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**All Registered Voters**  
 JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1  
 EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 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.

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

**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**

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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.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS  
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 8, 2016 **Election Hours:** 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:** 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, Colorado 80439; Telephone number: 303-674-3145.

Ballot Title and Text:

**BALLOT ISSUE 4A:**

SHALL EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1.67 MILLION ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE OF UP TO 3.5 MILLS, COMMENCING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2017 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RATE, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS, OR DEBT SERVICE, NOT TO EXCEED 11.126 MILLS, TO PAY GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING ENHANCING SERVICES IMPACTED BY BUDGET SHORTFALLS CREATED BY THE 2008 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND CHANGES IN THE LAW REDUCING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRANSPORT REIMBURSEMENTS; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX AS A VOTER-APPROVED EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER TABOR (ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION) OR ANY OTHER LAW AND AS A PERMANENT WAIVER OF THE 5.5% LIMITATION UNDER SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S.?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2016 (estimated)	\$5,332,765
2015 (actual)	\$4,863,404
2014 (actual)	\$4,598,262
2013 (actual)	\$4,620,606
2012 (actual)	\$5,357,209

Overall percentage change from 2012 to 2016: (.46%)  
Overall dollar change from 2012 to 2016: (\$24,444)

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase: \$1.67 million  
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$5,151,419

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A:**

Evergreen Fire Rescue (EFR) is asking voters to vote yes on ballot issue 4A to reinforce the District's financial stability.

Why Does EFR Need A New Mill Levy?

EFR revenues are down over 12% over the past five years because of declining property taxes (which are now leveling off) and decreasing receipts from EMS transports.

The reasons for this drop in revenue are two-fold

1. Medicare, Medicaid and the ACA has driven up the cost of providing EMS services, while reimbursements have plummeted.  
The District is now only able to recover 44% of transport fees and is projected to go down further.  
Medicare does not reimburse at as high a rate as private insurers, and people on Medicare in the district are projected to increase.
2. Because of the 2008 recession, property tax revenue dropped from \$3,771,000 in 2010 to \$3,312,000, a drop of 12%. Although the economy has recovered, property value has not recouped and revenue from property taxes continues to be lower than expected.

What are the consequences if 4A doesn't pass?

To balance the budget, EFR projects it will need to use its reserve funds to balance the budget. This will lead to two unfortunate results:

1. EFR will be forced to delay much needed purchases to keep its firefighters safe in order to balance the budget. For example, purchases of modern breathing apparatus and heart monitors will need to be delayed.
2. Volunteers will be forced to pick up the slack, limiting their ability to train and respond to calls.

How Much Is EFR Ask For?

Evergreen Fire Rescue is asking for an increase of UP TO 3.5 mill levy, which equates to an increase of about \$30 per \$100,000 of a resident's home. The average property value in the district is around \$400,000, which would mean an increase of \$118.00 in property taxes for the average resident.

Residential Property Value	Cost Per Month	Cost per Year
\$100,000	\$2.46	\$29.50
\$400,000	\$9.83	\$118

What Will These Fund Pay For?

These additional funds will primarily go to maintaining the high standard of service EFR expects to provide.

Additionally, the mill levy will include funding for several needed specialists to increase EFR's ability to mitigate and prevent multiple types of incidents. This will include a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist, which will assist with fire prevention education and wildfire mitigation.

This will also include a Community Paramedicine Program. This program will provide funding to train paramedics to provide in-home medical care that exceeds traditional medical response and transport.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:**

Ballot Measure 4A is an Incomplete Solution to a Complex Problem:

Rising medical costs and reduced reimbursements have driven up the cost of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the Evergreen Fire Protection District (EFPD). The Fire Department and EMS (ambulance service) are all under the umbrella of the EFPD. The majority of Fire District calls are Emergency Medical Services related.

The formation of a separate Health Services District is the best solution to address the needs of both the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Services personnel. Colorado Revised Statue Title 32 Special District Act allows for the formation of a "Health Service District" to furnish ambulance service, health, and personal care services.

The proposed mil-levy of \$1.7 million puts our Volunteer Fire Fighters at risk due to the lack of budget dedicated for training and safety equipment.

Ballot measure 4A does not address:

The total cost of providing 911 Emergency Medical Services or Community Healthcare service

Extended engine response times to all Evergreen neighborhoods, which are documented in the 2012-2013 & 2014-2015 "State of the District" reports.

The National Fire Protection Association measurements for total response time are outlined by the EFR 2014 Strategic Plan.

Some Evergreen neighborhoods are still designated as "Remote" which create acceptable fire loss zones due to slow engine response time

The EFR 2017 budget cuts \$600,000.00 of paramedic and dispatcher salaries. Reducing paramedic ambulance staff, means that EFR will no longer be able to handle four ambulance calls simultaneously and citizens will have to wait for another fire district to provide the ambulance or a medical helicopter to arrive

The recommended by the 2013 JCECA 911 Regionalization Study to keep Evergreen 911 and consolidate the Mountain Fire Departments into Evergreen 911 Center was instituted, but now the elimination of the Evergreen 911 Communications Center is scheduled for July 2017

Reduced training budget for firefighters, dispatchers, and officers

Volunteer firefighters wearing outdated structural firefighting safety equipment

Volunteer firefighters having to buy their own Wildland firefighting boots

The formation of a separate Health Services District is the best, most viable, sustainable, and long-term solution to address the needs of both the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Services personnel and equipment requirements. A Community EMS Taskforce, whose recommendations were presented in 2016 to the EFPD Board of Directors, voted 8-3 to recommend the formation of Health Services District.

It is necessary to defeat Ballot Measure 4A in order to establish a C.R.S. Title 32 Health Service District that will require a Mil Levy adjustment. The formation of a Health Service District will require voter approval. Then the long-term needs of the Community can be addressed with a sustainable approach to the growing costs of providing Emergency Services to the Mountain Communities currently served by EFPD.

**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				
	Bear Creek Evangelical Church	3101 S Kipling St				
<b>Littleton</b>	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