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FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:
THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. BASED ON YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.

POSTMASTER, DELIVER TO:

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



THIS IS NOT YOUR BALLOT— 2019 Coordinated Election Mail Ballots will begin to be mailed on October 11, 2019.



**ONCE YOU RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT
Return it by 7 P.M. on Election Day November 5, 2019**

- Mail Early (Apply First Class Postage)
- In person at any Voter Service and Polling Center
- At any 24-Hour Ballot Drop Box



24-HOUR BALLOT DROP BOXES
24 HOUR ACCESS BEGINS
October 11, 2019
CLOSING AT 7 PM SHARP
November 5, 2019

Mesa County Elections Office
200 S. Spruce Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Fruita Civic Center
325 E. Aspen Avenue, Fruita, CO 81521

Clifton DMV
3225 I-70 Business Loop, Unit A2, Clifton, CO 81520

Department of Human Services
510 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504

GVT West Transfer Facility
612 24 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS

Elections Office

200 S. Spruce Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Canyon West Worship Center

456 Kokopelli Dr. Ste. G
Fruita, CO 81521

Peachtree Shopping Center

3225 I-70 Business Loop, Unit B5
Clifton, CO 81520

Monday through Friday

October 28, 2019 to November 4, 2019

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 2, 2019

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Tuesday, November 5, (ELECTION DAY)

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

All polling centers are closed on Sunday. ADA accessible voting machines are available at any In-Person Polling Center that is listed above.



MESA COUNTY ELECTIONS

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ TABOR INFORMATION

General Information

This voter information pamphlet contains one or more referendums concerning taxation that will be appearing on the 2019 Coordinated Election ballot. ***The mailing and content of this notice is mandated by Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution.***

The title and text of the referendum are printed in full and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to five-hundred words each FOR and AGAINST the measure. For some measures, current and recent fiscal year spending figures may be included. For other measures, tax increase estimates or bonded debt repayment costs within a particular district have been included.

Only registered voters are eligible to vote. Receipt of this voter information pamphlet does not indicate that every member of your household is registered to vote or that you are eligible to vote on every measure presented.

★ Attention Property Owners ★

If you are an active registered voter in the State of Colorado who does not reside in the East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District but owns property in the District you are eligible to vote on their ballot issues. In order to obtain a ballot please contact the Mesa County Clerks Office via:

Email: voter.info@mesacounty.us Phone: (970) 244-1662

To register to vote or check the status of your Colorado voter registration, please visit:

www.govotecolorado.com

-OR-

Visit the Mesa County Elections Office located at
200 S. Spruce Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501

If you have questions about this notice or the upcoming election, please call our office:

970-244-1662

The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information



I hereby certify that the enclosed ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions or compiled by Clerk's Office.

Tina Peters, Mesa County Clerk and Recorder



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200 S Spruce St, Grand Junction, CO 81501



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TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
Mesa County, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Mesa County Clerk and Recorder
P.O. Box 20000, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502
Telephone: (970) 244-1662

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 4A:

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 DEBT BE INCREASED \$179.5 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$388 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$25.3 MILLION ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT, WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CAPITAL ASSETS FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

REPLACING GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL (CONSTRUCTED IN 1959) WITH A NEW FACILITY AT THE EXISTING SITE;

INSTALLING SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL AND FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING SECURITY VESTIBULES AND ENCLOSING COURTYARDS;

ELIMINATING EXTERIOR ENTRANCES AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL AND FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL TO CREATE ONE SECURE ENTRY POINT, AND PROVIDING OTHER SAFETY AND SECURITY RENOVATIONS;

RENOVATING AND IMPROVING FACILITIES TO INCREASE THE LIFE SPAN OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL AND FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO 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); PROVIDED THAT SUCH TAX INCREASE SHALL NOT PRODUCE REVENUE THAT WILL EXCEED THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL AMOUNT STATED ABOVE; SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR TO PROVIDE DISTRICT MATCHING MONEY FOR ANY GRANT AWARDED BY THE STATE UNDER THE BUILDING EXCELLENT SCHOOLS TODAY PROGRAM; 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, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE PERCENT; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S DEBT LIMIT BE INCREASED FROM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20% OF THE DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUE TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 6% OF THE DISTRICT'S ACTUAL VALUE, EACH AS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR OF MESA COUNTY; AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH BOND PROCEEDS AND TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	
2019-2020 (estimated)	\$211,304,904
2018-2019 (actual)	\$204,159,328
2017-2018 (actual)	\$197,809,968
2016-2017 (actual)	\$194,309,681
2015-2016 (actual)	\$180,681,030
Overall percentage change from 2015-16 to 2019-20	16.95%
Overall dollar change from 2015-16 to 2019-20	\$30,623,874

Proposed Tax Increase District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2020-21 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A: \$25,300,000

District Estimate of 2020-21 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$219,757,100

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A:
Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds: Not to exceed \$179,500,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$ 25,300,000
Total District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$388,000,000

Information on District's Current Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$175,465,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$17,330,813
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$266,301,275

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

1. Voting Yes on 4A will replace Grand Junction High School. Built in 1956, the school was constructed on an unsound foundation and is literally sinking into the ground. It is past time we replace the school to provide kids the education they deserve with modern classrooms that prepare them for the jobs of the 21st Century.

2. Voting Yes on 4A will secure all four high schools. Safety is a top priority in schools today and voting Yes on 4A will eliminate more than 120 non-secure entrance points district-wide. By bringing all academic buildings under one roof, each high school will have a single, secure point of entry and exit - the most effective way to stop unwanted, dangerous intruders into our schools.
3. In addition to securing all four high schools, 4A will conduct core infrastructure repairs in Central, Fruita, and Palisade high schools to extend the lives of each school another 25 years.
4. 4A is a smart financial investment. For only \$6.67 a month for the median, \$300,000 homeowner in Mesa County, 4A will replace Grand Junction High School, secure all of our high schools, and build additional, modern classrooms to expand trade training, advanced STEM, and agriculture programs district-wide. Construction costs continue to rise and this is the most cost effective opportunity District 51 will have to replace Grand Junction High School. In addition, the District will save \$5 million in construction costs slated for the current Grand Junction High School.
5. To accommodate the Valley's growing population, 4A will build additional classrooms in Central, Fruita, and Palisade high schools. These classrooms will expand educational opportunities for students in the vocational tech and apprentice programs, the agriculture program, and advanced STEM programs and prepare kids for the jobs of the 21st Century.
6. Strong schools are the foundation of strong communities. One out of two students in District 51 decide to pursue a college degree. We need to make sure our workforce is prepared for the job market when they graduate and that businesses seeking to move to Grand Junction have adequate schools to attract employees.
7. As protocol dictates, the District 51 Board will put out a 'Request for Proposal' seeking the most cost-effective proposals in a regional search. In past bond measures, more than 90% of the labor and construction costs stayed local, providing a significant boost to our local economy.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 4A: No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

*Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION
Mesa County, Colorado**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:


City Clerk's Office
City of Grand Junction
250 North 5th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
Telephone: (970) 244-1509

Ballot Title and Text:

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION REFERRED MEASURE 2A

WITHOUT ANY INCREASE OF ANY EXISTING TAX RATE AND WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAXES SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO (CITY) DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$70,000,000.00 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$114,000,000.00 TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE COSTS OF THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE SIDEWALK, ROAD, PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS

- TO B 1/2 ROAD FROM 29 TO 29 3/4 ROADS,
- D 1/2 ROAD FROM 29 TO 30 ROAD,
- F 1/2 ROAD PARKWAY FROM 24 ROAD TO PATTERSON ROAD,
- F 1/2 ROAD FROM 30 TO 30 3/4 ROAD,
- G ROAD FROM 23 1/2 TO 24 1/2 ROAD,
- 24 ROAD FROM PATTERSON ROAD TO I-70,
- 24 1/2 ROAD FROM PATTERSON ROAD TO G 1/4 ROAD,
- 26 1/2 ROAD FROM HORIZON DRIVE TO SUMMERHILL WAY AND INCLUDING A BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT I-70,
- A ROUNDABOUT AT HORIZON DRIVE, G ROAD AND 27 1/2 ROAD INTERSECTION,
- AND INTERSECTION AND TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS AT FIVE LOCATIONS ON PATTERSON ROAD, AND
- IMPROVEMENTS TO RIVER ROAD AND THE REDLANDS PARKWAY NEAR THE JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE PARK, INCLUDING A BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH TO CONNECT TO CANYON VIEW PARK;

SHALL SUCH DEBT BE PAYABLE FROM SUCH CITY REVENUES AS THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE AND BE ED WITH SUCH TERMS AS THE CITY COUNCIL DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY; AND WITHOUT ANY INCREASE OF ANY EXISTING TAX RATE AND WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAXES, SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED BEGINNING IN 2023, TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND, UNTIL NO LATER THAN 2037, ALL REVENUES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS WHICH THE CITY IS PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CITY DEBT ISSUED FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND TO MAINTAIN NEW AND EXISTING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE?

City Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2019 (estimated)	\$64,397,966
2018 (actual)	\$64,779,544
2017 (actual)	\$61,498,784
2016 (actual)	\$61,305,394
2015 (actual)	\$60,552,346
Overall percentage change from 2015 – 2019	6%
Overall dollar change from 2015 - 2019	\$3,845,620

Information on City's Proposed Debt

Referred Measure 2A:	
Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 70,000,000
Maximum Annual City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 4,798,150
Total City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$114,000,000

Information on City's Current Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$20,050,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 3,858,625
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$23,128,750

Summary of Written Comments FOR Referred Measure 2A:

Ballot Issue 2A asks for permission from city voters to bond for needed transportation projects without raising taxes. The bonds will be paid off in the future with funding that is currently dedicated to retiring the Riverside Parkway debt. That debt will be paid off between 2022 and 2023 and uses a combination of general fund dollars and funding from a TABOR override that has been in place for 11 years.

Reasons to vote for this measure include:

- Traffic congestion is increasing as we continue to grow as a community and will only get worse if we wait.
- Where the money will be spent is clearly defined. Projects that will be funded are listed in the ballot question and include adding new roads, addressing congested areas and making routes to schools safer for children.
- Bonding has been used before in our community to fund major transportation initiatives which are needed now but could take years to complete if we waited until we had the cash to fix them.
- Our dollars will go further as we can complete these needed projects at today's costs for construction versus what those costs might be in ten or fifteen years.
- Interests rates are still low so our cost of financing will likely be lower now than if we wait to do this sometime in the future.

In conclusion Ballot Issue 2A is not a tax increase. It is a request by the City of Grand Junction to bond for \$70 million in order to help alleviate traffic congestion, insure safer routes to school for elementary students and meet the needs of a growing community.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Referred Measure 2A:

No comments were submitted by the Constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE
EAST ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 MESA COUNTY, COLORADO

Ballot Mailed: October 11, 2019

Regular Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Election Date: November 5, 2019

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District
 577 36 Road, P.O. Box 164, Palisade, CO 81526
 970-270-6082

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS WHO LIVE OR OWN (OR THE SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER OF THE OWNER) PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EAST ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6A

SHALL THE EAST ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY \$18,820 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE BASED UPON AUGUST 2019 COUNTY ASSESSOR VALUATIONS) BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2019 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2020) AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE MILL LEVY FROM 4.2740 MILLS TO 6.5 MILLS, THE REVENUE THEREFROM TO PAY FOR THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATON, GENERAL OPERATIONS INCLUDING FIRE, RESCUE AND MUTUAL AID EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND FOR CAPITAL EXPENSES; AND SHALL ALL SUCH TAX PROCEEDS AND ALL OTHER DISTRICT REVENUES FROM ANY SOURCE BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES EACH YEAR, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY CONSTITUTIONAL REVENUE, SPENDING OR OTHER LIMITATIONS IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES _____

NO _____

Total East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District Fiscal Year Spending:

2019 – (estimated) \$32,801

2018 – (actual) \$49,730

2017 – (actual) \$45,913

2016 – (actual) \$31,522

2015 – (actual) \$27,403

Overall Percentage Change from 2015 to 2019: 19.7%

Overall Dollar Change from 2015 to 2019: \$5,398

District Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for the First Full Fiscal Year of Proposal: \$18,820

District Estimated First Full Fiscal Year Spending without Proposed Tax Increase: \$35,593

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6A

The District and its fire department are run completely by volunteers. Your tax dollars are only used for equipment, supplies, and operating expenses. Your tax dollars are currently not used for salaries or wages of any type. Increasing the District’s tax levy to 6.5 mills will enable the District to remain in business, and will provide stable and predictable revenue for the District to meet the community’s increasing demands for emergency services. Approval of the requested property tax increase to 6.5 mills will result in projected total yearly property taxes to a home in the District as follows:

- \$100,000 Actual Value for a Residence = \$ 46.48 per year
- \$200,000 Actual Value for a Residence = \$92.96 per year
- \$300,000 Actual Value for a Residence = \$139.44 per year

The District has looked carefully at the District’s future needs and the current tax revenue will not be enough to provide services to the District’s residents.

Our 49-year-old tender supplies a 3,000-gallon water sources to homes and property that are not close to a fire hydrant. This vehicle is functionally obsolete, and if it breaks down, the District may not be able to repair it.

The District would like to provide a small retirement benefit to eligible volunteers who have met certain minimum requirements. This benefit should help the District recruit and retain volunteers and provide some incentive for District volunteers to do this community service work that is both demanding and dangerous.

The District needs to replace personal protection equipment such as Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs), radios, personal protection clothing and other firefighting equipment. Current Federal laws require the District to replace some of these items after approximately 10 years.

The District would like to hire an independent contractor to assist with the administration of the department and District. New laws and regulations create compliance issues for the District.

The Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR) is one of the most significant and complex laws that applies to special districts such as the District. TABOR is a provision of the Colorado Constitution (Article X, Section 20) that prohibits government entities, including special districts, from incurring multiple fiscal year financial obligations without voter approval, and it imposes tax, debt, revenue and spending limitations.

Voter approval of this measure will allow the District to keep and spend all the tax revenue, it receives each year and any other revenue it may obtain through grants, donations or other sources and carry over any unspent revenue to the next year. This will allow the District to budget money over multiple years to replace aging equipment when necessary. Without this approval, the District would have to go into debt and pass a bond issue to purchase expensive capital items.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A BALLOT ISSUE
DELTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 50J
 MESA COUNTY, COLORADO

Ballot Title and Text:
Ballot Issue 5A

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Spending</u>
2015-2016 (actual)	\$ 33,774,053
2016-2017 (actual)	\$ 31,392,510
2017-2018 (actual)	\$ 33,494,599
2018-2019 (actual)	\$ 34,306,443
2019-2020 (current year estimated)	\$ 38,122,667
Overall percentage of change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2015-2016 through 2019-2020:.....	13%
Overall dollar amount change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2015-2016 through 2019-2020:.....	\$4,348,614

Estimated 2019-2020 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by this Ballot Issue:..... \$ 38,122,667

Estimated 2019-2020 tax increase authorized by this Ballot Issue: All Counties \$576,000