

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES

COUNTYWIDE 2013 COORDINATED ELECTION

THIS IS NOT YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT INCLUDED



ANALYSIS OF THE 2013 BALLOT PROPOSALS

A YES vote on any ballot measure issue is a vote IN FAVOR OF changing current law or existing circumstances, and a NO vote on any ballot issue is a vote AGAINST changing current law or existing circumstances.



Election Date: November 5, 2013

Conduct of Election:

This election will be conducted with ballot by mail options.

Mail Ballots will be distributed by U.S. Mail and sent to voters the week of October 14, 2013. Voted ballots must be received by the Douglas County Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013; postmarks do not count.

Coordinated Election Official:

Jack Arrowsmith, Douglas County Clerk and Recorder

301 Wilcox Street
P.O. Box 1360
Castle Rock, CO 80104
303-660-7469

Ballot Drop-off Locations

Castle Rock Motor Vehicle Office
301 Wilcox St.
Castle Rock, CO 80104

Town of Castle Rock
100 N. Wilcox St.
Castle Rock, CO 80104
303-660-1367

City of Castle Pines
7501 Village Square Drive, Suite 100
Castle Pines, CO 80108
303-705-0200

Highlands Ranch Motor Vehicle Office
2223 Wildcat Reserve Parkway #G -1
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

City of Lone Tree
9220 Kimmer Drive, Suite 100
Lone Tree, CO 80124
303-708-1818

Parker Town Hall
20120 E. Mainstreet
Parker, CO 80138
303-805-3198

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday, October 15 – November 4, Regular business hours of location

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 4, regular business hours of location

Tuesday, November 5, Election Day, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

24-Hour Ballot Drop-off Locations

Douglas County Elections Office 125 Stephanie Place Castle Rock, CO 80109 303-660-7444	Douglas County Sheriff Substation 9250 Zotos Drive Highlands Ranch, CO 80126	Park Meadows Center 9350 Heritage Hills Circle Lone Tree, CO 80124 303-705-0200
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Voter Service and Polling Centers

- Get a replacement ballot
- Update your address
- Check on your registration record

(also available at www.DouglasVotes.com)

*For questions call **303-660-7444***

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Park Meadow Center 9350 Heritage Hills Circle Lone Tree, CO 80124		The Wildlife Experience 10035 S. Peoria St. Parker, CO 80134

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday, October 28 – November 1, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION ON TWO REFERRED TABOR MEASURES**

City of Littleton
Douglas County, Colorado

Election Date: November 5, 2013
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Wendy Heffner, City Clerk
2255 W. Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80120
(303) 795-3753

CITY OF LITTLETON BALLOT ISSUE 2D:

SHALL CITY OF LITTLETON TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$90,000 IN 2014 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR) AND WHATEVER AMOUNTS MAY BE COLLECTED IN FUTURE YEARS BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 3 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON TO IMPOSE A LODGING TAX OF THREE PERCENT (3%) OF THE PURCHASE PRICE PAID OR CHARGED FOR LODGING SERVICES LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS IN THE CITY OF LITTLETON IN ADDITION TO THE SALES TAX IMPOSED ON SUCH SERVICES?

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Fiscal Year Spending Information

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2009	\$	53,707,234
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2013 (Current Year Estimate)	\$	60,054,514

Overall FYS percentage change through five years (2009-2013): 12%

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Fiscal Year spending without the tax increase, and assuming no other tax increase is approved, is estimated to be up to \$60,054,514 in year 2013. The

proposed maximum dollar tax increase in the ballot issue is \$90,000 in 2014.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 2D :

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 2D :

The City Council of Littleton proposes a hotel tax known as a lodging tax of three (3) percent on the November ballot, which is designed to raise \$90,000 for general city operations. There is presently one true "hotel" in Littleton, which is The Hampton Inn. It is owned by a small business. The City has had no lodging tax/hotel tax since it opened. Neighbors report that this business located in Littleton because there were no lodging taxes, and it has operated without causing any difficulties for the City or its neighbors. The City has stated that it has a goal to encourage developments. If there is a need for additional City revenue, the Council has other ways to generate that revenue without punishing existing successful businesses, such as controlling spending, limiting incentive packages and imposing reasonable impact fees on new developments. Imposing new taxes will discourage businesses from locating in Littleton. We do not agree that when businesses that have taken the initiative to build here and compete in the private sector they should be taxed to pay for other City operations. It is difficult to see the rationale for causing a tax to now be imposed on this hotel after four successful years in Littleton. The City Council recently approved its Economic Development Plan. This is only one of the proposed new taxes. In this case, it is a detriment to an established business.

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This tax should not be supported. It targets a minority population with an additional tax on top of the already existing sales tax on all other retails items in Littleton. This is a sin tax and it singles out only one product of sin products in Littleton. This is not a fair tax – it is a tax that Council believes will be an easy one for citizens to support. This is a money grab for more revenue on an easy target. Most of the population does not use marijuana and therefore would not be subject to paying the tax. But why should a minority of the population be taxed at an additional rate above the already existing sales tax rate just to raise more revenue for the City? The Council has not specified where this revenue will be spent - it will not be used to offset any expenses associated with the selling of marijuana. In fact, the Council is in the process of banning the selling of recreational marijuana so why have a tax on something that is not intended to be sold in Littleton? This proposal also appears to be an attempt to subvert the will of the people who voted to legalize marijuana, by regulating and taxing it to death.


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Jack Arrowsmith - Clerk and Recorder

Important Voter Instructions



Use a black or blue ink pen to mark your choices on the ballot.

To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box provided to the left of your choice.

To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the box to the left of the words "Write-in" and write in the name of the candidate on the line provided. Both functions are needed for proper vote count.

Do not write personally identifiable information on this ballot such as your name, phone number, etc.

WARNING:
 Any person who, by use of force or other means, unlawfully influences an eligible elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with a ballot is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment, or to a fine, or both.

Douglas County School Board
 Candidates for Office

School Board Director, District B
 Vote for One for a Four Year Term

- Jim Geddes
- Barbra Chase

School Board Director, District D
 Vote for One for a Four Year Term

- Julie A. Keim
- Judith Reynolds

School Board Director, District E
 Vote for One for a Four Year Term

- Doug Benevento
- Bill Hodges

School Board Director, District G
 Vote for One for a Four Year Term

- Ronda Scholting
- Meghann Silverthorn

City of Littleton
 Candidates for Office

City Council Member District III, City of Littleton
 Vote for One

- Phil Cernanec

City Council Member At-Large, City of Littleton
 Vote for no more than Two

- Bruce Stahlman
- Bruce Beckman
- James Dean
- John Watson

State of Colorado
 Ballot Measures

Ballot questions referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and ballot questions initiated by the people are listed numerically. A ballot question listed as an "amendment" proposes a change to the Colorado constitution, and a ballot question listed as a "proposition" proposes a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes. A "yes/for" vote on any ballot question is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "no/against" vote on any ballot question is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

Amendment 66 (CONSTITUTIONAL)
 SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$950,100,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER BY AMENDMENTS TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH TWELFTH-GRADE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREASING THE CURRENT STATE INCOME TAX RATE ON INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS AND IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL RATE SO HIGHER AMOUNTS OF INCOME ARE TAXED AT HIGHER RATES; REQUIRING THE RESULTING INCREASES IN TAX REVENUES BE SPENT ONLY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PRESCHOOL THROUGH TWELFTH-GRADE PUBLIC EDUCATION; ALLOWING ALL TAX REVENUES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THIS MEASURE TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT FUTURE VOTER APPROVAL; REQUIRING AT LEAST 43% OF STATE SALES, EXCISE, AND INCOME TAX REVENUES BE DEPOSITED IN THE STATE EDUCATION FUND; AND REPEALING CERTAIN EXISTING PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING REQUIREMENTS?

- Vote Yes/For or No/Against
- Yes/For
 - No/Against

Proposition AA (STATUTORY)
 SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$70,000,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX OF 15% WHEN UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA IS FIRST SOLD OR TRANSFERRED BY A RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY WITH THE FIRST \$40,000,000 OF TAX REVENUES BEING USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX OF 10% ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS WITH THE TAX REVENUES BEING USED TO FUND THE ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS ON THE RETAIL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY AND OTHER COSTS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE USE AND REGULATION OF THE RETAIL MARIJUANA AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS, WITH THE RATE OF EITHER OR BOTH TAXES BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF EITHER TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 15%, AND WITH THE RESULTING TAX REVENUE BEING ALLOWED TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW?

- Vote Yes/For or No/Against
- Yes/For
 - No/Against

City of Littleton
 Ballot Measures

City of Littleton Ballot Question 2C
 Shall Section 20 of the City Littleton Charter entitled "Districts," be repealed and replaced with the following: The four council districts shall be contiguous, compact, as nearly rectangular as practicable and have approximately the same population. Every ten years following publication of the federal decennial Census, divisions, changes and consolidations shall be made by the Election Commission to carry out the intent of this article. Such redistricting shall be completed at least three months before the general municipal election at which it is to become effective?

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- Vote Yes or No
- Yes
 - No

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- Vote Yes or No
- Yes
 - No

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City of Littleton Question 301

Shall section 27 entitled Council Meetings of the City of Littleton Charter be amended by the addition of the following? All meetings of the City Council or subcommittees of the Council, meetings of all boards, commissions and other advisory bodies of the City and the subcommittees thereof shall comply with the requirements of C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2012) otherwise known as the open meeting law. An executive session may be called in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402 for the following reasons and no other.

1. To discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal and state laws; and
2. To confer with an attorney regarding a legal action already filed in a court of law. The case name and number shall be cited for the public record. Any final settlement or final agreement shall be decided by a majority vote in a regular meeting of the City Council.

The entire executive session shall be taped or digitally recorded in its entirety. The recording shall be maintained in the city clerk's office until those serving on the council at the time of the recorded executive session are no longer serving on Council.

Vote Yes or No

- Yes
 No

City of Littleton Question 302

Shall section 37 of the City of Littleton Charter be amended by the addition of the following?

Per C.R.S. 31-23-305 (2012) and C.R.S. 31-23-209 (2012) any zoning change shall not become effective except by the favorable vote of two-thirds of all the members of the City Council if:

1. A protest is filed with the municipal clerk at least 24 hours prior to the City Council's vote on the change and is signed by the owners of 20 percent or more of the area of land which is subject to the proposed change or 20 percent or more of the area of land extending a radius of 100 feet from the land which is subject to the proposed change, disregarding intervening public streets and alleys; or
2. The Planning Board has not recommended a favorable vote for the zoning change.

Vote Yes or No

- Yes
 No

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