

GENERAL ELECTION
Bobbie Gross
COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
200 S Spruce St Grand Junction, CO 81501

The Election will be conducted as a
Mail Ballot Election on November 3,
2026 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm.
There will be nine (9) Voter Service
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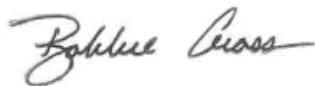
NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO INCREASE
TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT
ON A CITIZEN PETITION
AND/OR ON
A REFERRED MEASURE

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT
THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS SUMMARY
STATEMENTS FOR BALLOT PROPOSITIONS
AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF
COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, SECTION
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Bobbie Gross
Mesa County Clerk and Recorder



TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

TOWN OF PALISADE MESA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Keli L Frasier - CMC Town Clerk

PO Box 128, Palisade, CO 81526

(970) 464-5602 Ext. 6308

TOWN OF PALISADE BALLOT ISSUE 2A

SHALL TOWN OF PALISADE TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$600,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE TOWN'S SALES TAX RATE FROM 2.0% TO 3.0%, WHICH INCREASE WILL TERMINATE ON DECEMBER 31, 2034, SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMIT SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW;

AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH INCREASED 1.0% SALES TAX BE COLLECTED AND

0.75% OF SAID INCREASE SPENT TO FUND:

- STREET REPAIRS FOR 4TH, 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH STREETS,
- IMPROVEMENTS TO PEACH BOWL PARK,
- SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS,
- IMPROVEMENTS TO RIVERBEND PARK, AND

0.25% OF SAID INCREASE SPENT TO FUND EMERGENCY SERVICES,

AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND RETAIN OR EXPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON FOR SUCH PURPOSES, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE LIMITATION ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year (Current fiscal year estimated) \$6,971,197

Year (2025) \$7,788,372

Year (2024) \$6,080,712

Year (2023) \$6,219,298

Year (2022) \$4,386,766

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending: 58.9%

Overall dollar amount change: \$2,584,431

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2027: \$600,000

Estimated 2027 fiscal year spending without tax increase: \$6,971,197

Information on Current Bonded Debt:

Principal amount: \$0.00

Maximum annual repayment cost: \$0.00

Total repayment cost: \$0.00

Information on Proposed Bonded Debt:

Principal amount: \$0.00

Maximum annual repayment cost: \$0.00

Total repayment cost: \$0.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A:

- The proposed 1% sales tax increase is an investment in Palisade's future that would provide additional funding for street repairs, emergency services, the Town pool, and our beautiful parks. Palisade's municipal sales tax was established at 1% in 1970 and increased to 2% in 2004. Declining sales tax revenue, including impacts associated with marijuana sales in Grand Junction, has reduced available revenue. The proposed increase would equal 10 cents on a \$10 taxable purchase and would remain in effect for eight years.
- Vote Yes on 2A. Palisade's current revenues are insufficient to maintain streets, the Town pool, and essential services as municipal costs have increased and certain sales tax revenues have declined. Unlike the 2024 proposal to increase the municipal sales tax from 2% to 4%, this measure proposes a 1% increase with identified uses. Three-quarters of the additional revenue would support streets and infrastructure, with the remainder supporting other identified needs, including public safety. The eight-year sunset provides accountability by allowing voters to evaluate the results before deciding whether additional funding should continue.
- Vote Yes on 2A. The tax would be paid by residents and visitors alike, allowing those who spend money in Palisade to contribute toward community improvements. The eight-year sunset provides voters an opportunity to evaluate how the revenue is used before determining whether the tax should continue. If the voters don't see results, the additional sales tax ends – voters hold the Town accountable with this measure.
- Vote Yes on 2A. Palisade's current 2% municipal sales tax rate is lower than the municipal rates cited for Grand Junction and Fruita. Larger municipalities may also benefit from economies of scale when providing police and fire services. The additional revenue would fund specified street maintenance and infrastructure projects and public safety services and would be included in the Town's independent third-party audits. The proposed increase would expire in 2034 unless voters subsequently approve its continuation.
- Vote Yes on 2A. Adequate funding is necessary to maintain essential municipal services and infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, police, fire, and EMS. Visitors contribute sales tax revenue while using and benefiting from Palisade's infrastructure and amenities, allowing tourism to help support community needs. The proposed increase would provide additional resources for infrastructure and public safety, while the eight-year sunset provides voters with an opportunity to evaluate the Town's use of the additional revenue.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON REFERRED MEASURES

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Selestina Sandoval, City Clerk

250 North 5th Street

Grand Junction, CO 81501

(970) 244-1509

ORCHARD MESA POOL BALLOT ISSUE 2B

SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,900,000 IN 2027 (THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR), AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE CITY'S SALES AND USE TAX RATE FROM 3.39% TO 3.46% BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING REVENUE TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF REPAIRING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING THE ORCHARD MESA SWIMMING POOL, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE SWIMMING POOL SYSTEMS INCLUDING MECHANICAL, HEATING/VENTILATION/AIR-CONDITIONING (HVAC), ELECTRICAL AND FILTRATION AND OTHER HARDWARE NECESSARY FOR OPERATION OF THE SWIMMING POOL FACILITY BUT SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY EXPANSION BEYOND THE EXISTING 6 LANE, 25 YARD BY 25 METER, POOL CONFIGURATION, AND SHALL INCLUDE THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE DEBT AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SAME; AND SUCH RATE SHALL BE REDUCED BY 0.04% ON JANUARY 1ST FOLLOWING THE DATE ON WHICH THE DEBT APPROVED HEREBY IS PAID IN FULL (BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH REDUCTION OCCUR LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2047), WITH THE REMAINING INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION (.03%) TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ORCHARD MESA SWIMMING POOL, AND SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION DEBT BE INCREASED \$12,000,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$19,000,000 TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE COSTS OF REPAIRING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING THE ORCHARD MESA SWIMMING POOL WITH THE DEBT BEING PAYABLE FROM THIS TAX INCREASE OR ANY OTHER GENERAL REVENUE OF THE CITY, PROVIDED THAT THE SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE DEBT, INCLUDING A PROVISION FOR EARLY REPAYMENT WITH OR WITHOUT A PREMIUM, AND THE PRICE AT WHICH IT WILL BE SOLD BEING DETERMINED BY THE CITY AS NECESSARY AND PRUDENT, WITH THE CITY BEING AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE, COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND SUCH REVENUES AND ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS AND INTEREST THEREON, AS A VOTER

APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO
CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2026 (estimated) \$110,574,239

2025 (actual) \$100,950,100

2024 (actual) \$97,946,042

2023 (actual) \$88,781,715

2022 (actual) \$81,548,152

Overall percentage change, 2022 to 2026: 35.6%

Overall dollar change, 2022 to 2026: \$29,026,087

Estimated maximum dollar amount of the increase for 2027: \$1,900,000

Estimated 2027 fiscal year spending without the increase: \$116,102,951

Information on Current Bonded Debt:

Principal amount: \$132,130,000

Maximum annual repayment cost: \$9,622,731

Total repayment cost: \$228,770,007

Information on Proposed Bonded Debt:

Principal amount: \$12,000,000

Maximum annual repayment cost: \$1,900,000

Total repayment cost: \$19,000,000

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2B:

Written comments in support of Ballot Measure 2B state that renovating and modernizing the Orchard Mesa Pool is a fiscally responsible investment that would preserve an existing community asset and extend its useful life for 25 years or more. Supporters note that a 2023 pool study found the basic structure to be sound but identified aging equipment and amenities in need of upgrades. They argue that renovating the facility now would cost significantly less than constructing a replacement facility in the future.

Supporters state that the proposed sales and use tax increase is modest, amounting to approximately seven cents on a \$100 purchase while renovation debt is being paid. They note that this portion of the tax would end after the debt is paid or within 15 years, while approximately three cents per \$100 would remain to support ongoing operations, maintenance, staffing, and programming.

Comments also emphasize the pool's role in providing affordable recreation, including swimming lessons, lifeguard training, fitness and aquatic programs, and family activities.

Supporters argue that swimming instruction provides an important water-safety and life skill in a community surrounded by rivers, canals, and other waterways.

Supporters further argue that preserving Orchard Mesa Pool promotes geographic equity because most City Parks and Recreation amenities are located north of the Colorado River, while the pool is one of the relatively few significant recreational amenities serving the south side of the community.

Overall, supporters characterize the measure as a cost-effective investment that preserves affordable recreation, provides long-term resources for the pool, promotes equitable access to City recreational amenities, and avoids the greater future cost of replacing the facility.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

TOWN OF DE BEQUE

MESA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Lisa Rogers, Town Clerk

381 Minter Avenue

De Beque, CO 81630

(970) 283-5475

TOWN OF DE BEQUE BALLOT ISSUE 2C

SHALL THE TOWN OF DE BEQUE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$40,000.00 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPATIONAL TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5 FOR EACH POUND OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA OR MARIJUANA PRODUCTS SOLD OR TRANSFERRED BY ANY MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER, ALSO KNOWN AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY, ANY MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION OPERATION, AND ANY MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER WITHIN THE TOWN OF DE BEQUE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027; AND SHALL ALL REVENUE DERIVED FROM SUCH OCCUPATION TAX BE COLLECTED AND SPENT, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year 2026 (Current fiscal year estimated) \$2,972,638.00

2025 (Actual) \$3,559,021.00

2024 (Actual) \$3,081,486.00

2023 (Actual) \$2,112,652.00

2022 (Actual) \$1,762,937.00

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending: 68.62%

Overall dollar amount change: \$1,209,701.00

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2027: \$40,000.00

Estimated 2027 fiscal year spending without tax increase: \$3,747,505.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

MESA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Amy Navarette - DEO

2115 Grand Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501

(970) 254-5193

MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 BALLOT ISSUE 4A

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$23.2 MILLION IN 2026 FOR COLLECTION IN 2027 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM AN OVERRIDE MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 7.850 MILLS, WHICH MILL LEVY MAY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR FOR INFLATION BASED ON THE ANNUAL CHANGES IN THE DENVER- BOULDER CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AND WHICH WOULD COST A HOMEOWNER AN ESTIMATED \$18.09 PER MONTH ON AN AVERAGE HOME VALUED AT \$400,000 BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE AND ASSESSMENT RATES AS OF DECEMBER 2025 AND DOES NOT REFLECT FUTURE CHANGES IN ASSESSED VALUE, ASSESSMENT RATE, OR LAW, FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

MAINTAIN AND EXPAND EFFORTS TO ENSURE A SAFE AND SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF, SUCH AS ADDING ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY OFFICERS AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS;

MAINTAIN AND EXPAND WORKFORCE READINESS OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND STEM PROGRAMMING (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH), BY PROVIDING REAL-WORLD, HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS AT EVERY LEVEL;

KEEP AND ATTRACT HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS BY BRINGING SALARIES AND BENEFITS CLOSER TO THE MARKET AVERAGE COMPARED TO PEER SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ANNUAL SALARY AND BENEFIT INCREASES FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF FOR CONTINUED SERVICE;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT’S WEBSITE;

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 THE FULL AMOUNT OF REVENUE AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION AND PRIOR MILL LEVY OVERRIDE QUESTIONS SUBJECT TO THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 22-54-108(3)(B)(VI), 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 UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (estimated) \$309,379,562
2025-2026 (estimated) \$300,509,077
2024-2025 (actual) \$300,853,873
2023-2024 (actual) \$289,761,022
2022-2023 (actual) \$257,987,587
Overall percentage change from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027: 19.92%
Overall dollar change from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027: \$51,391,975

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increases):

BALLOT ISSUE 4A: \$23,200,000

District Estimate of 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Spending Without the Proposed Tax Increases: \$309,379,562

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A:

Mesa County Valley School District 51 is asking voters to approve a mill levy override (MLO) that would raise up to \$23.2 million annually, at a rate not to exceed 7.85 mills, to close a longstanding funding gap and keep D51 competitive with neighboring school districts.

Why it's needed: D51 ranks 171st out of 178 Colorado school districts in per-pupil funding and has the lowest local MLO funding of any comparable district in the state. \$883 per student, compared to a \$2,025 average among peer districts. Colorado itself ranks 44th nationally in school funding.

Before asking voters for additional funding, D51 controlled its own costs first. The district cut central office administration by 21.2%. The steepest reduction of any large Colorado district, at a time when most peer districts were adding administrative positions even as their

student enrollment declined. That figure includes \$5.8 million in Central Office budget reductions since 2020. Only after making these cuts is D51 asking the community to invest in classrooms and staff.

That discipline has coincided with real results for students:

- The strongest combined SAT gains of any large district in the state.
- The highest graduation rates in the history of the district — three years running.
- The highest elementary reading levels since monitoring began.
- For the first time in district history, 100% of D51 schools in the two highest state academic rating categories.
- More than 900 high school students earning nearly 10,000 free college credits.
- Industry certificates earned by students growing to 609, up from 299.

The 2026 MLO would build on this progress by funding safer schools (additional security officers and year-round safety staffing), workforce readiness (CTE and STEM programming, including the CMU Tech partnership), and competitive teacher pay (salary steps and a market-rate adjustment, closing a gap that leaves D51 second-to-last among 13 comparable districts in starting pay).

Local Funding and Accountability: This funding is 100% locally controlled. D51's school board and community decide how it's spent, not the state. The district will be subject to an annual independent audit, with results published on D51's website, so taxpayers can see exactly where every dollar goes.

For the owner of a \$400,000 home, the cost is about \$18 a month, or \$217 a year. Seniors and qualifying veterans may be eligible for a property tax exemption that further reduces that cost.

A YES vote on the 2026 MLO rewards a district that cut its own costs first, keeps dollars local and accountable, and helps close the funding gap between D51 and comparable Colorado districts.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MESA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Terry Moreland - DEO

PO Box 368

Palisade, CO 81526

(970) 216-0751

PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6A

SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$185,000 ANNUALLY BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027 OR BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES FROM 5.242 MILLS TO 11.5 MILLS, FOR A TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 12.5 MILLS (11.5 MILLS FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES PLUS 0.5 MILLS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND 0.5 MILLS FOR PENSION FUND PAYMENTS) RESULTING IN AN EXPECTED 2027 ANNUAL TAX INCREASE OF \$42.55 FOR EACH \$100,000 OF RESIDENTIAL VALUE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES INCLUDING FIRE RESPONSE, FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY INSPECTIONS, EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL RESPONSE, THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE, LEASE OR OTHERWISE, OF SUCH EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTIES AS REQUIRED IN PROVIDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESSES SERVED BY THE DISTRICT AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE 12.5 MILL LEVY AND ANY OTHER SOURCE BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AS AN EXEMPTION TO THE PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION ("TABOR") AND SECTIONS 29-1-301 AND 29-1-1702, C.R.S. AND ANY OTHER LAW THAT LIMITS THE DISTRICT'S REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS OR AS IT MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE, ALL WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Fiscal Information:

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
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2026 (Estimated)	\$ 195,217
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2025 (Actual)	\$ 173,180
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2024 (Actual)	\$ 214,375
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2023 (Actual)	\$ 166,770
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2022 (Actual)	\$ 168,789
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Overall Percentage Change in Fiscal Year Spending: 16%

Overall Dollar Change in Fiscal Year Spending: \$ 26,428

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase: \$ 185,000

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$ 184,412

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6A:

I'm definitely a supporter of first responders, fire, police, EMS. I'm far more likely to vote yes on a tax increase for emergency services than pretty much anything else. If July and August are pretty standard budgets, that's about 1.4 mil a year, which is less than what I was expecting honestly. I would imagine fire specifically has been busy the last couple of years, hopefully these weather trends don't continue.

People who have had experience with things catching fire and needing fire department said yes anything and of course to the mills increase. Lots of people didn't know anything about it but are looking forward to the blue book. I'm not looking forward to paying more taxes but adequate fire protection, especially during the extreme drought we are experiencing, is a must have. Incredible that the last mills increase was 15 years ago? Time to catch up.

I served on the Palisade Rural Fire Board for five years. During that time, I was fortunate to meet the fire chiefs and some of the firemen and women who serve our district. The experience educated me about a service I depended on (as a citizen) but knew little about. The Palisade Rural Fire Board coordinates and facilitates tax money collected to fund emergency and fire services in the Palisade District. This service is so important for people who live in our community. The cost to provide these services has risen, but we have not increased taxes. Unfortunately, we need to! I believe we need to support the Mill Levy to increase taxes collected and spending to adequately cover the cost of these essential services. I hope you will consider supporting it as well.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A:

Generally, I vote against any tax increases that I can. Unless there are clear guidelines as to how it will benefit our local schools or communities. I feel like we as Americans are extremely overtaxed with very little representation, transparency, or accountability. Mostly I'm talking about federally. But the local government is no better. Our roads suck, driving on I-70 is becoming dangerous. Admittedly I haven't done a whole lot of my own research, but from what I hear the majority of the \$million tax revenue that we got from these dispensaries has not gone to where it was supposed to. Right now, most of us pay roughly 30% of our income to the government including Federal, State, Property, and Sales tax. That's not far off from our European counterparts or Canada but yet we don't have the subsidized education or healthcare to show for our taxes.

Generally, I vote no on most tax increases. The fire department is not however the school district. What budget needs does the fire department have? A 6.242 mill to 11.5 mill increase is quite a jump.