

# NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES

COUNTYWIDE 2011 GENERAL ELECTION

## THIS IS NOT YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT

*SAMPLE BALLOT INCLUDED*



## ANALYSIS OF THE 2011 BALLOT PROPOSALS

A YES vote on any ballot 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 1, 2011

## Conduct of Election:

This election will be conducted by Mail Ballots for Election Day. Mail Ballots will be distributed by U.S. Mail and sent to all active voters no later than October 14, 2011. Voted Mail Ballots must be received by the Douglas County Elections Office before 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

## Coordinated Election Official:

Jack Arrowsmith, Douglas County Clerk and Recorder  
301 Wilcox Street  
P O Box 1360  
Castle Rock, CO 80104  
(303) 660.7469

## Mail Ballot Drop off Locations

Mail Ballot drop off sites will be open Monday through Friday from October 11 through October 31, 2011 during regular office hours, Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Election Day, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### Douglas County Elections

301 Wilcox St.  
Castle Rock, CO 80104  
(303) 660.7444

### Parker Town Hall

20120 E. Mainstreet  
Parker, CO  
(303) 841.0353

### Town of Castle Rock

100 N. Wilcox Street  
Castle Rock, CO  
(303) 660.1367

### City of Lone Tree

**Administrative Office**  
9220 Kimmer Dr., Suite 100  
Lone Tree, CO  
(303) 708.1818

### City of Castle Pines

7501 Village Square Drive, Suite 100  
Castle Pines North, CO 80108  
(303) 705.0200

### Highlands Ranch Motor Vehicle Office

2223 W. Wildcat Reserve Pkwy, Unit G-1  
Littleton, CO 80129

### Parker Motor Vehicle Office

16522 Keystone Blvd. #F  
Parker, CO 80134



# **VOTER ASSISTANCE CENTERS**

- You can get a replacement ballot
- Update your address
- Check on your registration record  
(also available at [www.DouglasVotes.com](http://www.DouglasVotes.com))

*For Questions Call (303) 660.7444*

## **The hours of operation**

**October 24th – November 1st (Excluding Sunday, October 30)**

**Monday - Friday**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 29th**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Election Day - Monday, November 1st**

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**In addition to being a ballot drop off site, the following three locations will be able to assist with your election needs.**

**Douglas County Elections Office**

301 Wilcox St.

Castle Rock, CO 80104

**Park Meadows Center**

9350 Heritage Hills Circle

Lone Tree, CO 80124

**Highlands Ranch Sheriff's Office**

9250 Zotos Drive

Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

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**A sample ballot containing these issues has been included in the center of this booklet for easy removal.**

**This Notice of Election to Increase Taxes and Sample Ballot is a composite of all races and contests within Douglas County for the November 2011 Election. They are representative of every race in Douglas County. Voters may not be eligible to vote on every race included in the Notice of Election to Increase Taxes or on the Sample Ballot. For example, a voter in Castle Rock would not be eligible to vote for the Mayor of Aurora even though it is displayed on the Sample Ballot. Voters will be mailed a ballot that includes all races they are eligible to vote on.**

**The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.**

# CITY OF AURORA

## NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A CITIZEN PETITION

**Election Date:** November 1, 2011  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office:**  
Aurora City Clerk's Office  
15151 E. Alameda Parkway  
Aurora, CO 80012  
(303) 739.7094

### BALLOT ISSUE 301 NEW COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS

SHALL AURORA'S DEBT BE INCREASED NOT TO EXCEED \$113,524,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$197,950,800 (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST), AND SHALL AURORA'S TAXES BE INCREASED NOT TO EXCEED \$9,897,540 ANNUALLY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE DEBT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS BY AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO BE PAID THROUGH PROPERTY TAXES, IN A SUFFICIENT RATE AND AMOUNT TO PAY SUCH BONDS OR ANY REFUNDINGS, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH BONDS, INCLUDING EARNINGS, SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING, AND EQUIPPING:

- A. A NEW REGIONAL COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER AT BICENTENNIAL PARK (NW CORNER OF POTOMAC ST. AND E. ALAMEDA AVE.) EQUIPPED WITH FAMILY AQUATICS, GYMNASIUM, FITNESS, NEW POTTERY CENTER AND MORE;
- B. A NEW REGIONAL COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER AT E. VASSAR PLACE AND S. TELLURIDE ST. WITH A LARGE FAMILY AQUATICS CENTER, GYMNASIUM, GYMNASTICS GYM, TEEN AREA, WALK/JOG TRACK AND MORE;
- C. A NEW REGIONAL COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER AT THE AURORA RESERVOIR PARK NEAR S. POWHATON RD. AND ORCHARD RD. WITH FAMILY AQUATICS, FITNESS, GYMNASIUM, WALK/JOG TRACK AND MORE;
- D. A RENOVATION OF THE MOORHEAD RECREATION CENTER TO INCLUDE INDOOR FAMILY AQUATICS, GYMNASIUM, FITNESS, TEEN CENTER, AND MORE;

AND SHALL AURORA'S PROPERTY TAXES BE INCREASED NOT TO EXCEED \$2,200,000 ANNUALLY, WITH INCREASES IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS AT A RATE EQUAL TO ACTUAL INFLATION BUT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE PERCENT (5.00%) ANNUALLY TO ADJUST FOR INFLATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE NEW SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS, ALL AT A TOTAL COST OF APPROXIMATELY TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$2.75) PER MONTH IN PROPERTY TAXES PER \$100,000 OF HOME VALUE FOR AN AURORA RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNER, WITHOUT AFFECTING AURORA'S OTHER DEBT, TAXES, REVENUES, OR EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THIS STATE AND THE CHARTER OF THIS CITY?

YES       NO

## FISCAL INFORMATION

Year	Fiscal Year Spending \$	% Change	\$ Change
2007 actual	257,434,569	N/A	N/A
2008 actual	271,397,820	5.4%	13,963,251
2009 actual	288,362,898	6.3%	16,965,078
2010 actual	291,301,316	1.0%	2,938,418
2011 estimate	299,084,887	2.7%	7,783,571
Overall change 2007-2011	N/A	16.2%	41,650,318

For the first full fiscal year, the proposed property tax increase to pay the principal and interest on the debt will not exceed \$9,897,540. For the first full fiscal year, the proposed property tax increase to pay for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the new community recreation centers will not exceed \$2,200,000. For the first full fiscal year of the two proposed tax increases, the estimated fiscal year spending of the City of Aurora without such increases is \$320,000,000.

The principal amount of the proposed debt will not exceed \$113,524,000. The maximum annual repayment cost of the proposed debt will not exceed \$9,897,540. The total repayment cost of the proposed debt will not exceed \$197,950,800.

The City of Aurora's current bonded debt as of December 31, 2010 is as follows: Principal amount \$45,795,000; remaining total repayment cost \$50,215,725; maximum annual repayment cost \$14,664,200; sixty percent (60%) or \$27,385,000 of the total principal amount of debt is paid from general tax revenues, and forty percent (40%) or \$18,410,000 is paid from water revenues.

### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 301

*No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.*

### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 301

The proponents have suggested in the dissemination of their messages that the City supports their proposal. This is a misrepresentation. The City merely authorized a feasibility study and is permitting you, the taxpayer, to decide whether or not to increase your property taxes.

If passed, the payment of 20 year construction bonds will become your City's responsibility. This is not a separate operating district that is expected to be self-efficient in its costs of operation. This Charter Amendment asks you to increase the City of Aurora's property tax rate 43% through new property taxes:

- A property tax increase to raise \$9,897,540 annually for construction costs.
- A property tax increase to raise \$2,200,000 annually, increasing to cover actual inflation (not to exceed 5%), for maintenance and operational costs.

Already faced with budgetary shortfalls of insufficient revenues to pay existing programs, including public safety, this is not the time to add additional financial strain on Your City. All Deficits in operational costs of the Recreation Centers will come from other city funds.

Most importantly, the anticipated revenues to fund the Recreation Centers is based on a mountain of unrealistic and overly optimistic suppositions, including heavy use by non-residents and the Aurora residents willingness to pay substantial, usage fees when visiting the Centers. An independent, unbiased, study of the Centers short and long-term financial viability was never undertaken, despite the hundreds of millions of dollars being at stake.

Construction of the extremely large Centers and parking lots will obliterate large areas of three heavily utilized parks. Who will replace these valued open space park areas for outdoor recreation? This ballot issue is unsustainable financially and is destined to be a financial disaster.

# ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

## NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Douglas County School District, Number Re1  
Douglas and Elbert Counties, Colorado

**Election Date:** November 1, 2011  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Designated Election Official:**  
Douglas County School District  
620 Wilcox St  
Castle Rock CO 80104  
(303) 387-0258

**Coordinated Election Official:**  
Jack Arrowsmith  
Douglas County Clerk and Recorder  
301 Wilcox Street, First Floor  
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104  
(303) 660.7469

### BALLOT ISSUE 3A

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS MILL LEVY OVERRIDE QUESTION TO FUND PAY FOR PERFORMANCE, CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND CORE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS.

SHALL DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NUMBER RE1 TAXES BE INCREASED \$20 MILLION IN 2012 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THIS QUESTION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF (1) TENURE REFORM THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PAY FOR PERFORMANCE FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY ELIMINATING AUTOMATIC PAY RAISES BASED ONLY ON SENIORITY; (2) PAYING FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES SO THAT TEACHERS ARE NOT FORCED TO PAY FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS FOR FINANCIALLY UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS; AND (3) TO FUND CORE INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS ENSURING THAT STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL MILL LEVY (EXCLUDING THE MILL LEVY FOR TAX ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS AND CREDITS) NOT EXCEED 56 MILLS UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW (WHICH SHALL BECOME THE MILL LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 1997, 2003 AND 2006 OVERRIDE QUESTIONS BEGINNING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2012); AND SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S.; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES 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?



## BALLOT ISSUE 3B

### DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOND QUESTION TO FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE DISTRICT.

SHALL DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NUMBER RE 1 DEBT BE INCREASED \$200,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$384,000,000 AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$21,000,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- ACQUIRING TECHNOLOGY TO MONITOR TEACHER, STAFF AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A PAY FOR PERFORMANCE BASED SYSTEM FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES;
- DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING NEW SCHOOLS AND RENOVATING, REPAIRING OR MAKING ADDITIONS TO EXISTING SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH FUTURE GROWTH AND TO REDUCE CLASS SIZES WHERE STUDENT ENROLLMENT HAS MADE CLASSROOM OVERCROWDING A SIGNIFICANT CAUSE OF INSTRUCTIONAL CONCERN;
- PROVIDING EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET OR NETWORK EQUIPMENT; AND
- RENOVATING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES ENSURING HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS;

AND FOR PROVIDING OTHER CAPITAL RESOURCES FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES; AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE AND IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT 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, INSTALLMENT SALES AGREEMENTS, LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OR OTHER MULTIPLE-FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS 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 THREE PERCENT; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE DEBT TO REFUND THE DEBT AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION, PROVIDED THAT AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH REFUNDING DEBT THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ALL DEBT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS QUESTION DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SET FORTH ABOVE, AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT ALL DEBT ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS QUESTION IS ISSUED ON TERMS THAT DO NOT EXCEED THE REPAYMENT COSTS AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION; AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH BOND PROCEEDS AND TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

## Total District Fiscal Year Spending

### Fiscal Year

2011-2012 (estimated)	\$ 473,941,918 *
2010-2011 (unaudited)	\$ 559,071,787
2009-2010 (actual)	\$ 537,245,217
2008-2009 (actual)	\$ 497,356,178
2007-2008 (actual)	\$ 446,451,397

Overall percentage change from 2007-2008 to 2011-2012	6.2%
Overall dollar change from 2007-2008 to 2011-2012	\$27,490,521

## Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase  
For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3A:	\$20,000,000
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3B:	\$21,000,000

District Estimate of 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increases:	\$443,621,665
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## Information on District's Proposed Debt

### BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3B:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$200,000,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 21,000,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$384,000,000

## Information on District's Current Debt \*\*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$600,348,833
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$70,111,600
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$795,274,784

## SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3A:

Douglas County School District (DCSD) has a long tradition of responsible stewardship of taxpayers' hard earned dollars. DCSD is a model of efficiency, consistently being rated among the top performing districts in the state while receiving the lowest per pupil funding in the metro area. Having weathered the same economic storm faced by families and businesses across the country, DCSD approached the cuts that they were required to make as an opportunity to become even more efficient by reducing administrative overhead by over \$2.0 Million. DCSD is now proposing the passage of 3A this November will allow DCSD to reduce burgeoning class size, avoid deeper cuts to classroom funding, and implement a groundbreaking pay-for-performance compensation plan for teachers and district employees. The combined annual tax impact of both the bond and mill levy override amount to an increase of less than a \$14 per \$100,000 of home value annually, or \$45 on the average Douglas County home. This increase will not sacrifice DCSD's commitment to efficiency. Even with the override, DCSD will continue to receive the lowest level of funding per pupil in the metro area. The new groundbreaking

\* Fiscal Year Spending for FY 2011-2012 is attributable to the planned spend down of reserve balances in combination with realized reductions in budget.

\*\* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

pay-for-performance plan will allow DCSD to retain and attract the best and brightest teachers and reward great teachers for the outcomes that matter most: student results. Research has demonstrated that having quality teachers in the classroom is one of the top two factors in assuring student growth and achievement. A yes vote on 3A ensures that DCSD can gain a competitive edge with neighboring school districts in keeping our best teachers from leaving and attracting topnotch teachers from around the country. By doing so, DCSD will continue to pursue a world class education, and provide the results that our community has become accustomed to.

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3A:**

*No comments were provided by the Constitutional deadline.*

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3B:**

The Douglas County School District (DCSD) has a long tradition of economic efficiency, innovation, and excellence. Ballot Issue 3B, along with 3A, allows DCSD to fulfill these commitments into the future by; ensuring appropriate class sizes, constructing new schools in high growth areas, reinvesting in our current schools and communities, and creating and implementing a new, groundbreaking pay-for-performance plan.

Douglas County has consistently been among the fastest growing counties in the United States. Many families have made Douglas County home because of our exceptional school district. The passage of 3B will allow DCSD to use new revenue from bonds to protect the long-term value of our schools as community assets -- an important part of our local communities and an important economic driver of property values.

DCSD has evaluated the need for new schools in the areas of our county that have experienced the greatest level of growth – Parker and Castle Rock. Passage of 3B is critical to DCSD's ability to construct new schools in these high growth areas and ensure appropriate class sizes by reinvesting in upgrades to existing schools.

The new groundbreaking pay-for-performance plan will allow DCSD to retain and attract the best and brightest teachers and reward great teachers for the outcomes that matter most: student results. The passage of 3B will put into place the technological infrastructure required to implement DCSD's pay-for-performance system, providing the tools to measure those things teachers and leaders do that have the greatest impact on student success. Passage of 3B will also ensure that DCSD classrooms are equipped with the technology needed to give students access to the 21st century education and being accountable to our community by communicating our progress on the most important outcomes.

While DCSD's unwavering commitment to provide a world class education to every student will continue regardless of the outcome, a failure to pass 3A and 3B would undoubtedly result in a dramatic increase in class size, a loss of electives and specials, and will prevent the district from pursuing its groundbreaking pay-for-performance plan to attract and retain the best and brightest educators. The combined annual tax impact of both the bond and mill levy override amount is just over \$13 per \$100,000 of home value, or a \$45 per year increase on the average Douglas County home. This increase will not sacrifice DCSD's long-standing commitment to economic efficiency. Even with the bond and mill levy override, DCSD will continue to receive the lowest level of funding per pupil in the metro area and produce some of the highest results, providing Douglas County taxpayers with the highest possible return on their investment in DCSD.

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3B:**

*No comments were provided by the Constitutional deadline.*

# ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

## NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**Election Date:** November 1, 2011  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office:**  
390 Union Boulevard, Suite 400  
Lakewood, Colorado 80228  
(303) 986.1551

### BALLOT ISSUE 5A

#### JACKSON 105 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SHALL JACKSON 105 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$46,009 ANNUALLY IN 2012, AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH YEAR THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE OF UP TO 1.11 MILL, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RATE, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS, OR DEBT SERVICE, NOT TO EXCEED 8.11 MILLS, AND SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE 2011 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION AND LOCAL GROWTH (AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION) TO PAY DISTRICT OPERATING EXPENSES; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., OR ANY OTHER LAW?

#### **Total District Fiscal Year Spending:**

2011 (estimated)	\$397,626
2010 (actual)	\$376,423
2009 (actual)	\$493,234
2008 (actual)	\$318,976
2007 (actual)	\$215,741

Overall percentage change from 2007 to 2011:	84%
Overall dollar change from 2007 to 2011:	\$181,885

#### **Proposed District Tax Increase:**

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$ 46,009
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$350,000

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 5A:**

The increase in mill levy the district is requesting does not increase the property tax revenue the district receives. It provides level funding and replaces revenue that will be lost with the new, and lower, assessed valuations.

From the beginning, Jackson 105 has been a volunteer fire department, but in 2008 due to a lack of volunteers and to insure coverage and emergency response, Jackson 105 began paying part-time firefighters to be on duty five days per week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Then in 2010 Jackson 105 extended that coverage to 7 days per week. This was an essential decision to provide the rapid response which is required for fire and emergency medical service calls.

Up to now, the district has been able to absorb these essential staffing costs without raising property taxes. In addition, the district has been able to fund new equipment to maintain safety for both residents and firefighters without an increase in property taxes. With the reduction in assessed valuation, the district will experience a \$46,000 decrease in revenue each year. This reduction in revenue will require the district to reduce services and postpone repair and maintenance to a point where both emergency response and firefighter safety may be jeopardized.

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 5A:**

*No comments were filed by the Constitutional deadline.*

# ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

## LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO

### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**Election Date:** November 1, 2011  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Designated Election Official:**

Jodi Warner  
9414 S. Spruce Mountain Road  
Larkspur, Colorado 80118  
(303) 681.3284

**Coordinated Election Official:**

Jack Arrowsmith  
Douglas County Clerk and Recorder  
301 Wilcox Street, First Floor  
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104  
(303) 660.7446

### BOND BALLOT ISSUE 5B

SHALL LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$3,200,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$4,500,000 AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$315,000 ANNUALLY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF

- REFINANCING AT A LOWER INTEREST RATE THE CURRENT DISTRICT LEASE PURCHASE OBLIGATIONS FOR TWO FIRE STATIONS AND A BRUSH TRUCK, WITH THE REFINANCING TO FULLY MATURE WITHIN 15 YEARS,

SUCH DEBT TO BE IN THE FORM OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, WITH SUCH BONDS TO BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 4.5% PER ANNUM, TO MATURE, BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE AND IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AS THE SAME BECOME DUE; AND SHALL THE EARNINGS ON THE INVESTMENT OF THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS (REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT) CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2007 (actual)	\$2,434,358
2008 (actual)	5,463,238
2009 (actual)	2,738,491
2010 (actual)	2,922,873
2011 (current year estimated)	2,509,979

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending

over the five year period from 2007 through 2011: 3.11%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2007 through 2011: \$75,621

Estimated 2012 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 5B: \$2,304,266

Estimated 2012 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 5B: \$315,000

**Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 5B:**

Principal amount: \$3,200,000  
Maximum annual repayment cost: \$315,000  
Maximum total repayment cost: \$4,500,000

**Information regarding current bonded debt:**

Principal balance: \$-0-  
Maximum annual repayment cost: \$-0-  
Maximum remaining total repayment cost: \$-0-

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 5B:**

Passage of Issue 5B will allow the Larkspur Fire Protection District (LFPD) to restructure the existing Capital Lease with a 15-year Bond Issue. This Bond Issue will provide for even, annual payments, eliminating the current balloon payment. The tax question also provides for a “debt service only” mill levy to be imposed for the purpose of making the annual payment on the bonds. This new mill levy will terminate in 15 years when the bonds are paid off. The estimated monthly tax impact of Issue 5B is \$1.65 per \$100,000 of a home’s market value – a modest investment for fire suppression and medical emergency services.

LFPD recently rebuilt Station 161, in the Town of Larkspur, and remodeled Station 162, in Perry Park. These improvements allowed LFPD to have state of the art technology and equipment, additional space for vehicles and supplies, and better living quarters for the firefighters, along with providing faster response times because Station 162 became operational 24/7. These improvements were a benefit to all residents of the District!!!

LFPD has made, and continues to make, significant budget cuts in recent years including the elimination of stipends, reduced insurance offerings for fire fighters and a major restructure and reduction of overtime. This has been accomplished while facing near doubling of fuel costs, increased utility costs and unexpected costs associated with the building rebuild and re-model projects. The District is working hard to cut costs!!

Failure of Issue 5B could result in longer response times, less trained personnel responding, and a general decrease in the quality of service LFPD prides itself on and you as residents deserve. Given the increased fire danger and emergency response calls, now is not the time to negatively impact the capabilities of our first responders.

Your YES vote on Issue 5B will insure the future of the District and protect the quality of the fire suppression and medical services provided. The firefighters and medics of LFPD are there for us each and every day – now it is our turn to be there for them.

Please vote YES on Issue 5B.

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 5B:**

*No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.*



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