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GENERAL ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

**This Election will be a Mail Ballot Election.
There will be eight (8) Voter Service and Polling
Center.**

This is a Composite of All Ballot Issues for this Election.
Please refer to Your Official Ballot for a Listing of Ballot
Issues on Which You Are Entitled to Vote.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOTICE OF ELECTION

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

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR
BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF
COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

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 CIRCUMSTANCE.

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All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail.
Cost to return a ballot = \$.71

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER (VSPC)

Court Street Building
1120 Court St.
Pueblo, CO 81003
Monday-Friday (October 19 – November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday (October 31) 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

Colorado State Fair Colorado Building
1001 Beulah Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004
Monday-Friday (October 19 – November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday (October 31) 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

Pueblo West Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., Pueblo West, CO 81007
Monday-Friday (October 19 – November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday (October 31) 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

Pueblo Housing & Human Services
2631 E. 4th St., Pueblo, CO 81001
Monday-Friday (October 30 – November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday (October 31) 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

Tom L. & Anna Marie Giodone Library
24655 US Hwy 50 East, Pueblo, CO 81006
Monday-Friday (October 30 – November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday (October 31) 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

Colorado City Metropolitan District
4497 Bent Brothers Blvd., Colorado City, CO 81019
Monday-Friday (October 30 – November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday (October 31) 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

**ATTEST: THE FOREGOING BALLOT ISSUE NOTICES
ARE COMPLETE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLITICAL
SUBDIVISIONS.**



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GILBERT ORTIZ
PUEBLO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

VOTE

Colorado State University Pueblo (Occhiato Bldg.)
2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81001
Monday-Friday (October 30 – November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday (October 31) 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

Pueblo Community College (Ballroom)
900 W. Orman Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004
Monday (November 2) 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM – 7:00PM

24 HOUR DROP-OFF LOCATION

Pueblo County Election Office, 720 N. Main St. Pueblo, CO 81003 (Back of Building)

Pueblo County Courthouse

215 W. 10th St., Pueblo, CO 81003 (East Side-Main St.)

Colorado State Fair, 950 S. Prairie Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004
(Outside of Prairie Gate Entrance)

Lamb Branch Library, 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81005
(Near Entrance)

Pueblo County Sheriff's Substation (Pueblo West),
320 E. Joe Martinez Blvd., Pueblo West, CO 81007

Pueblo Rural Fire

29912 US-50 BUS, Pueblo, CO 81006

Pueblo Community College

900 W. Orman Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004

Colorado State University Pueblo

2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81001

Monday – Monday (Oct. 12 – Nov. 2).....Open 24 hours

Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 3).....Open until 7:00PM

BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Pueblo County Courthouse

215 W. 10th St., Pueblo CO 81003

Rotunda-1st Floor (Rotunda 1st Floor)

Monday-Friday (October 14 – November 2) 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM -7:00PM

Patrick A. Lucero Library

1315 E. 7th St. Pueblo, CO 81001

Monday-Friday (October 19 – November 2) 8:00AM- 4:30PM

Saturday (October 31) 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM -7:00PM

Pueblo County Courthouse

215 W. 10th St., Pueblo, CO 81003. (West Side-Court St.)

Monday (November 2) 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday (November 3) Election Day 7:00AM to 7:00PM

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

CITY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO

**NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR REVENUE CHANGE ON A REFERRED
MEASURE**

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Pueblo County Election Department

Election Date and Hours: November 3, 2020, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local Election Office Address: 720 N. Main St., Ste. 200, Pueblo, CO 81003

Telephone Number: (719) 583-6620

**EXTENSION OF THE ONE-HALF CENT SALES TAX FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

QUESTION NO. 2A:

Without raising additional taxes, shall the existing One-Half Percent City Sales and Use Tax Rate for Economic Development be extended for a five-year period from its current expiration of December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2026 by adopting Ordinance No. 9764, the revenues therefrom to be spent together with all investment income thereon as a voter-approved revenue change and an exception to the limits which would otherwise apply pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law, and by continuing to dedicate the revenues from the One-Half Percent Sales and Use Tax Rate for Primary Job Creating Capital Improvement Projects within the City and the Pueblo Memorial Airport Boundaries, creating a special fund for the deposit of such revenues, and finding and determining that the expenditure of such revenues for Primary Job Creating Capital Improvement Projects are Public Purposes and Municipal Functions?

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VOTE

City of Pueblo, Colorado Fiscal Year Spending:

2022 (estimated)	\$ 95,547,500
2021 (estimated)	\$ 93,217,100
2020 (estimated)	\$ 90,943,514
2019 (actual)	\$ 97,348,493
2018 (actual)	\$ 94,733,823
2017 (actual)	\$ 91,285,774
2016 (actual)	\$ 90,963,413

Overall Percentage and Dollar Change in Fiscal Year Spending Over the Period:

Increase of \$4,584,087
Increase of 5.04%

City of Pueblo, Colorado Proposed Tax Increase:

- Estimate of maximum dollar amount of such spending increase for fiscal year 2022:
 - \$ 9,800,000
- Estimate of City of Pueblo spending for fiscal year 2022 without such tax increase:
 - \$ 95,547,500

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2A:

This ballot question is to extend the one-half cent sales and use tax for five years from the current expiration on December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026. Citizens of Pueblo first approved this tax in 1984 and have voted to extend this tax seven times since then. The tax revenues generated from the one-half cent sales and use tax must be used for capital improvement projects which create new primary jobs within the City of Pueblo and the Pueblo Memorial Airport boundaries. The revenues from this tax are held in a special fund. The Mayor and City Council must approve all payments from the special fund at public meetings. The special fund can't be used to pay the City's administrative expenses or the salaries of City employees. Over the past 36 years, revenues from this tax have created thousands of new jobs and assisted local small businesses to expand and have been used to build and improve public infrastructure related to primary job capital improvement projects. Recently a portion of the tax has been used by the City to help local business to recover from COVID-19. The new job income received by local employees has a multiplier effect and has generated millions of dollars for our local economy. A vote for Ballot Question 2A is a vote to support working families and small businesses in our community.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date and Hours: November 3, 2020, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Pueblo County Election Department
720 N. Main St., Ste. 200, Pueblo, CO 81003
Telephone Number: (719) 583-6620

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A:

SHALL PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 DEBT BE INCREASED BY \$75 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$125 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$9.5 MILLION ANNUALLY, BUT WITH NO EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT DEBT SERVICE MILL LEVY OF 12.963 MILLS, BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES INCLUDING FUNDING FOR LOCAL MATCHING MONEY REQUIRED FOR THE DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$3,762,541.64 IN STATE GRANT FUNDS (WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAID AND THE RECEIPT OF WHICH IS CONTINGENT ON THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE MATCHING PORTION) UNDER THE BUILDING EXCELLENT SCHOOLS TODAY ("BEST") PROGRAM, ALL FOR PROVIDING CAPITAL ASSETS FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES, INCLUDING:

- PROVIDING HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS, INCLUDING VENTILATION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY UPGRADES, HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS AND UPGRADES, ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS, DISTRICT-WIDE SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM EXPANSION AND INTERCOM SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS, SECURED ENTRY AND CONTROLLED ACCESS UPGRADES, ROOF REPLACEMENTS AND REPAIRS, PARKING LOT REPLACEMENTS AND ASPHALT REPAIR, TRAFFIC FLOW RECONFIGURATIONS, INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS, CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS, SPACE RECONFIGURATIONS AND OUTDOOR CLASSROOM ADDITIONS, AND OTHER UPGRADES; BY CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND UPDATING SUCH FACILITIES IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF AGING BUILDINGS, MAKE CRITICAL REPAIRS, AND ADDRESSING DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ISSUES;

Voting YES on 6A will build a new fire station in the southwest portion of Pueblo West, provide funding to hire more firefighters, and allow the fire department to invest in capital improvements. As mandated in the ballot, these dollars can ONLY be used to support our fire department. By voting YES on 6A, response times in Pueblo West, regardless of where you live, will be reduced by up to 6-8 minutes. When we're in a moment of need, we will have the peace of mind knowing our firefighters have the resources to quickly respond. Just this year there have been many cases of an urgent call coming in while all available emergency units are responding to an existing call. This means our firefighters can't respond until they wrap up their current call. Building and staffing a new station will go a long way to fixing this problem and making sure there's a team ready to respond as soon as a call comes in.

How do we know these dollars will be spent as promised? Good question! Baked into the ballot language is a requirement that a citizen's oversight committee, made up of regular folks who live in Pueblo West, oversee the use of funds and will annually report out to the community. Additionally, this tax isn't permanent, it sunsets in 10 years. They have to demonstrate good and honest use of these funds or they will be held accountable by us, the voting public. If you're skeptical, please apply to be on this committee, we need scrutiny and watching eyes keeping accountability.

Vote YES on 6A to keep our family, property, and community safe.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 6A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH SALES TAX AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREFROM BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW AND BE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER TAXES LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2016 - (Actual) \$7,408,234
 2017 - (Actual) \$6,738,616
 2018 - (Actual) \$7,342,878
 2019 - (Actual) \$7,192,578
 2020 - (Budgeted) \$9,494,638

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending of the five-year period from 2016 through 2020: 28.2%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2016 to 2020: \$2,086,404

First Full Year Estimates:

Estimated 2021 fiscal year spending without taking into account tax increase authorized by the ballot issue: \$9,282,204

Estimated 2021 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 6A: \$2,500,000

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 6A:

For many of us, Pueblo West is a place we live in for the exceptional quality of life and low taxes. If we're asked to give our hard earned money, there better be a good reason and a good plan for those dollars. 6A happens to be a request that is both reasonable, well thought out, and modest in the ask. This isn't a proposal for all the bells and whistles, it makes sure our fire department has the bare minimum to keep us safe. Most communities that look like Pueblo West have a minimum of three fire stations, we only have two. Voting YES on 6A will remedy this problem.

The last time a new fire station was built was 2008. Pueblo West has grown a lot since then. For example, just this year there have been over 300 approvals for new home builds in Pueblo West! This rapid growth places a lot of demand on our firefighters and first responders. Mind you, we're also a community of almost 50 square miles, a huge geographic footprint for our firefighters to cover. As a result of our growth and geographic size, response times are much higher than they should be and as a result, for many of us, our homeowners insurance premiums are significantly more expensive.

- CONSTRUCTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT PLEASANT VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST GRANT FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF, INCLUDING UPGRADED ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND CONTROLS, REPLACE FLOORING AND CEILINGS, REPLACE ROOF AND GUTTERS, REPAIR DRAINAGE AND UPGRADE DOORS; ABATEMENT AND OTHER UPGRADES;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE BUT ONLY IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT), SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER MULTIPLE-FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS; SUCH DEBT TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH SERIES, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE PERCENT?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2020-2021 (estimated)	\$93,622,153
2019-2020 (actual)	\$88,466,519
2018-2019 (actual)	\$94,179,112
2017-2018 (actual)	\$87,175,057
2016-2017 (actual)	\$82,621,535

Overall percentage change from 2016-17 to 2020-21	13.31%
Overall dollar change from 2016-17 to 2020-21	\$11,000,618

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2021-22 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A: \$9,500,000	
District Estimate of 2021-22 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$105,000,000

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds: Not to exceed \$ 75,000,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$ 9,500,000
Total District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$125,000,000

Information on District's Current Debt 1

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt: \$59,485,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$7,446,682
Remaining Total Repayment Cost: \$80,765,698

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 4A:

This November voters in School District 70 in Pueblo will be asked to approve a Bond for school infrastructure without raising taxes. Referendum 4A on the November 2020 ballot will ask voters to increase the School District Debt by \$75 Million with a repayment cost not to exceed \$125 Million, and shall district taxes be increased not more than \$9.5 million annually, but with no expected increase in the district's current debt service mill levy of 12.963 Mills.

Arguments For:

- **4A** is a smart and targeted use of tax monies without raising taxes.
- Pueblo District 70 earned a Prestigious BEST grant of \$4million dollars. The grant requires a match from the district - **4A** would be that match.
- Our districts school roofs are in bad need of repair and replacement some are over 30 years old. **4A** will fix the roofs.
- Every school in our district will benefit from the passage of **4A**.
- Pueblo District 70 does more with less resources than almost any other school district in the State. 4A will be a big boost to our schools, our children, and our community.
- We are all aware of the need for clean air to combat the spread of viruses. **4A** will improve the air filtration system in every school.
- **4A** is a boost for our Community. The Bonds will benefit students, homeowners, local businesses, and teachers.
 - Students - Better and safer learning environment
 - Home Owners - Good schools are the number one external driver in home values
 - Local Businesses - A large percent of the work will be done by local companies
 - Teachers - Upgraded classrooms are a key part of a learning environment

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 4A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Pueblo County, Colorado

Election Date and Hours: November 3, 2020, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Local Election Office Address and Phone Number:

Local Election Office Address: 720 N. Main St., Ste. 200, Pueblo, CO 81003

Telephone Number: (719) 583-6620

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6A:

SHALL PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$2,500,000 ANNUALLY BY LEVYING A TEMPORARY 1% SALES TAX THAT SHALL SUNSET TEN YEARS AFTER ITS IMPLEMENTATION TO BE USED FOR PUEBLO WEST FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS SUCH AS;

- CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF PUEBLO WEST
- STAFFING A NEW FIRE STATION WITH ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS
- PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND PROJECTS RELATED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
- MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION RESOURCES;

IF APPROVED THESE TAX REVENUES SHALL BE PLACED IN A DEDICATED FUND USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PUEBLO WEST FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT SHALL ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY WITH A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL ANNUALLY REVIEW AND REPORT TO THE PUBLIC ON THE USE OF TAX REVENUES COLLECTED. THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO TEMPORARILY ESTABLISH A 1% SALES TAX (1 PENNY ON A \$1 PURCHASE) UPON EVERY TRANSACTION WHICH A SALES TAX IS LEVIED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO AND THIS TEMPORARY SALES TAX SHALL SUNSET ON 12/31/2030;

1 Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.