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2017 NOTICE OF COORDINATED ELECTION  
BY MAIL BALLOT  
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / TO RETAIN EXCESS  
REVENUES / TO INCREASE DEBT ON A CITIZEN PETITION / ON A  
REFERRED MEASURE

This Notice is addressed to All Registered Voters and is mailed to  
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EVERY RESIDENT OF THE HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON EVERY ISSUE  
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This pamphlet contains summary statements for ballot propositions as required  
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
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Westminster	Adams County Economic Development	12200 N Pecos St
Westminster	Westminster Motor Vehicle	8452 N Federal Blvd

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October 16 – November 7, 2017

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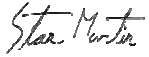
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	Adams County Justice Center	1100 Judicial Center Dr	
	Brighton City Clerk	500 S 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave	
<b>Byers</b>	Kelver Public Library	404 E Front St	
<b>Commerce City</b>	Commerce City City Clerk	7887 E 60 <sup>th</sup> Ave	
	Commerce City Motor Vehicle	4201 E 72nd Ave	
<b>Denver</b>	Perl Mack Community Center	7125 Mariposa St	
<b>Federal Heights</b>	Federal Heights City Clerk	2380 W 90 <sup>th</sup> Ave	
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<b>Strasburg</b>	Strasburg Sheriff's Substation	2550 Strasburg Rd	
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	Hilltop Village	13762 Colorado Blvd	
	Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center	11151 Colorado Blvd	
	Thornton City Clerk	9500 Civic Center Dr	
<b>Westminster</b>	Adams County Economic Development	12200 N Pecos St	
	Westminster City Clerk	4800 W 92 <sup>nd</sup> Ave	
	Westminster Motor Vehicle	8452 N Federal Blvd	

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I hereby certify that this booklet contains all of the notices as provided by the various governmental entities pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Martin".

Stan Martin  
Adams County Clerk and Recorder

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS****NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES  
ON A REFERRED MEASURE****CITY OF BRIGHTON  
Adams and Weld Counties, Colorado**

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:**

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk  
 City of Brighton  
 500 South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Brighton, Colorado 80601  
 Telephone: 303-655-2056

**Ballot Title and Text:**

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2J: AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND THE TRANSACTIONS TO WHICH THE CITY'S 3.75% USE TAX APPLIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND AMENITIES TO CITIZENS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, SUPPORT SERVICES, STREETS, AND PARK AND RECREATION.

SHALL CITY OF BRIGHTON TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$4,000,000 IN 2018 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, A USE TAX OF 3.75% ON THE STORAGE OR ACQUISITION CHARGES OR COSTS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF STORING, USING, OR CONSUMING IN THE CITY ANY ARTICLES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY PURCHASED AT RETAIL (IN ADDITION TO THE TRANSACTIONS ALREADY SUBJECT TO THE USE TAX) PROVIDED THAT NO SUCH TAX WILL BE IMPOSED ON PURCHASES OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE CITY SALES TAX IS COLLECTED OR TRANSACTIONS WHICH ARE OTHERWISE EXEMPTED FROM THIS TAX BY FUTURE ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, WITH THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX TO BE USED TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND AMENITIES TO CITIZENS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, SUPPORT SERVICES, STREETS, AND PARK AND RECREATION; AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES IT RECEIVES FROM SUCH TAX AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

**Total City Fiscal Year Spending**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2017 (estimated)	\$ 30,201,428
2016 (actual)	\$ 40,301,758 *
2015 (actual)	\$ 29,931,681
2014 (actual)	\$ 26,786,743
2013 (actual)	\$ 23,132,516
Overall percentage change from 2013 to 2017	<u>30.56%</u>
Overall dollar change from 2013 to 2017	<u>\$7,068,912</u>

\*Includes higher than anticipated sales tax revenues.

**Proposed Tax Increase**

City Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount  
 of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2018

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

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2J: \$4,000,000

City Estimate of 2018 Fiscal Year Spending  
Without Proposed Tax Increase:

\$38,011,802

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2J:**

Since September 2013, we have lived in Brighton, CO. We are writing to support the City's Use Tax Ballot Question which the City Council approved for vote in November 2017. We support passage of this ballot question because: As residents we desire the City have resources to provide police protection, clean and well maintained parks and recreation center, well maintained streets, and provide community events enjoyed by all citizens. The City of Brighton has experienced high growth in recent years and we believe Brighton businesses should pay use tax on their purchases (if sales tax has not been paid) to fairly share the cost of growth with families and individuals living in Brighton. We also believe that the City of Brighton should collect a general use tax, which is collected by neighboring communities (such as Commerce City, Thornton, and Northglenn), to retain economic and quality of life advantages.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2J:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO**

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

Coordinated Mail Ballot Election – Adams County

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017

**Election Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Local Election Office:** Office of the City Clerk  
City of Commerce City  
7887 E. 60th Avenue  
Commerce City, CO 80022  
Telephone: (303) 289-3611

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:**

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY BALLOT ISSUE 2C

SHALL THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$900,000.00 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE PERCENT (5%) EXCISE TAX ON THE WHOLESALE TRANSFER OF MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA PRODUCTS FROM OR TO A MARIJUANA BUSINESS IN THE CITY, INCLUDING TRANSFERS BY THE SAME BUSINESS BETWEEN LICENSES, ASSESSED ON THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE OF UNPROCESSED MARIJUANA NOT FOR RETAIL SALE (FOR MARIJUANA) AND ON THE GREATER OF THE PRICE PAID BY THE PURCHASER OR THE CASH VALUE OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTS (FOR MARIJUANA PRODUCTS), WITH THE RATE OF SUCH EXCISE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE BY ORDINANCE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL BUT NOT TO A RATE OF MORE THAN TEN PERCENT (10%); AND SHALL THE VOTER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR AN EXCISE TAX APPROVED IN 2015 BE REPEALED; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES, PLUS INTEREST EARNED THEREON, BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO ANY AND ALL LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW WHICH PURPORT TO LIMIT COMMERCE CITY'S REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES?

**Total Fiscal Year Spending**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2017 (estimated)	\$57,319,374
2016 (actual)	\$54,652,112
2015 (actual)	\$52,374,432
2014 (actual)	\$50,214,971
2013 (actual)	\$46,741,263
Overall percentage change from 2013 to 2017	22.631%
Overall dollar change from 2013 to 2017	\$10,578,111

City Estimate of 2018 Fiscal Year Spending without proposed increase: \$63,602,046

**Summary of Written Comments:** No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES**

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Local Election Office:** Patti K. Lowell  
 City of Federal Heights  
 2380 W. 90<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Federal Heights, CO 80260  
 (303) 412-3536

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:**

**BALLOT ISSUE 2L**

SHALL THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$750,000 ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN 2018 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OF SUCH TAX INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, A NEW EXCISE TAX UPON THE FIRST SALE OR TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA BY A RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY WITHIN THE CITY, AS LEGALIZED BY ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 16 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AT THE RATE OF FIVE PERCENT (WHICH RATE MAY BE ADJUSTED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS SUCH RATE DOES NOT EXCEED TEN PERCENT), WITH SUCH EXCISE TAX TO BE IN ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY'S SALES TAX, AND THE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE EXCISE TAX TO BE USED TO PAY OR REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED OR EXPENDED BY THE CITY RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, TO SUPPORT LOCAL DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS, PREVENT UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, AND FOR OTHER GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE CITY, AND WITH THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAX AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT THEREOF TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

**Fiscal Information**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending</b>
2013 (Actual)	\$10,210,739
2014 (Actual)	\$11,004,051
2015 (Actual)	\$11,876,075
2016 (Actual)	\$12,633,166
2017 (Estimated)	\$12,667,755

Overall percentage change to FYS (2013-2017):	24.1%
Overall dollar change to FYS (2013-2017):	\$2,457,016
Estimated 2018 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal:	\$13,385,060
Estimated 2018 tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal:	\$750,000

**Summary of Written Comments FOR the ballot issue say:**

The proposed marijuana excise tax is for first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a grow facility. This tax is not paid for by the consumer, it is paid when the grow facility sells or transfers the marijuana to a company for processing. This additional revenue is badly needed by the city to help pay for marijuana education and to pay for projects like improving our streets. Voters in neighboring communities have passed this same excise tax for their marijuana grows and the city of Federal Heights voters should, also.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST the ballot issue say:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.



**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**TOWN OF LOCHBUIE, COLORADO**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ADAMS COUNTY**

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Local Election Office:** Monica Mendoza, Designated Election Official  
 Town of Lochbuie  
 703 Weld County Road 37  
 Lochbuie, CO 80603  
 (303) 655-9308

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:**

Town of Lochbuie Ballot Issue 2D

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAXES OR INCREASING ANY TAX RATE, FOR PROPERTY TAX REVENUE COLLECTED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AND ALL FUTURE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE, SHALL THE TOWN OF LOCHBUIE BE PERMITTED TO LEVY, RETAIN AND SPEND SUCH TOWN REVENUES WITHOUT THE LIMITATIONS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE IMPOSED BY THE 5.5% LIMITATION UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 29-1-301?

Town of Lochbuie Ballot Issue 2E

SHALL TOWN OF LOCHBUIE DEBT BE INCREASED \$4,200,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$8,430,000 (OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY), AND SHALL TOWN OF LOCHBUIE TAXES BE INCREASED \$340,000 ANNUALLY OR BY SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH DEBT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- INSTALLING A TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUT TO CONTROL TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE INTERSECTION OF WELD COUNTY ROAD 2 AND WELD COUNTY ROAD 37; AND
- ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE WIDENING TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION AND INSTALLING SIDEWALKS AND CURB AND GUTTER ALONG WELD COUNTY ROAD 2 BETWEEN SUCH ROUNDABOUT AND THE INTERSECTION OF WAGON TRAIL AVENUE; AND
- ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON THE NORTH HALF OF WELD COUNTY ROAD 2 TO INCLUDE WIDENING TO TWO LANES BETWEEN WAGON TRAIL AVENUE AND HOMESTEAD AVENUE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ALONG SUCH STRETCH AND OVER THE SPEER CANAL;

SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE OF 5.25% PER ANNUM AND HAVE SUCH OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; SUCH DEBT TO BE PAID FROM ANY LEGALLY AVAILABLE MONEYS OF THE TOWN, INCLUDING THE PROCEEDS OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUCH DEBT AT A MAXIMUM ANNUAL RATE OF 12 MILLS (SUCH MAXIMUM RATE TO BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THE EVENT THAT THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION IS CHANGED SO THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE AD VALOREM TAXES DERIVED FROM SUCH MAXIMUM RATE ARE NEITHER INCREASED NOR DECREASED AS A RESULT OF SUCH CHANGE); AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF ANY SUCH DEBT AND THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES, ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR IN C.R.S. SECTION 29-1-301?

**Fiscal Information**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending</b>
2013 (Actual)	\$ 1,357,140
2014 (Actual)	\$ 1,551,091
2015 (Actual)	\$ 2,015,826
2016 (Actual)	\$ 4,578,697 (a portion of which is grant provided by DOLA for Town Hall)
2017 (Estimated)	\$ 3,820,044 (a portion of which is grant provided by DOLA for Town Hall)

Overall percentage change 2013-2017 (estimated):	181%
Overall dollar change 2013-2017 (estimated):	\$2,462,904
Estimated maximum dollar change of 2018 tax increase	\$340,000
Estimated 2018 spending without tax increase	\$4,112,466
Proposed bond principal amount	\$4,500,000
Proposed bond maximum annual / total repayment	\$340,000.00 / \$8,630,000.00
Current principal balance of outstanding street bonds (as of 9/26/17)	\$1,745,000

**Summary of Written Comments FOR 2E:**

SAFETY FIRST! Voting YES on 2E will result in a rebuilt, redesigned, safer, and more functional County Road 2/168<sup>th</sup> Avenue. By voting YES on 2E, you will see: (1) significant traffic improvements at the dangerous intersection of County Road 2 and the I-76 frontage road; (2) expanded traffic lanes on all parts of County Road 2 within Lochbuie town limits, as well as added turn lanes; and (3) a detached sidewalk along the north side of County Road 2 from the I-76 frontage road to Jewel Avenue.

Numerous accidents have occurred at the intersection of County Road 2 and the I-76 frontage road and County Road 2 has become increasingly congested over the last few years. The redesigned and improved County Road 2 will feature an upgraded intersection professionally engineered to provide the safest option to facilitate traffic flow, including semi-truck traffic. The expansion of County Road 2 to four lanes and the addition of turn lanes will reduce congestion significantly and improve overall traffic flow, especially during peak traffic hours. Additionally, the inclusion of a sidewalk along the north side of County Road 2 will provide a safe walking path to school for the children, which is especially important given the new elementary school slated to open in August 2018. The sidewalk will be detached, wide, and paved to allow access for pedestrians, bicycles, wheel chairs, and strollers.

The overall project is partially funded by a sizeable grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation, and significant contributions from developers in both Lochbuie and Brighton. In short, new development is paying for new development. A grant has been obtained and others will likely be pursued. Voting YES on 2E ensures that this large and critical project moves forward, and Lochbuie residents will see all of the benefits outlined above in 2018.

Vote YES on 2E. Your YES vote will result in a safer and more efficient County Road 2.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST 2E:**

None

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO**

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

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Local Election Office:** Johanna Small, Designated Election Official  
City of Northglenn  
11701 Community Center Drive  
Northglenn, CO 80233  
(303) 450-8757

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:**

BALLOT ISSUE 2F: MILL LEVY EXTENSION

WITHOUT RAISING ADDITIONAL TAXES, SHALL THE EXISTING CITY 4.000 MILL PROPERTY TAX BE EXTENDED AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT A SUNSET CLAUSE, THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH MILL LEVY EXTENSION TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CITY STREETS, WHICH SHALL BE LIMITED TO DESIGNING, ENGINEERING, PAVING AND CONSTRUCTING SUCH STREET IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING APPURTENANT AND NECESSARY DRAINAGE, PEDESTRIAN AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS, AND NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL MODIFICATIONS TO UTILITIES?

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2F:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2F:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS****NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE****SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27J****Adams and Weld Counties, and the City and County of Broomfield, Colorado****Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017**Election Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:**

Lynn Ann Sheats, Designated Election Official

School District No. 27J

18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Brighton, CO 80601

Telephone: 303-655-2952

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:**BALLOT ISSUE 3D:

SHALL BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J TAXES BE INCREASED \$12 MILLION BEGINNING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2018, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED 12 MILLS, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., BY THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

RETAINING AND RECRUITING HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF; AND

PURCHASING AND MAINTAINING INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS AND MATERIALS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE TECHNOLOGY BASED ITEMS, TO SUPPORT THE INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS;

WITH SUCH TAXES TO BE IN EXCESS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND MILL LEVY PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW WITHOUT SUCH INCREASE AND, TOGETHER WITH REVENUES FROM SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO AND THE EARNINGS ON SUCH TAXES AND REVENUES, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE UNDER, TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT EACH YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF, AND 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?

**Total District Fiscal Year Spending**Fiscal Year

2017-2018 (estimated)	\$149,142,376
2016-2017 (unaudited)	\$148,300,920
2015-2016 (actual)	\$146,127,206
2014-2015 (actual)(1)	\$135,213,462
2013-2014 (actual)	\$123,836,689

Overall percentage change from 2013-2014 to 2017-2018	20.44%
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Overall dollar change from 2013-2014 to 2017-2018	\$25,305,687
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(1) Increase in 2014-15 fiscal year is attributable to additional students, additional kindergarten slots, and additional per pupil funding.

**Proposed Tax Increase**

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3D: \$12,000,000

District Estimate of 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$159,539,433

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

School District 27J's student population has nearly doubled in the last ten years, making it one of the fastest growing school districts in the metro area. Yet 27J has the least funding per student of any district in the metro region. Even though school district 27J performs at a higher level than many districts who receive more funding, imagine what 27J could accomplish for our kids and our community if we vote YES on 3D and close some of the funding gap between 27J and other districts.

Funding shortfalls mean that the district is struggling to provide up-to-date textbooks and educational materials. So much so that it's impacting the quality of the education our children receive. Voting YES on 3D will replace outdated textbooks and other educational materials. The proposal will also ensure more students have access to 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology.

The lack of funding has made it difficult to keep good teachers and instructional staff here in our community. The annual turnover rate for teachers in School District 27J is now 22%, the third highest in the entire metro area. Our teachers are paid less than teachers in any other metro area district—more than 10 thousand dollars less on average.

Staff and teachers come to 27J because of our culture of respect, our kids, and our track record of success. But all too often they are recruited away to better-funded metro area school districts. School District 27J has become a "talent pipeline" to neighboring districts. Voting YES on 3D will help reverse that trend. Salary and benefits aren't the most important factors that drive our teachers and instructional staff, but better compensation will make it easier for them to stay with the kids and schools they love.

We can make more students career ready and/or college ready to help fill and even create good jobs right here in our community. We can be a great school district for our kids and our community. Please vote YES on 3D.

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

Here we go again, another massive tax increase on taxpayers whose bills go up and income goes down. It is obvious that elected officials from the local level to state level have no regard for seniors on fix incomes, middle class families living pay check to pay check, and commercial property owners (i.e. businesses) that are taxed at nearly 4 time greater then residential property.

27J School Boards for decades have given more of the growth money to pay and benefits for employees instead, of the benefit of, the students when comes to issues like class size and the outrageous fees that parent have to pay. The employees of the school district are making very good money and competitive with other school district.

This is a blank check with no accountability for improving the dropout rate, proficiency in academics, and the achievement gap for minorities. Vote no on this outrageous grab for your hard earned money after saying yes to over 100 million dollars in new schools only two years ago

According to the Colorado K12 Financial Transparency (CFT) current spending per student in the district is \$8,283 dollars per student. The district spends far too much on administration instead of teachers in the classroom. CFT also show a massive total funding of \$358,438,692 for the district. All that money is for approx. 17,042 students. If you take a classroom of 25 times 8,283 dollars that equals 207,075 dollars for one classroom of 25 and the district wants 12 million dollars more a year- give the taxpayers a break and vote no!

No amount of money is going to overcome the negative factors that have plagued our schools and society for decades. Educating kids is hard on a good day much less with the evils of drugs and alcohol abuse, gangs, and violence starting in the middle schools across this country that along with the destruction so many family units. Poverty is the end result of failure for kids to get an education and skills to obtain the America dream. The moral decay of our country as a whole makes beating poverty impossible.

The pro side has money and will try to buy this election as they did with the bond issue two years ago. They are counting on a low voter turnout so they can get the vote out in their favor for the tax increase. So it is imperative that you get the no vote. Tell the school district they have more than enough money and do their job - educate our children and quit asking for more money.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7**

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

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Local Election Office:** Micki L. Mills, Designated Election Official  
 390 Union Boulevard, Suite 400  
 Lakewood, Colorado 80228  
 Telephone number 303-218-7206.

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:**

**BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4D:**

SHALL BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 (D/B/A BENNETT-WATKINS FIRE RESCUE) TAXES BE INCREASED \$744,795 ANNUALLY, COMMENCING IN 2018, OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY RATE OF UP TO 4.093 MILLS, THE REVENUE THEREFROM TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S OPERATING, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC AND LIFE SAFETY-RELATED SERVICES; RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RATE NOT TO EXCEED 13.000 MILLS TOTAL, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS, OR DEBT SERVICE, (PROVIDED THAT SUCH MAXIMUM MILL LEVY SHALL BE ADJUSTED UP OR DOWN TO ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN LAW OR THE METHOD BY WHICH ASSESSED VALUATION IS CALCULATED OCCURRING AFTER 2017, SO THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY THE MILL LEVY, AS ADJUSTED, ARE NEITHER DIMINISHED NOR ENHANCED AS A RESULT OF SUCH CHANGES), AND SHALL BENNETT-WATKINS FIRE RESCUE BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY RATE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

**Total District Fiscal Year Spending:**

2017 (estimated)	\$2,019,067
2016 (actual)	\$2,246,612
2015 (actual)	\$1,688,998
2014 (actual)	\$1,497,809
2013 (actual)	\$1,454,523

Overall percentage change from 2013 to 2017: 38.813%  
 Overall dollar change from 2013 to 2017: \$564,544

**Proposed District Tax Increase:**

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$744,795
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$1,889,838

**Summary of Written Comments IN FAVOR of Ballot Issue 4D:**

When's the last time you thought about fire and emergency medical response in the area around Bennett and Watkins? Now's a good time to bring up the subject, because the fire service agency serving those communities – Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue – is seeing unprecedented growth in calls and demands for service. On average, calls are increasing 13.5% each year, and that includes an increase in firefighting response, especially for wildland and structure fires, medical calls, accidents on I-70, coverage at Front Range Airport, and hazmat mitigation. In 2017 the Fire District expects to exceed 1,200 calls.

These emergency services are provided by a paid force of 19 firefighters and command staff, and a continually fluctuating volunteer reserve component, four of whom live in the Bennett-Watkins District, which covers 325 square miles and includes some 9,000 residents and multiple businesses.

It's time to address the growing need to reinforce fire and EMS numbers, by hiring additional personnel to staff

two full-time stations, as well as update stations for full-time residential living.

The remedy is additional tax revenue, to assure the proper level of service, as well as ensure firefighter safety and protection. Using new revenue, the District would immediately hire six full-time firefighters, train them to safely handle fire and EMS calls, and additionally staff the firehouses in Bennett and east of Watkins.

As the call volume increases, it's simply not realistic to rely upon volunteers, especially during daytime shifts. Most of the current volunteer roster is made up of people who commute to the District from all over Colorado to gain experience so they can attain a paid job within the emergency services field. The fact is, volunteer ranks are shrinking and turnover rates are very high. A full-time fire and EMS staff is more practical and efficient.

The request to add to property taxes in the District is set at 4.093 mills, and that would produce revenue of approximately \$744,795. As new homes and business locations are built, that additional revenue would reinforce the District's budget. If approved, the mill levy for the District would go to 13.0 mills. On a \$300,000 home, that equals about \$88 more per year, or \$7.33 per month. That's 24¢ per day, a small amount to pay for better response, and better protection.

If the ballot issue is rejected, a smaller number of on-duty firefighters means longer response times (especially if they're handling other calls), increasing risk to residents and emergency response personnel, and the higher possibility of life or property loss from fire.

The District's ballot issue is a well-thought-out answer to a perilous problem. Providing emergency medical help and answering fire calls in a rural area with pockets of housing is a continuing issue. Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue believes this strategy, of dedicating revenues to full-time staffing, is the best solution for the challenges it faces every day. A "Yes" vote on Ballot Issue 4D will help solve that problem.

#### Summary of Written Comments Against the Proposal:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**SABLE-ALTURA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES  
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**SABLE-ALTURA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO**

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Designated Election Official:** Kammy K. Tinney  
550 W. Eisenhower Boulevard  
Loveland, CO 80537  
Telephone: (970)669-3611

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:**

**SABLE-ALTURA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - BALLOT ISSUE 4E**

SHALL SABLE-ALTURA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$350,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2017 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX OF 7.000 MILLS BY 4.330 MILLS TO BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ALL REVENUE AND EARNINGS FROM THIS TAX CONSTITUTING A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE 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?

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2017 (estimated)	\$1,202,130
2016 (actual)	\$2,844,560
2015 (actual)	\$1,076,101
2014 (actual)	\$1,035,908
2013 (actual)	\$1,033,202
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	16.35%
Overall dollar amount of change:	\$168,928
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2018:	\$350,000
Estimated 2018 fiscal year spending without tax increase:	\$1,156,911

Summary of written comments FOR Ballot Issue 4E: The Sable Altura Fire Protection District asks voters to approve ballot issue 4E, a mill levy increase to support staffing and operating costs. The fire district serves a 26-square mile area in Adams and Arapahoe counties, with approximately 2200 residents. In 2016, the fire district's 7 paid (3 full-time and 4 part-time) and 43 volunteer firefighters responded to 477 emergency calls, which is a 74% increase since 2009. Thanks to the support of the voters in 2006, Sable is not in need of additional equipment at this time. However, over the last few years staffing and operating costs have increased substantially. We have also seen an increase in emergency medical response, which is 80% of our call volume. With this trend, the fire district requires additional personnel to respond to the calls. There is an increasing need for full-time paramedics, EMT's and firefighters. With expenses increasing year over year, the district has not requested an operational funding increase in over 13 years. What the mill levy increase would mean to our community is an increase of \$2.60 per month per \$100,000 of property value. Voters in the Sable Altura Fire Protection District are encouraged to approve 4E during the November 7 election, and support our first responders as they continue to serve the community with a commitment to professionalism and safety.

Summary of written comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4E: No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.



**ADAMS COUNTY – TABOR Notice for:  
STRASBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8**

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

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

**Election Date and Hours:** November 7, 2017, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Designated Election Official:** Megan A. Holmberg  
1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 2000  
Telephone: (303) 839-3703

**BALLOT ISSUE 4F**

Referendum Mill Levy Gallagher Adjustment:  
SHALL THE STRASBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 AD VALOREM MILL LEVY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED ANNUALLY, COMMENCING IN 2018, TO ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN LAW OR THE METHOD BY WHICH ASSESSED VALUATION IS CALCULATED OCCURRING IN 2017 OR THEREAFTER, SO THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY THE MILL LEVY, AS ADJUSTED, ARE NEITHER DIMINISHED NOR ENHANCED AS A RESULT OF SUCH CHANGES; THE REVENUES FROM SUCH ADJUSTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER EXPENSES, AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE IN 2018 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 STATUES, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

- YES                       NO

*The method of calculating the district's mill levy is based on the residential assessed valuation which was decreased from 7.96% to 7.2% in the 2017 assessment year (for collection in 2018). This reduction decreases the mill levy revenues available to the District from previous years. The proposed tax increase would allow for the rate of calculation of future mill levy revenues to be increased only to the point that the reduction would have no effect on the District's ability to collect current and future revenues.*

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

**Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Spending</b>
2017 (estimated)	\$695,400
2016 (projected)	\$528,241
2015 (actual)	\$562,331
2014 (actual)	\$617,104
2013 (preliminary)	\$500,899
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2013 to 2017	39%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2013 through 2017:	\$194,501

**Summary of Written Comments For Issue:**  
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summary of Written Comments Against Issue:**  
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.



**ADAMS COUNTY**

Stan Martin  
Adams County Clerk and Recorder  
PO Box 1540  
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