
5111821124	ROGERS ELEMENTARY	5111721249	SAND CREEK ELEMENTARY	5092021374	TIMBERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL		
5111821125	ROGERS ELEMENTARY	5101521250	HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL	5091421375	SCOTT ELEMENTARY		

ELECTION INFORMATION

Early voting is available beginning Monday, October 18, 2004, through Friday, October 29, 2004, including Saturday, October 23, 2004, at the locations and times listed below:

Downtown Office

200 South Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Chapel Hills Office

On north side between
JC Penney and Mervyn's
Colorado Springs, CO
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Widefield Office

115 Fontaine Boulevard
Wide