

NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/ON A
CITIZEN PETITION OR REFERRED MEASURE
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 COORDINATED ELECTION



BALLOT PROPOSALS
AND ELECTION INFORMATION

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.

Conduct of Election:

This election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballots will be delivered by U.S. Mail and sent to voters beginning the week of October 14, 2019. Voted mail ballots must be returned to the Douglas County Elections Office, a designated Ballot Drop Box location, or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Postmarks do not count.

Coordinated Election Official:

Merlin Klotz, Douglas County Clerk and Recorder
125 Stephanie Place
Castle Rock, CO 80109
303-660-7444



FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.

VOTED MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY OFFICE OF CLERK AND RECORDER - ELECTIONS DIVISION (125 Stephanie Place, Castle Rock 80109), A DESIGNATED BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION, OR A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER BY 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT.

For additional voter information or to view a composite sample ballot, please visit DouglasVotes.com.

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This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of the comments and the fiscal information.

The Douglas County Office of Clerk and Recorder does not warrant, verify or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot issue language, fiscal information or comment summaries as presented, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of the materials presented. For further information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot issues, please contact the respective Designated Election Official as indicated.

The Coordinated Election Official is not responsible for failure to meet the requirements of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution if the political subdivision fails to submit the notice and summaries within the mandatory deadlines and in the prescribed format as required by the Colorado Constitution. The ballot issue notice for the State measures will be mailed separately via the “Blue Book”.

The ballot issues contained in this notice will only be on your ballot if you reside within that jurisdiction. Visit www.GoVoteColorado.com to check the jurisdictions in which you reside.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO EXTEND AND
REALLOCATE EXISTING TAXES**

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Election Date: November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election (DEO) Office Address and Telephone Number:

Merlin Klotz, Douglas County Clerk and Recorder
125 Stephanie Place, Castle Rock, CO 80109
(303) 660-7469

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 1A

WITHOUT RAISING ADDITIONAL TAXES, SHALL THAT CERTAIN EXISTING PORTION OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER SALES AND USE TAX OF THIRTEEN HUNDREDTHS OF ONE CENT (.13%) PER DOLLAR OF TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2020 BE EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2035 AND SHALL THAT SAME PORTION TOGETHER WITH AN ADDITIONAL FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE CENT (.05%) PER DOLLAR OF TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS PORTION OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER SALES AND USE TAX, FOR AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN HUNDREDTHS OF ONE CENT (.18%) PER DOLLAR OF TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS, BE REALLOCATED FOR THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED EXPENSES TO INCLUDE FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, ALL TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN COUNTY RESOLUTION R995-099, AS AMENDED; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES, AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON, CONSTITUTE VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE COUNTY WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE COUNTY?

Summary of Written Comments FOR:

Improving transportation in the county is most citizens' number one issue. Time stuck on roads is time and money lost.

The ability to commute easily is a quality of life issue and dependent upon healthy transportation infrastructure.

Without raising taxes or adding debt, this ballot issue will provide more money for transportation infrastructure.

County population is projected to increase by 18 percent by 2040 (from 362,000 residents to 428,000) and this funding can properly address the resulting impact of that dramatic population growth on our roads.

This issue would generate more than \$12 million annually in new funds that will directly go to fixing our roads and alleviating traffic congestion which affects all residents.

It is estimated that 67 percent of those paying sales tax at County shopping centers are from outside of Douglas County; therefore guests who use the roads in Douglas County will contribute to building and maintaining them.

This will help improve the transportation system and ensure the benefit of safe, reliable roads for everyone.

With an improved transportation infrastructure and decreased congestion, property values will increase, and quality of life will improve.

This will not compromise public safety, as there is no impact on funding going to local law enforcement or any other essential community service.

Investing in a strong transportation network will ensure Douglas County remains one of the top counties to live in.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST:

A portion of the \$624 million projected County 2040 transportation needs is already funded by \$120 million of cash and securities on the current County balance sheet.

County's projection of investment in infrastructure for 2040 is too high and related population increase projections are overstated.

The County has existing infrastructure investment of \$547.7 million which would grow to \$1.17 billion by 2040 which is too high for a County of this size.

Douglas County already spends significantly more than similar front range counties on total infrastructure investment per capita.

Existing revenue sources of \$85 million annually for roads and other

infrastructure maintenance will grow sufficiently to cover transportation needs.

The County should fund roads within existing means by reprioritizing spending.

A fifteen-year extension is too long given that technology will lessen County future transportation infrastructure needs with increased efficiency and reduced demand.

The .13% portion of the sales tax should sunset and give County citizens tax relief.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE
SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

Election Date: November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Designated Election Official:

Jennifer King

6631 South University Boulevard, Centennial, Colorado 80121

Telephone: (303) 483-7011

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7A:

WITHOUT RAISING THE TAX LEVY RATE IN 2020, SHALL SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ADJUST THE DISTRICT’S MILL LEVY RATE UP OR DOWN BEGINNING IN 2021 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER IF NEEDED TO OFFSET REVENUE LOSSES RESULTING FROM STATE-MANDATED PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATE REDUCTIONS (CAUSED BY THE “GALLAGHER AMENDMENT”) IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN NECESSARY SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. PRESERVING AND MAINTAINING NATURAL AREAS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT,
2. EXTENDING, IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING WALKING, BIKING AND HIKING TRAILS, SUCH AS HIGH LINE CANAL, LEE GULCH, MARY CARTER GREENWAY, BIG DRY CREEK, AND WILLOW CREEK,
3. REPAIRING, MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING EXISTING PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND PLAYGROUNDS, AND
4. PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE RECREATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULTS AND SENIORS, SO LONG AS THE DISTRICT PREPARES ANNUAL AUDITS ON DISTRICT EXPENDITURES?

YES

NO

Summary of Written Comments IN FAVOR of Ballot Issue 7A:

A “YES” vote on ballot issue 7A will provide financial stability to South Suburban Park and Recreation District (SSPRD) by maintaining the current residential property tax assessment rate. If approved, this measure would not increase tax revenue to SSPRD, but would simply ensure revenues do not decrease in the future. With the current structure in place, the District lost more than \$83,000 in 2019 due to the residential assessment rate decrease. Similar to any budget, continual cuts in revenue will result in a decrease of quality and levels of service from SSPRD.

With a steady, predictable budget, SSPRD can continue providing award-winning recreation opportunities to its residents. SSPRD is one of only 169 organizations nation-wide that has received the national accreditation standard from the National Parks & Recreation Association. South Suburban’s parks, trails, and open space provide places for relaxation, for families to recreate, and for children to explore nature. Having close-to-home opportunities for fun and healthy outdoor activities is more significant than ever. These amenities, as well as neighborhood trails and parks, continue to protect local property values.

Support of this ballot measure places importance on preserving and maintaining natural grass areas, open space and parks, while repairing, maintaining and improving existing parks, recreation facilities and playgrounds. Sustainability is a top priority of SSPRD, which includes improving energy and water efficiency in parks, fields and buildings. Other priorities include ensuring fees to use recreation centers, pools and other facilities remain affordable, repairing and improving aging recreation centers, and extending, improving and maintaining walking, biking and hiking trails like the Mary Carter Greenway, High Line Canal Trail, Willow Creek Trail and Big Dry Creek Trail.

Vote “YES” on 7A to allow South Suburban to continue providing quality opportunities for active recreation for children, youth, adults and seniors.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7A:

The district is asking the voters to PERMANENTLY end any voter oversight as to the raising of takes [sic] by giving them the power to do so without a vote of the people. But the district has proven time and again that it cannot manage the fiscal responsibility of an annual budget and should be given no such reckless power.

After receiving record high property tax revenues, the district overspent

by more than 6 million dollars last fiscal year. Repeatedly the district has promised that a new mil levy increase or revenue retention initiative will support the district for years to come. The 2010 1 mil levy increase, the 2014 2 mil levy increase, and the 2017 retention of a set-to-expire bond payment levy were all extended and touted as securing the future of the district far into the future. The district has not grown in population significantly, has not been saddled with more responsibilities, nor seen a drop in annual revenue. On the contrary, since 2017 the operating revenue has jumped by over 5 million dollars and still there is a shortfall. Specialty equipment was purchased that will be underutilized and should be rented or contracted out. Over a dozen brand new vehicles were acquired. There are many more examples of poor financial management in the latest budget. The voters are being asked to give the district the unrestricted ability to increase taxes in the future while having demonstrated poor use of the record high taxes and revenues they currently receive. What is needed is not the option for the district to increase rates going forward without voter approval but instead proper stewardship of the resources they already have.

Keep your power to approve tax increases in the future, vote NO.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

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

**TOWN OF PARKER
DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

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

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number

Office of the Town Clerk
20120 East Mainstreet
Parker, Colorado 80138
Carol Baumgartner, Town Clerk
(303) 841-0353

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE No. 2A

SHALL THE TOWN OF PARKER TAXES BE INCREASED \$7,500,000 IN 2020 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED BY AN INCREASE IN THE LEVY OF THE DEVELOPMENT EXCISE TAX ON NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$5,191 FOR EACH NEW SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, \$2,348 FOR EACH NEW ATTACHED DWELLING AND \$1,953 FOR EACH NEW APARTMENT DWELLING; SUCH TAXES TO BE COLLECTED AT THE TIME A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR SUCH NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES BE USED FOR STREETS, PARKS AND RECREATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES FOR THE TOWN OF PARKER;

AND SHALL ANY PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF ALL DEVELOPMENT EXCISE TAXES BE USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, AS PROVIDED IN TOWN OF PARKER ORDINANCE NO. 8.20.4.

AND SHALL THE DEVELOPMENT EXCISE TAX OF THE TOWN BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE COLORADO CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX SET BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR EQUIVALENT INDEX REFLECTING ANNUAL CHANGES IN LOCAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON CONSTITUTE VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY EXPENDITURE, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

TOTAL TOWN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, DOLLAR AND PERCENTAGE CHANGES:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Spending</u>
2019 (estimated)*	\$87,648,000
2018 (actual)*	\$86,457,584
2017 (actual)	\$79,440,057
2016 (actual)	\$75,601,362
2015 (actual)	\$70,317,208

*increase in fiscal year spending for 2018 and 2019 is attributable, in part, to the receipt by the Town of proceeds of a financing to fund various capital projects for the Town

Overall percentage change from 2015 to 2019: 24.65%

Overall dollar change from 2015 to 2019: \$17,330,792

2020 fiscal year estimate of the maximum dollar amount of tax increase \$7,500,000

2020 fiscal year estimate of the maximum dollar amount of spending without the tax increase \$110,755,000

The following comments IN FAVOR OF Ballot Issue 2A were filed with the Town:

Parker is experiencing significant problems resulting from increased housing growth. This growth has put a strain on our municipal services. Our roads, parks and recreation, law enforcement, fire and ambulance services are all impacted by additional housing. Unlike property or sales tax, this tax will only impact the new residential development that is causing the strain on services. The new tax will be assessed on new residential housing permits and will not affect existing residents.

In June of 2019, the Town of Parker studied the current and future impacts of new development. The study estimated a population increase of 14,000 residents over the next ten years. This is a 26 percent increase in our population. Housing is projected to increase by over 5,000 housing units.

To keep Parker's level of recreational services over the next ten years, the study estimated a need for 68 new acres of park facilities, 10 miles of new trails and 46,000 square feet of recreational facilities. Traffic is projected to increase by 25 percent with close to 60,000 new daily vehicle trips. The Town has identified 95.9 million dollars in roadway improvements and 7.7 million dollars in intersection improvements that need to be done to meet current and future demands.

One of the recipients of the new tax will be South Metro Fire. The Town of Parker has been working together with South Metro Fire to lessen the impacts on our services from new development. This tax will offset the resources necessary to protect lives and property, resulting in increased costs to serve Parker's growing population.

The Town cannot keep its current level of services within its current revenue. Either services must go down or revenue must go up. Without this tax those of us living here now will see a decrease in the services most important to our community. The quality of our roads, parks and public safety will suffer. This solution is estimated to generate \$7,500,000 in just the first year and is limited to use for these exact services: streets, parks and recreation, law enforcement, public safety and administrative

facilities. This tax gives us an opportunity to keep our services and offset these future costs without taxing current residents.

The following comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A were filed with the Town:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

WEST DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

390 Union Boulevard, Suite 400
Denver, Colorado 80228
Telephone: 303-986-1551

Ballot Title and Text:

**WEST DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6C:**

SHALL WEST DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$121,729 ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2020, OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY RATE OF UP TO 2.0 MILLS AS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY, UP OR DOWN, BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE REVENUE THEREFROM TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER EXPENSES, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT MILL LEVY RATE OF 9.35 MILLS, WITH THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL MILL LEVY RATE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO OFFSET TAX REFUNDS, TAX ABATEMENTS, AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL PROPERTY VALUATION USED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE REVENUE THEREFROM AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW, AND AS A PERMANENT WAIVER OF THE 5.5% LIMITATION UNDER SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S.?

**WEST DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6D:**

SHALL WEST DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$182,594 ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2024 OR A LATER YEAR AS DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY RATE OF UP TO 3.0 MILLS AS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY, UP OR DOWN, BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE REVENUE THEREFROM TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER EXPENSES, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT MILL LEVY RATE OF 12.35 MILLS, WITH SUCH INCREASED MILL LEVY RATE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT BY THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO OFFSET TAX REFUNDS, TAX ABATEMENTS, AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL PROPERTY VALUATION USED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE REVENUE THEREFROM AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW, AND AS A PERMANENT WAIVER OF THE 5.5% LIMITATION UNDER SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S.?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:*

2019 (estimated)	\$395,435
2018 (actual)	\$612,349 (Including \$91,007 in grant funds)
2017 (actual)	\$361,831 (Including \$16,660 in grant funds)
2016 (actual)	\$354,864 (Including \$4,665 in grant funds)
2015 (actual)	\$926,922 (Including \$489,923 in grant funds)
Overall percentage change from 2015 to 2019:	(57%)
Overall dollar change from 2015 to 2019:	(\$531,487)

Proposed District Tax Increase for Ballot Issue 6C:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$121,729
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$1,221,476**

Proposed District Tax Increase for Ballot Issue 6D:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$182,594
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Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:
\$517,164

Note: *Includes State and Federal grant funds.

**Includes one-time expenditure of saved
District funds for a new fire station.

Summary of Written Comments For Ballot Issue 6C:

VOTE YES ON 6C. West Douglas County Fire Protection District's mill levy increase of two mills and a request to provide financial stability to the District by effectively maintaining the current residential property tax assessment rate.

A YES vote on this issue will assure resources necessary to continue covering the cost of providing first-responder service to the community. These services include but are not limited to: Emergency medical services, structural and wildland fire suppression, hazardous materials emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue operations, and public assistance. One major cost to provide these services is the maintenance, repair and periodic replacement of firefighting vehicles. Grants have been important in the funding of those vehicles in the past, but are becoming more difficult to obtain due to competition from around the state and country. The average age of vehicles in the District is more than 13 years. The cost of other critical first-responder equipment such as safety and bunker gear, recruitment and training of volunteer staff, general operations, and the cost of maintenance and updates on District stations and facilities is also on the rise. This is a volunteer district, and currently does not pay fire fighters other than the department chief. WDCFPD contributes to a volunteer pension plan for qualifying volunteers. This contribution continues to increase to keep it actuarially sound as is required by law.

WDCFPD has not asked for a mill levy increase in more than 20 years. Without the two mill increase, the District faces an uncertain future.

WDCFPD is also asking for voter approval to stabilize the assessment rate at which property is taxed. The District has already experienced a reduction in the residential assessment rate of over 10% over the last two years due to requirements of what is generally referred to as the Gallagher Amendment to the Colorado Constitution. A "YES" vote on this measure will establish a floor equivalent to the current residential assessment rate.

Recognizing the potential adverse impact of the Gallagher Amendment, voters in more than 45 Colorado fire districts have supported their local fire fighters by approving similar ballot issues.

Summary of Written Comments Against Ballot Issue 6C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments For Ballot Issue 6D:

VOTE YES ON 6D. West Douglas County Fire Protection District mill levy increase of 3 mills scheduled for no earlier than 2024. A vote of YES on this issue will assure WDCFPD has resources available to meet anticipated increased costs that changing demographics in the District will have imposed by that time. These anticipated costs include those related to possible staffing of both first-responder and support personnel, and increased cost of fire fighting and emergency response apparatus. WDCFPD anticipates future increased cost due to the growth being experienced in the county and the state.

The District has been a good steward of taxpayer money in the past. As elections are expensive, this request is being made now to allow the District to plan long term. This approach is in the best interest of the community.

Summary of Written Comments Against Ballot Issue 6D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

24-HOUR BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS: OPEN OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 5, 2019

You may drop off your voted ballot 24 hours a day at the following Ballot Drop Box locations. Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 2019:

Castle Pines

- Castle Pines Library, 360 Village Square Lane, 80108

Castle Rock

- Douglas County Elections Office, 125 Stephanie Place, 80109
- Douglas County Office, 100 Third Street, 80104

Highlands Ranch

- Highlands Ranch Motor Vehicle, 2223 W. Wildcat Reserve Parkway, 80129
- Highlands Ranch Sheriff Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, 80129

Larkspur

- Larkspur Town Hall, 8720 Spruce Mountain Road, Larkspur, 80118

Lone Tree

- Lone Tree Motor Vehicle, Park Meadows Center, 9350 Heritage Hills Circle, 80124

Parker

- Parker Police Department, 18600 Lincoln Meadows Parkway, 80134
- Parker Town Hall, 20120 E. Mainstreet, 80138

Littleton

- Roxborough Library, 8357 N. Rampart Range Road, Ste. 200, 80125
(This ballot drop-off location is inside and only available during regular business hours, and from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Election Day.)

**For additional new Ballot Drop Box locations, please visit
DouglasVotes.com.**

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPC): OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING

You may drop off your voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change your address, or register to vote at these Voter Service and Polling Centers during the following times:

- Monday - Friday, October 28 - November 4, 2019:
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2, 2019:
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2019:
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Castle Rock

- CSU Extension Office, 410 Fairgrounds Road, 80104

Highlands Ranch

- Highlands Ranch Sheriff Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, 80129

Lone Tree

- Lone Tree Motor Vehicle, Park Meadows Center, 9350 Heritage Hills Circle, 80124

Parker

- Parker Town Hall, 20120 E. Mainstreet, 80138

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I receive my ballot?

Ballots will be delivered by U.S. Mail and sent to voters beginning the week of October 14, 2019.

What if I do not receive my ballot?

If you have not received your ballot one week after they are mailed, contact the Douglas County Elections Office at (303) 660-7444.

What if I have moved and have not updated my voter registration?

You may register to vote or update your voter registration online at govotecolorado.com through October 28, 2019 to receive a ballot by mail, or go to a Voter Service and Polling Center beginning October 28, 2019 through 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 2019, to register to vote or update your registration and obtain a ballot.

What if I make a mistake, damage or lose my ballot?

You may call the Douglas County Elections Office at (303) 660-7444 to obtain a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you if the request is received no later than October 28, 2019. Otherwise, you may request a replacement ballot in person at a Voter Service and Polling Center beginning October 28, 2019 through 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 2019.

When must my voted ballot be returned to be counted?

Voted mail ballots must be returned to the Douglas County Elections Office, a designated Ballot Drop Box location, or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Postmarks do not count.

What if I did not sign my return envelope?

The Douglas County Elections Office will contact you in writing with instructions to include a copy of your identification with your return letter, or to come in person to the Douglas County Elections Office with acceptable identification. In order to be able to count your ballot, the issue must be resolved no later than close of business eight days after the election.

Additional Voter Resources and Election Information

Douglas County, Colorado:



Colorado Secretary of State:

[GoVoteColorado.com](https://www.govotecolorado.com)

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