



Official Ballot for El Paso County, Colorado Coordinated Election Tuesday, November 7, 2017

#### WARNING:

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

Completely darken the OVAL to the left of your choice. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot call (719) 575-VOTE (8683) for a replacement. Use a BLUE or BLACK ink pen to mark your choices on this ballot.

#### CORRECT



If you mark in any of the incorrect ways shown below it may be difficult to determine your intent. Do not write personally identifiable information on this ballot.

#### **INCORRECT**



## **SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES**

#### Colorado Springs School District 11 Director

Two Year Term (Vote for One)

Mary Coleman

# Colorado Springs School District 11 Director

Four Year Term (Vote for not more than Three)

- Morgan Chavez
- Julie Ott
- Sean Gullixson
- Jim Mason

## **QUESTIONS OR ISSUES**

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

## **COUNTY ISSUE**

#### El Paso County - 1A

WITHOUT IMPOSING NEW TAXES OR RAISING TAX RATES, SHALL EL PASO COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN AND SPEND \$14,548,000 IN EXCESS 2016 REVENUE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO TABOR (ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION) TO INVEST ONLY IN THE FOLLOWING INFRASTRUCTURE:

- THE I-25 CORRIDOR GAP LOCAL SHARE AND OTHER ROADWAY SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, UP TO \$12 MILLION;
- DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECTS; AND
- PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS,

WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH EXCESS REVENUE WOULD OTHERWISE BE REFUNDED ONLY TO TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY OWNERS AS A ONE-TIME TAX CREDIT (EXAMPLE: APPROXIMATELY \$40 FOR A TYPICAL SINGLE-FAMILY HOME VALUED AT \$250,000), AND TO RETAIN AND SPEND IN THE 2017 FISCAL YEAR AND THEREAFTER AN AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT EXCEEDS CURRENT TABOR LIMITATIONS BUT IS NO GREATER THAN THE COUNTY REVENUE CAP, WHICH CONTINUES TO LIMIT FUTURE REVENUE GROWTH AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION NO. 17-244?

$\circ$	YES

# $\bigcirc$ NO

#### **MUNICIPALITY QUESTIONS OR ISSUES**

# City of Colorado Springs - 2A

Without imposing any new tax or increasing any existing taxes, shall Ordinance No. 17-69 of the City of Colorado Springs be approved authorizing: the collection of stormwater service fees beginning July 1, 2018 and ending July 1, 2038, for the sole purpose of funding through a City enterprise, the construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of public stormwater facilities and a public stormwater system in the City, including regulatory permit compliance and protection of life and property within the City from the hazards of flooding and stormwater, to be assessed on all developed real property within the City, with such fees not to exceed the following maximum amounts:

Residential property: \$5.00 per dwelling unit/month
Non-residential property: \$30.00 per acre/month

providing that such fees may be thereafter increased by City Council by Resolution only to the extent required to comply with a valid court order, federal or state permits, federal or state laws, and intergovernmental agreements of the City entered into before June 1, 2016; and providing for citizen advisory committee oversight?

$\bigcirc$	YES

 $\bigcirc$  NO

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS OR ISSUES

### Colorado Springs School District 11 - 3E

SHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 TAXES BE INCREASED \$42 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY WHICH SHALL BE USED TO FUND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF, NOT TO INCLUDE ADMINISTRATORS, BY OFFERING SALARIES AND BENEFITS THAT ARE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
- EXTENDING THE LIFE OF EXISTING SCHOOLS BY REPAIRING, MAINTAINING, AND MODERNIZING AGING BUILDINGS;
- EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY ACCESS TO MORE STUDENTS BY UPGRADING AND REPLACING OUTDATED COMPUTERS AND EQUIPMENT;
- IMPROVING STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY BY ADDING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT EVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL:
- SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS BY PROVIDING MORE SCHOOL COUNSELORS, NURSES, PSYCHOLOGISTS, OR SOCIAL WORKERS; AND
- REDUCING LONG-TERM INTEREST COSTS BY PAYING OFF EXISTING DEBT SOONER;

THE DISTRICT SHALL ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY WITH A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL ANNUALLY REVIEW AND REPORT TO THE PUBLIC ON THE USE OF FUNDS;

FOR 2019 AND THEREAFTER SHALL SUCH REVENUES BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION; AND

SHALL THE DISTRICT BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF THESE REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION BE EXCLUDED FROM PREVIOUS LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY?

$\bigcirc$	YES
$\bigcirc$	NO

# OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ISSUES

#### Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority - 5B

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL THE 2012 VOTER-APPROVED LIST OF SPECIFIC REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE EXISTING 0.55% (FIFTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PENNY PER DOLLAR) PIKES PEAK RURAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (PPRTA) SALES AND USE TAX, WHICH SUNSETS ON DECEMBER 31, 2024, BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS:

 CDOT I-25 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - LOCAL CONTRIBUTION: STATE HIGHWAY 105 NORTH TO COUNTY LINE ROAD

WITH THIS PROJECT BEING ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000.00 IN PPRTA CONTRIBUTIONS, AT ANY TIME REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PRIORITY "A" PROJECTS AND PRIORITY "B" PROJECTS?

$\bigcirc$	YES
$\bigcirc$	NO

**END OF BALLOT**