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CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1  
THE DENVER METROPOLITAN SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT ("SCFD")  
Jefferson County, Colorado  
Election Date: November 8, 2016

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/  
ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE

This notice contains summary statements for ballot propositions as required by the State of Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20.

This notice contains ballot issues appearing on your 2016 General Election Ballot. The mailing and content of this notice are mandated by Article X, Section 20 (The TABOR Amendment) of the Colorado Constitution. Receipt of this notice does not indicate every resident of your household is eligible to vote. This notice is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered electors.

The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. The title and text of each ballot issue is printed in full and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each for and against the measure. The Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office does not warrant, verify or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot titles, questions, text and summaries of comments as presented or is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation of the materials presented. If you have further questions regarding information contained in this notice, please contact the respective **Designated Election Official** indicated in the "Local Election Office address and phone number" section of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning voting procedures or your eligibility to vote you can either visit our website at [votejeffco.com](http://votejeffco.com) or contact the Jefferson County Elections Division at (303) 271-8111.

If you have questions regarding where you may hand-deliver your voted ballot, refer to the information provided in this notice.

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.

**ATTENTION: THIS IS NOT A BALLOT**  
This notice contains TABOR information only

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE**  
**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

**Election date:** November 8, 2016

**Election hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local election office address and phone number:** Designated Election Official: Janelle Shaver, Wheat Ridge City Clerk, 7500 West 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033; telephone number 303-235-2823

**Ballot title and text:**

**Ballot Issue 2E**

SHALL THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE DEBT BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$33,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF LESS THAN \$38,500,000, AND SHALL THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$3,700,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNT IS RECEIVED FOR 11 YEARS THEREAFTER, WITHOUT INCREASING PROPERTY TAX, BY INCREASING THE RATE OF SALES AND USE TAX BY 1/2 CENT PER DOLLAR, WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC INVESTMENTS:

**ANDERSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

IMPROVEMENTS TO ANDERSON PARK TO PROVIDE UPGRADED, RENOVATED AMENITIES AND FACILITIES THAT ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND MEET THE CURRENT NEEDS OF PARK AND FACILITY USERS AND TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR COSTS; RENOVATIONS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, RENOVATION OF THE ANDERSON BUILDING AND OUTDOOR POOL LOCKER ROOMS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SURROUNDING PARK AMENITIES - ESTIMATED PROJECT COST \$4,000,000;

**WADSWORTH BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION – 35<sup>th</sup> AVENUE TO INTERSTATE-70**

RECONSTRUCTION OF WADSWORTH BOULEVARD TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS, TO RELIEVE AND MITIGATE SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES - ESTIMATED CITY SHARE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST \$7,000,000;

**WHEAT RIDGE - WARD COMMUTER RAIL STATION AREA**

CONSTRUCTION OF STREET, BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN, PUBLIC AMENITIES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC GROWTH AND FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE GOLD LINE STATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RECONSTRUCTION OF RIDGE ROAD, 52<sup>nd</sup> AVENUE AND TABOR STREET, A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE WARD ROAD / RIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION AND A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER RAILROAD TRACKS LINKING THE JOB CENTERS TO THE SOUTH - ESTIMATED CITY SHARE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST \$12,000,000;

CLEAR CREEK CROSSING - MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT SITE ON THE WEST SIDE OF I-70 AT 38<sup>th</sup> AND YOUNGFIELD

CONSTRUCTION OF ON AND OFF HOOK RAMPS FROM INTERSTATE I-70 INTO THE CLEAR CREEK CROSSING DEVELOPMENT TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND IMPROVE VEHICULAR ACCESS AND TO FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN A NEW MIXED-USE, SALES TAX GENERATING REDEVELOPMENT SITE - ESTIMATED CITY SHARE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST \$10,000,000;

SUCH INCREASE IN THE SALES AND USE TAX RATE TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2017 AND END WHEN REVENUES FROM SUCH SALES AND USE TAX RATE INCREASE REACH \$38,500,000 OR ON DECEMBER 31, 2028, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; SUCH DEBT TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE AT A PRICE ABOVE, BELOW OR EQUAL TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH DEBT AND ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE CITY MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3.00%; AND SHALL THE REVENUES RAISED BY SUCH SALES AND USE TAX RATE INCREASE AND PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT, AND ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT, INCLUDING ANY INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREFROM, BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE CITY AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

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

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2012 (actual)	\$31,130,417
2013 (actual)	\$36,507,327
2014 (actual)	\$36,549,288
2015 (actual)	\$37,350,842
2016 (current year estimated)	\$42,332,961
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2012 through 2016:	35.98%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2012 through 2016:	\$11,202,544
Estimated 2017 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot issues:	\$45,500,000
Estimated 2017 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 2E:	\$3,700,000
<u>Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 2E:</u>	
Principal amount:	\$33,000,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$3,700,000
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$38,500,000
<u>Information regarding current bonded debt:</u>	
Principal balance:	\$0
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$0
Maximum remaining total repayment cost:	\$0

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 2E:

Our community and elected leaders have come together to support Ballot Question 2E because it would allow us to protect Wheat Ridge’s legacy and invest in our future. Ballot Question 2E asks Wheat Ridge voters to approve a half-percent sales tax increase (a nickel on a \$10 purchase) for a set period of 12 years. YES on 2E would allow us to invest in four key infrastructure projects, resulting in improved economic vitality and an increase in quality services for Wheat Ridge.

A citizen-led task force identified millions of dollars in unmet infrastructure needs, and together they worked with City Council to prioritize the four projects that would most benefit the economic health, safety, and vitality of our city. These projects are:

- Anderson Park is our most loved and most utilized public park, and 2E would allow a significant renewal of the Anderson building, improved athletic fields, and festival-friendly enhancements.
- Wadsworth traffic congestion will be reduced by adding an additional lane each direction, and we will be able to give those that are walking or biking safer ways to travel along and across Wadsworth.
- Ward Road commuter rail station will get needed sidewalks, crossings, and lights to provide better access.
- Clear Creek Crossing will receive improved road access for new shopping, dining, employments centers, and housing that is planned for that area.

Ballot Question 2E is the right choice for Wheat Ridge because:

- It’s Accountable and Transparent. 2E has accountability written right into it, because the ballot language itself spells out exactly which projects will be funded by this community investment. Those four projects, and only those four projects, will be paid for by 2E. The City Treasurer will be tracking the finances from 2E in separate accounts, just like the process that was used to pay for the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center.
- It’s a Good Investment. This group of projects was chosen in part because they will produce ongoing income for Wheat Ridge, allowing us to continue to address ongoing needs across our community.
- It’s Affordable. This is a sales tax increase of only a half percent and is limited to 12 years. Approving this increase will just barely bring our sales tax rate in line with the average rate of neighboring cities.
- It’s About Our Community. These projects are the vision of your neighbors in Wheat Ridge, who identified investments that would most benefit our community. We know the value of our unique city, and we want to preserve and protect what makes Wheat Ridge special.

Please join the community in voting for 2E and saying YES to Wheat Ridge. Great today, better tomorrow!

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 2E:

The lack of planning by the City now constitutes an “emergency” for the tax payers - for four projects we’ve known about for years. The citizen task force prioritized 20 projects, yet the top four were not picked.

Sales tax is up. Elected officials and city staff keep saying sales tax revenue is up all across the City – over 70% in some areas, yet they still want to borrow more money because they didn’t plan ahead. With sales tax revenue rising these projects should be funded without having to borrow \$33M, create a 12-year debt, and pay interest for which we get nothing. City officials have said there is enough money to pay for 38<sup>th</sup> Ave reconstruction without a tax increase or a vote; that money could be used for the Wadsworth plan if they’re worried about losing grant money.

Need? All of these projects, some only marginally “needed”, should be funded with available funds over time. The projects proposed seem too diverse to be included in one ballot issue. The Gold Line Station and Clear Creek Crossing (2/3 of the total) are highly speculative and should have been proposed separately to give voters a choice. This is a very big undertaking for a city our size, which has many other priorities to address. New development will pay its own way and current revenue will be enough to complete projects logically and realistically.

Wadsworth? Although the Wadsworth reconstruction is needed, the actual design far exceeds what’s necessary. The excessive width and added features will destroy some adjacent businesses. The 10’ lawn areas, 10’ bike lane, the extra continuous left turn lanes, and 17’ median will take so much land it will cause many buildings/businesses to be taken out or become nonfunctional. The great width, besides adding to the cost, also makes pedestrian crossing more difficult, particularly for those with disabilities.

Besides hurting businesses along Wadsworth, a sales tax increase makes Wheat Ridge businesses less competitive with those in nearby cities.

Drainage? The whole package does not include what should be a higher priority – drainage projects! There is a great need to mitigate the physical and financial danger to hundreds of WR homes in the flood plain. Many of those homes are near Anderson Park – where \$4M of this money is targeted. How is taking away our men’s baseball field a bigger priority than badly needed flood plain and neighborhood drainage projects?

Clear Creek Crossing? The City, State, and County have already spent large sums for access to the land west of I-70 – that has yet to be developed. The cost for building new hook ramps should be shared or paid for by the future developer.

Pay as you go has been lost on this Council. Voters continue to reject their spending proposals. They haven’t figured it out in the 2 years since voters overwhelmingly defeated a similar ballot issue asking to “borrow” \$40M. Don’t let them use your credit card. Vote NO on 2E!

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT  
JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-1 (JEFFERSON AND BROOMFIELD COUNTIES, COLORADO)**

**ELECTION DATE:** NOVEMBER 8, 2016

**ELECTION HOURS:** 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

**LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE:** 1829 DENVER WEST DRIVE, BUILDING #27, GOLDEN, COLORADO 80401 TELEPHONE: (303) 982-6801

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF BALLOT ISSUE 3A:**

SHALL JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$33 MILLION ANNUALLY, OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ANNUALLY DETERMINE, BY THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

CONTINUING THE DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION EXCELLENCE BY ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF;

INCREASING STUDENT SECURITY, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL COUNSELORS AND STUDENT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, SCHOOL SAFETY EDUCATION AND LIAISONS TO POLICE, FIRE AND 911 DISPATCH CENTERS;

PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH THE INSTRUCTION, SKILLS AND HANDS-ON LEARNING NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE AND THE WORKPLACE BY EXPANDING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM), AS WELL AS ARTS, MUSIC AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS;

WITH SUCH TAXES (I) TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD, OPTION AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS AND REVIEWED BY THE CITIZENS' FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND (II) TO BE COLLECTED IN THE 2016-2017 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER 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?

**FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR SPENDING (FYS)*</b>
2012-13 (ACTUAL)	\$617,255,383
2013-14 (ACTUAL)	647,172,320
2014-15 (ACTUAL)	678,648,411
2015-16 (ACTUAL)	706,527,191
2016-17 (CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED)	745,098,729

OVERALL FYS PERCENTAGE CHANGE THROUGH 5

YEARS (2012-13 - 2016-17): 20.71%

OVERALL FYS DOLLAR CHANGE THROUGH 5

YEARS (2012-13 - 2016-17): \$127,843,346

\*DOES NOT INCLUDE PAYMENTS ON BONDED DEBT OF \$73,916,708 IN FISCAL YEAR 2012-13; \$49,896,674 IN FISCAL YEAR 2013-14; \$49,080,190 IN FISCAL YEAR 2014-15; \$49,111,784 IN FISCAL YEAR 2015-16; AND \$49,199,435 IN FISCAL YEAR 2016-17.

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT THE TAX INCREASE IN THE BALLOT ISSUE IS ESTIMATED TO BE UP TO \$745,098,729 IN THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING PAYMENT OF BONDED DEBT SHOWN ABOVE AND ASSUMING NO OTHER TAX INCREASE IS APPROVED. THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM DOLLAR TAX INCREASE IN THE BALLOT ISSUE IS \$33,000,000 IN SUCH FISCAL YEAR.

**SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER**

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR the proposal:**

Small neighborhood schools face budget challenges due to fewer students and discretionary funds than larger schools, resulting in less discretionary funds to target the unique needs of their population, whether for hiring a reading interventionist or a librarian. 3A provides more dollars to those schools to meet their unique funding challenges. These discretionary dollars would be allocated equitably through the student based budgeting model so that they are evenly distributed across Jeffco's schools.

Colorado ranks fortieth in per pupil funding, behind Nebraska, Wyoming and Arizona. The Colorado legislature is using the "negative factor" to make significant cuts to education funding, forcing Jeffco to cut over \$80,000,000 from its budget. Local communities must make up the difference through mill levy overrides. By voting yes on 3A, we can ensure our students don't pay the price of current state funding shortages and future budget cuts.

3A will increase hands-on learning opportunities for our students. Hands-on learning is a key part of every student's education because it allows that student to put into action what they have learned, such as biological experiments for the International Space Station or growing and selling crops at the Little Elementary Farmer's market. Hands-on opportunities like these allow students to apply academic lessons and practice additional skills like creativity and critical thinking to prepare for college and careers.

With 3A, schools will have more money to use for learning opportunities students most need to develop 21st-century skills. We as a community are relying on Jeffco students to be our future leaders, and we need to invest in their future now.

Funding from 3A will be used to expand music, art, STEM, and vocational programming in schools, will provide more school-level budget funding so schools can best serve the needs and interests of their students, and distribute an equal portion of funding to Jeffco's charter schools as well.

3A will support hiring and keeping critical liaisons who will work with county and municipality police, fire and 911 dispatch centers. In a crisis, it is critical that emergency responders are en route to our schools or on scene as quickly as possible.

3A ensures Jeffco can attract and retain the best teachers. In the past few years Jeffco has lost too many of its well-trained and highly effective teachers to nearby school districts.

3A will fund a half-time counselor in every elementary school to address the increasing socio-emotional and mental health needs of our students. Funding a counselor in every elementary school allows Jeffco to be more proactive in addressing student mental health issues before they become a crisis, while also increasing safety and security for all Jeffco students.

Due to the "negative factor," which says Colorado can give schools less money than mandated by the state's funding formula, per pupil spending has fallen to 40th in the US. In Jeffco, this means a shortage of \$80,000,000 each year, resulting in below-average hiring salaries when compared to five nearby districts.

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST the proposal:**

Jeffco's total revenue grew from \$826,000,000 in 2006/2007 to \$957,000,000 in 2015/2016 — a \$131,000,000 increase. Because the district's enrollment has remained essentially unchanged, total revenue per student has increased by about \$1,500.

Despite this substantial increase in spending, student achievement results in Jeffco remain frustratingly low - and poverty isn't the only cause. On the 2015 ACT test taken by all 11th graders, only 50% of Jeffco students NOT eligible for free and reduced lunch met the college and career ready standard in Reading, only 53% in Math, and only 48% in Science.

The Board of Education has not thoroughly explained why a billion taxpayer dollars isn't enough, and failed to tie additional mill levy funding to student achievement gains, as Jeffco did with the Performance Promise mill levy in 1999.

They want to increase by 10% the number of mills we pay to operate the schools but there is nothing that says student achievement will increase.

THIRTY THREE MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR is being asked for but the money won't go to reduce class sizes or fees. Because of how it will be spent it is not even enough to give everyone a cost of living increase.

There is nothing to raise the salaries of entry level teachers, nothing to give bonuses to highly effective teachers and nothing to raise the salaries of support staff.

We already spend over a BILLION DOLLARS a year to educate students in Jeffco. That is \$11,000 per student and \$225,000 per classroom. If there are things that could be done to increase student achievement can't we find the money in the BILLION DOLLARS we already spend?

Your property values and property taxes have gone UP and so has spending each year for the last five years. But with all this new money student achievement isn't improving. According to the ACT scores less than half of Jeffco students are ready for college or career. State tests show less than FORTY TWO percent of third graders met or exceeded expectations on last year's English exams. That is less than half of our third grades ready for reading and writing in fourth grade.

We need a plan which actually supports our students and staff, not one which raises the burden on our taxpayers with no clear plan for improving student achievement.

If Jeffco really needed more money they could sell Zerger elementary which has been empty for years or rent the old Sobesky building which sits empty.

The Colorado school equalization funding system is grossly unfair. The leaders of our district are completely familiar with how Jeffco is economically hurt. In 2013 Jeffco received about a 0.75 to 1 match of State to local taxes. With Jeffco per student assessed value less than the state average, we should be receiving at least a 1 to 1 match from the State. Education in Colorado is a Statewide responsibility. Our district leaders must not shift costs onto the generosity and conscientiousness of our local taxpayers.

**Ballot Title and Text of Ballot Issue 3B:**

SHALL JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1'S DEBT BE INCREASED \$535 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$987.22 MILLION OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY, AND SHALL JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$72.6 MILLION ANNUALLY OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH DEBT, ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DISTRICT STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF WITH A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT PREPARES DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD, OPTION AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE BY:

UPGRADING SAFETY AND SECURITY IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS;

IMPROVING 110 ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS BY RENOVATING, REPAIRING AND/OR REPLACING PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, LIGHTING AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND ROOFS TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF EXISTING SCHOOLS AND TO BETTER UTILIZE EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISTRICT STUDENTS;

IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOLS WITH UPDATED TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE DISTRICT STUDENTS ACCESS TO LEARNING TOOLS THAT WILL PREPARE THEM FOR COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE;

IMPROVING AND REPAIRING OUTDOOR LAB, THE DISTRICT'S NATURE AND SCIENCE LEARNING CENTER;

EXPANDING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OLD AND NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING INCREASING CLASSROOM SPACE AND LEARNING LABS, TO BETTER UTILIZE DISTRICT RESOURCES;

CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ADDITIONS AND FACILITIES;

AND ALSO ACQUIRING, PURCHASING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, IMPROVING, EXPANDING, REPAIRING, REMODELING AND FURNISHING DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD, OPTION AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS AND SUPPORTING CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AS PERMITTED BY LAW; WITH THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT TO BE SUBJECT TO AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT TO BE PUBLISHED ANNUALLY ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE; AND WITH SUCH DEBT TO MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR, AND AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (I) TO INCREASE THE DISTRICT'S AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES IN ANY YEAR AS STATED ABOVE IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT WHEN DUE AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND (II) TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT AND THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH PROCEEDS AND REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO COLLECT AND SPEND ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

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THE BALLOT ISSUE FOR BONDED DEBT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$535,000,000  
 MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: UP TO \$72,600,000 IN ANY FISCAL YEAR

UP TO \$987,220,000 (MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OVER THE LIFE OF THE DEBT)

THE CURRENT BONDED DEBT FOR THE DISTRICT IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRINCIPAL BALANCE: \$417,340,000  
 MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: \$49,179,435  
 REMAINING TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: \$555,618,959

**SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER**

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR the proposal:**

Many Jeffco schools have leaky roofs, faulty electric, and outdated, inefficient HVAC systems. Those aging systems cost more to repair and operate, requiring the district to allocate more money toward keeping aging systems running. Rebuilding some of Jeffco's oldest schools, and significant renovations to others is a prudent investment that will save the district thousands on utility bills by upgrading to more efficient systems.

3B provides the best utilization of existing schools by making use of existing space in middle schools throughout Jeffco.

3B will fund new elementary schools in growing Jeffco neighborhoods where students are taking classes in temporary buildings without water — students for whom the simple task of using the restroom in the middle of winter requires a coat and an adult to make the trip from the temporary building to the school.

3B ensures Jeffco students will have opportunities for hands-on learning experiences in outdoor settings through Jeffco's two Outdoor Lab Schools. Outdoor Lab helps students learn about themselves and how they fit into the world around them, and explore and experience STEM-related subjects in a unique mountain setting.

3B will upgrade aging Jeffco schools with state-of-the-art security systems to ensure the district, its schools and its supporting law enforcement agencies can communicate in a timely, efficient manner in case of an emergency.

3B is a smart investment in Jeffco's largest material asset - its classrooms, schools, labs and other educational spaces, and an investment in Jeffco's most important asset - its students.

Jeffco has not added new square footage since the 2004 bond projects. As Colorado's second largest school district, with 86,000 students, Jeffco has the lowest amount of outstanding bonds per student when compared to the six other largest metro area districts.

The District has been accountable with tax dollars from the 2012 bond package. All projects were completed on schedule and within budget.

New housing developments have been built recently in northwest Arvada and other parts of the county. Sending children from those areas on long bus rides to older or overcrowded schools is not an efficient use of time or tax dollars. We should build modern schools in the neighborhoods where the children actually live today.

Transitioning most 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from elementary to middle school is a sensible use of resources with academic benefits for students.

Jeffco is not receiving any of that \$40,000,000 in marijuana money. Because Jeffco can't rely on the marijuana tax money for our facilities, voters need to approve 3B.

Many of Jeffco's small neighborhood schools need major repairs, such as new roofs, updated electrical systems, and more. Without 3B, the district will be forced to consider school closures and consolidations to address facility needs, and our smallest neighborhood schools are most at risk.

Although the bond will actually cost \$975,000,000 with interest, there's a large population to divide it amongst. We can all give up a few things we won't miss. What's more important than modern places for our students and teachers to work?

**The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST the proposal:**

Almost ONE BILLION DOLLARS is what taxpayers will have to pay in taxes to pay off the \$535,000,000 bond being proposed.

They tell us they are going to "mitigate the effect on the taxpayers". What they mean is they are going to underpay the bonds in the beginning which will accrue additional interest and leads to us paying \$450,000,000 in interest, TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS of which is totally wasted. That money could fix facilities or pay staff.

The scheme is much like balloon mortgage schemes. You can have low payments for a couple of years and huge payments later. The ballot will say the largest annual payment can be over \$72,000,000 a year.

This takes 25 years to pay off, not the usual 20 years. Just about the time our ten year olds are ready to buy houses, the amount we pay sky rockets to highs of \$72,000,000 a year.

It's not really a facility plan. Over half the money won't go to fix the identified facility deficiencies. ONE HUNDRED MILLION will be spent building classrooms on schools to move 6<sup>th</sup> graders to middle schools, adding over 120 unneeded classrooms and putting 24 small neighborhood elementary schools under 300 students at risk of being closed.

Do we want our 10 and 11 year olds with 14 and 15 year olds at a cost of ONE HUNDRED MILLION Dollars? National studies show 6<sup>th</sup> graders in middle schools have more discipline problems. Middle school teachers need additional certifications which they will have to pay for on their own.

THIRTY MILLION will not go to fix the deficiencies instead it will build turf fields and second gyms.

FIFTY MILLION will build two new schools but the old Sobesky and Zerger sit empty. With Jeffco enrollment being flat for years why go into debt to build additional classrooms?

Jeffco businesses will be especially hard hit. A business property valued at \$4,000,000 will be paying over \$25,000.00 A YEAR when those high payments hit. That is 3.5 times the amount the district lists in their literature and is a big hit for a small business that will get passed along to us.

We are told the nonsense that bringing our schools up to par will cost a mere \$4.12 for every \$100K of assessed valuation. Look at your last tax bill. 47.5% of the tax on our typical modest Jeffco home goes to schools. The advertised \$535 million bond will actually cost \$975 million to retire, and it could have been done for a fraction of this with common-sense adjustments.

Growth caused by new residential building should pay its own way. The City of Westminster requires new residences to pay a \$29,000 fee to cover capital costs for joining the water/sewer system. The leaders of Jeffco should demand that we should have the option of charging a fee proportional to the capital costs of new residential units joining our system. The cost of growth should not be subsidized by existing taxpayers.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
THE DENVER METROPOLITAN SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT ("SCFD")**

**Election Date:** November 8, 2016

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

**Local Election Designated Election Official:** Stacie Pacheco Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C. 4725 South Monaco Street, Suite 225 Denver, Colorado 80237 (303) 867-3000

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**THE DENVER METROPOLITAN SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT ("SCFD") BALLOT ISSUE 4B:**

SHALL THERE BE AN EXTENSION UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030, OF THE AGGREGATE 0.1 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAXES CURRENTLY LEVIED AND COLLECTED BY THE DENVER METROPOLITAN SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2018, FOR ASSISTING SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT, WHILE AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUE GENERATED BY SUCH TAX IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATION PROVIDED IN ARTICLE X OF SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND WHILE MODIFYING THE RATES OF THE THREE INDIVIDUAL SALES AND USE TAXES COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS: FOR TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUES COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT UP TO THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS, DECREASING THE .0655 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO .064 PERCENT; INCREASING THE .021 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO .022 PERCENT; AND INCREASING THE .0135 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO .014 PERCENT; AND, FOR TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUES COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT THAT EXCEED THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS, DECREASING THE .064 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO .057 PERCENT; INCREASING THE .022 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO .026 PERCENT; AND INCREASING THE .014 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO .017 PERCENT?

**Total District Fiscal Year Spending:**

2016 (estimated)	\$ 54,000,000
2015 (actual)	\$ 54,758,866
2014 (actual)	\$ 52,059,245
2013 (actual)	\$ 47,361,945
2012 (actual)	\$ 45,592,420
Overall Percentage Change from 2012 to 2016:	18.44%
Overall Dollar Change from 2012 to 2016:	\$ 8,407,580

**District Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for first full fiscal year of Proposed Tax Increase:** Ballot Issue 4B does not authorize a new tax or a tax increase. Rather, Ballot Issue 4B authorizes an extension of a tax currently set to expire on June 30, 2018. If Ballot Issue 4B passes, the estimated maximum dollar amount resulting from the extension of the expiring tax for the first full fiscal year is \$64,600,000.

**District Estimated Maximum Fiscal Year Spending for first full fiscal year without the Proposed Tax Increase:** Ballot Issue 4B does not authorize a new tax or a tax increase. However, if Ballot Issue 4B does not pass, the estimated maximum fiscal year spending for the first full fiscal year without passage of Ballot Issue 4B is \$0.

**The following is a summary of written comments FOR Ballot Issue 4B:**  
No comments were filed by the Constitutional deadline.

**The following is a summary of written comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4B:**  
No comments were filed by the Constitutional deadline.



**2016 General Election**  
**Election Day: Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

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**Ballot Drop-off Locations**

Ballots sealed in signed Official Return Envelope may be dropped off at any of the locations listed below. Please allow 48 hours for ballot processing.

**24-Hour Ballot Drop Box Locations**

24 Hour Drop box locations, Access Monday, October 17 through Monday, November 7			Access by drive-up	Access by walk-up
Election Day, Tuesday, November 8 until 7:00 pm				
<b>Arvada</b>	Arvada City Hall	8101 Ralston Rd		
	Arvada Motor Vehicle	6510 Wadsworth Blvd, 320		
	Standley Lake Library	8485 Kipling St		
	West Woods Community Police Station	6644 Kendrick Dr		
<b>Conifer</b>	Conifer Marketplace	10875 US Hwy 285		
<b>Evergreen</b>	Evergreen Library	5000 County Hwy 73		
<b>Golden</b>	Golden City Hall	911 10 <sup>th</sup> St		
	Jeffco Courts/Admin Bldg	100 Jefferson County Pkwy		
	Jeffco Campus	3600 Illinois St		
<b>Lakewood</b>	Lakewood City Hall	480 S Allison Pkwy		
<b>Littleton</b>	Columbine Library	7706 W Bowles Ave		
	South Jeffco Service Center	11139 Bradford Rd		
<b>Westminster</b>	Westminster City Hall	4800 W 92 <sup>nd</sup> Ave		
<b>Wheat Ridge</b>	Wheat Ridge City Hall	7500 W 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave		

**Additional Ballot Drop-off Locations**

Monday - Friday October 17 - November 7 7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Saturday October 29 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Saturday November 5 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Tuesday November 8 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
<b>Golden</b>	Jeffco Courts & Admin Bldg (Atrium)	100 Jefferson County Pkwy	
<b>Lakewood</b>	Lakewood Motor Vehicle	2099 Wadsworth Blvd, K	

Monday - Friday October 17 - November 7 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Saturday October 29 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Saturday November 5 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Tuesday November 8 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
<b>Edgewater</b>	Edgewater City Hall	2401 Sheridan Blvd	

**Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) Locations** Services include: Replacement ballots, Voter registration, In-Person & accessible voting and Mail Ballot drop-off box.

**Early Voting and Election Day Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC)**

Monday - Friday Oct. 24 - Oct. 28 7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Saturday October 29 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Monday - Thursday Oct. 31 - Nov. 3 7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Friday November 4 7:30 am - 7:00 pm	Saturday November 5 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Monday November 7 7:30 am - 7:00 pm	Tuesday November 8 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
<b>Arvada</b>	Arvada Motor Vehicle	6510 Wadsworth Blvd, 320				
	Arvada City Hall	8101 Ralston Rd				
	Standley Lake Library	8485 Kipling St				
<b>Conifer</b>	Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church	9444 Eagle Cliff Rd				
<b>Golden</b>	Jeffco Elections Division – Golden	3500 Illinois St Suite 1100				
	Jeffco Fairgrounds	15200 W 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave				
<b>Evergreen</b>	Evergreen Motor Vehicle	4990 County Hwy 73				
<b>Lakewood</b>	Belmar Library	555 S Allison Pkwy				
	Jeffco Public Health	645 Parfet St				
<b>Littleton</b>	Bear Creek Evangelical Church	3101 S Kipling St				
	South Jeffco Service Center	11139 Bradford Rd				
	Columbine Library	7706 W Bowles Ave				

**Additional Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) Open Election Day**

Tuesday November 8, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm		
<b>Arvada</b>	West Woods Community Police Station	6644 Kendrick Dr
<b>Evergreen</b>	Buchanan Park Recreation Center	32003 Ellingwood Trl
<b>Golden</b>	Golden City Hall	911 10 <sup>th</sup> St
<b>Lakewood</b>	Lakewood Library	10200 W 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	Lakewood Motor Vehicle	2099 Wadsworth Blvd
	Bear Valley Church	10001 W Jewell Ave
	Green Mountain High School	13175 W Green Mountain Dr
<b>Littleton</b>	Calvary Chapel South Denver	9052 W Ken Caryl Ave
<b>Morrison</b>	Red Rocks Baptist Church	14711 W Morrison Rd
<b>Westminster</b>	Westminster City Park Recreation Center	10455 Sheridan Blvd
	Standley Lake High School	9300 W 104 <sup>th</sup> Ave
<b>Wheat Ridge</b>	Wheat Ridge City Hall	7500 W 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave