

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

(IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION)  
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/INCREASE DEBT/INCREASE REVENUE SPENDING LIMITS ON REFERRED MEASURES

**COORDINATED ELECTION - NOVEMBER 4, 2003  
COUNTY OF MESA - STATE OF COLORADO**

ELECTION DATE: **Tuesday, November 4, 2003**  
ELECTION HOURS: **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
BALLOTS MAILED: **October 14, 2003 through October 17, 2003**  
(See back of insert for ballot return information)  
COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE: **544 Rood Avenue, #301A, (Courthouse Annex)**  
**Grand Junction, CO 81501**  
**(970) 244-1662**  
**Janice Ward, County Clerk and Recorder**  
**Donna Ross, Elections Division Director**

**NOTICE TO ALL ELECTORS:**

**THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED IN THIS NOTICE. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NOTICE WAS PREPARED BY PERSONS REQUIRED BY LAW TO PROVIDE SUMMARIES OF BALLOT ISSUES AND FISCAL INFORMATION.**

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**JANICE WARD**  
**Mesa County Clerk & Recorder**  
**Elections Division**  
**P.O. Box 20000**  
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ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GRAND JUNCTION WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING  
CITY DEBT QUESTION, BALLOT ISSUE 2A

Designated Election Official: Stephanie Tuin, City Clerk, 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 244-1509

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT  
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION  
Mesa County, Colorado**

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT  
CITY DEBT QUESTION: BALLOT ISSUE 2A**

SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION DEBT BE INCREASED \$80,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$134,000,000 (WITHOUT ANY INCREASE OF ANY EXISTING TAXES AND WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAXES) TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING AND COMPLETING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS THE RIVERSIDE PARKWAY (FROM 24 RD. TO 29 RD.) AND THE 29 ROAD TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AND PAYING COSTS OF THE FINANCING, INCLUDING RESERVES; PROVIDED THAT THE SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE DEBT, INCLUDING A PROVISION FOR EARLY REPAYMENT WITH OR WITHOUT A PREMIUM, AND THE PRICE AT WHICH IT WILL BE SOLD SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY AS NECESSARY AND PRUDENT?

**Total City Fiscal Year Spending**

Fiscal Year

2003 (estimated)	\$ 56,864,420
2002 (actual)	\$ 53,825,766
2001 (actual)	\$ 49,968,140
2000 (actual)	\$ 47,187,284
1999 (actual)	\$ 44,116,758

Overall percentage change from 1999 to 2003

29 %

Overall dollar change from 1999 to 2003

\$12,747,662

**Information on City's Proposed Debt**

**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A:**

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 80,000,000
Maximum Annual City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 7,500,000
Total City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$134,000,000

**Information on City's Current Debt<sup>1</sup>**

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$ -0-
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ -0-
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$ -0-

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

The City of Grand Junction is moving forward with the Riverside Parkway/29 Road Project. This "loop around the city" will either be financed with a bond issue or by utilizing a pay-as-you-go approach.

Financing the Riverside Parkway/29 Road Project with a bond issue will allow the City of Grand Junction to complete the project in approximately six to eight years and WITHOUT A TAX INCREASE. On the other hand, the pay-as-you-go approach would result in road construction for approximately 20 years. Furthermore, the total cost would not be locked in, as it would be with a bond issue.

Given record low interest rates, pursuing a bond issue would cost approximately the same or slightly less than the pay-as-you-go approach (based on current inflation projections).

Our city cannot afford gridlock for 20 years, nor can we endure 20 years of construction "cone zones." We need the Riverside Parkway to relieve traffic congestion that exists in the city today, and which will only get worse in the future. We desperately need improvements on 29 Road, which when combined with the Riverside Parkway and 29 Road will provide a loop around the downtown area and multiple accesses to Interstate 70. The City of Grand Junction has done its homework. A "yes" vote on 2A is by far the most prudent approach to financing the Riverside Parkway/29 Road Project.

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

<sup>1</sup>Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN MESA COUNTY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERENDUM 4A

Designated Election Official: R. Eric Kuhn, General Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District  
201 Centennial Street, Suite #200, P.O. Box 1120, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 945-8522

**COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT  
REFERENDUM 4A**

SHALL THE COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN THE REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY, BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE THE FULL REVENUES GENERATED FROM ANY SOURCE AND INTEREST THEREON COMMENCING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2004 AND FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR SAID REVENUES TO BE GENERATED, SPENT OR RETAINED AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR IN C.R.S. §29-1-301?

**Fiscal Year Spending**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Spending (1)</u>
1999 (actual)	\$2,386,490
2000 (actual)	\$4,048,064
2001 (actual)	\$2,626,613
2002 (actual)	\$2,886,966
2003 (current year estimated)	\$3,022,433

(1) Fiscal year spending includes total expenditures from General and Capital Projects funds.

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 1999 through 2003: 26.65%  
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 1999 through 2003: \$ 635,943  
Estimated 2004 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot issue: \$3,222,602

**Tax Increase:**

Estimated 2003 tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$0

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIES WERE PREPARED FROM MATERIALS FILED BY PERSONS IN FAVOR OF OR OPPOSED TO THE BALLOT ISSUE.

**Summary of Written Comments in Favor of This Ballot Issue:**

- The Colorado River Water Conservation District ("River District") is responsible for the protection and development of Western Slope water for Western Colorado. At this time when so many are looking to move Western Colorado's precious water resources elsewhere, it only makes sense to ensure that the River District has the resources necessary to fulfill its mission, especially if this can be done without raising taxes.
- "De-Brucing" is a legitimate and frequently used method of freezing the constant downward financial pressure exerted upon governmental entities by the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR). TABOR has forced governments to operate within tighter fiscal restraints, but it has also inhibited governments' ability to provide public services, especially in times of crisis. TABOR does not factor in drought among its fiscal limitations.
- Voter approval of this TABOR-compliance, or "de-Brucing," measure would freeze the property tax mill levy at its current level of 0.250 mills. It would also allow the River District to keep grant monies that it cannot currently accept under TABOR restrictions.
- Any additional revenues, although none are assured, could be used to purchase water stored in federal reservoirs on the West Slope (Ruedi and Blue Mesa) to assure local control of existing water resources. Additionally, any TABOR-compliance funds could be used to modernize local agricultural practices to both improve water quality and increase water use efficiency.
- The drought of 2002 demonstrated how much Western Colorado needs additional water storage, additional water use efficiencies, and sources of water to solve water shortages. New Castle came within inches of running out of water last summer. Our water supply is tenuous in dry years, we should use the current reprieve from drought conditions to prepare for future dry years by investing in necessary capital projects.
- There are at least 78 dams within the River District that are under safety restrictions. At relatively small expense and negligible environmental impact, many of these facilities could be rehabilitated with these funds.
- Any funds accruing to the River District from approval of Referendum 4A could be leveraged to receive additional federal matching funding. The Congressional Farm Bill of 2002 authorized considerable funds for water quality and water efficiency improvement projects, which require local matching contributions.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST This Ballot Issue:**

- TABOR, the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, is supported by the majority of Colorado voters. Its purpose is to insure that our tax dollars are better spent. "De-Brucing" referenda are unconstitutional. Under TABOR, excess revenues are to be returned to taxpayers, some prefer to keep them.
- This is a huge property tax increase. It has the potential to double property taxes without control over how the money is spent.
- This is a tax increase by a District Board that doesn't have accountability to the tax payers. There is no list of projects that will benefit any of the people whose taxes are raised. The money could be spent for operating purposes and increase bureaucracy.
- The District wants to raise taxes irrespective of individual project benefits. There is no popular support for this tax increase. It is proposed by the same bureaucrats who would spend the money without a vote of the people.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN MESA COUNTY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE  
ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURE 5A

MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF MESA, STATE OF COLORADO

Designated Election Official: Sally Matchett, President, Mesa County Public Library District, 530 Grand Avenue  
P.O. Box 20000, Grand Junction, CO 81502-5019, (970) 243-4783

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE REVENUE ON A REFERRED MEASURE

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT

REFERRED MEASURE 5A

SHALL MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$500,000 ANNUALLY, COMMENCING WITH TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR COLLECTION IN 2005, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM AN INCREASE OF UP TO 0.5 MILLS IN THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF THE DISTRICT; THE INCREASE IN TAXES TO BE USED FOR INCREASED LIBRARY SERVICES AND LIBRARY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DISTRICT-WIDE, INCLUDING:

OPERATING AND STAFFING ALL OF THE DISTRICT'S LIBRARY FACILITIES;

ACQUIRING AND OPERATING A MODERN LIBRARY MATERIALS SECURITY SYSTEM;

EXPANDING LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES TO THE DISTRICT'S CENTRAL LIBRARY, BRANCHES AND HOMEBOUND PATRONS;

IMPROVING THE LIBRARY'S ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER RESOURCES AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES;

ENABLING THE LIBRARY'S STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS TO EXPAND ITS EXISTING LITERACY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT (I) VOTER APPROVAL HEREOF SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE IF BALLOT ISSUE 5B IS NOT APPROVED, AND (II) NO COLLECTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL TAXES SHALL BE MADE BEFORE THE TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2004; SUCH INCREASED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO CONSTITUTE VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES UNDER, AND 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 OR SPEND OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED  
FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR SPENDING</u>
1999 (Actual)	\$ 2,436,033
2000 (Actual)	2,788,333
2001 (Actual)	3,030,000
2002 (Actual)	3,282,804
2003 (Estimated)	3,376,163

Overall percentage change in fiscal year  
spending over the five year period from  
1999 through 2003: 39%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year  
spending over the five year period from  
1999 through 2003: \$940,130

Estimated 2004 fiscal year  
spending without taking into  
account the tax increase authorized  
by the ballot proposal: \$3,750,000

Estimated 2004 tax increase  
authorized by the ballot proposal:  
\$501,000\*

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

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

- The library district does so much with so little—over 200 volunteers help out every month. They could do ever so much more with the small funding increase being requested in this election.
- It will only cost the average taxpayer about \$4.57 per year to expand library materials, provide additional services to the homebound, increase internet access, and increase funding for branch operations throughout the district.
- The literacy volunteers at the library are giving a priceless gift to their clients. The least we can do is provide them with the materials and infrastructure to do their important work for the community.
- The large print books and books on tape are a godsend to my parents, and they aren't available in local stores. Added funding would expand these collections for the many people who use them.
- Increased funding would allow all of the branches to expand their services and hours of operation. It would also allow the district to look for larger leased quarters for the Clifton branch, which is almost overwhelmed now.
- Computers have become necessary to both children and adults. Only a third of Mesa County households have computer and internet access. It's important that everyone have access to the world-wide web, especially in the safe and secure environment of a public library. Increased funding will make this possible.
- I am extremely impressed with how the Clifton branch has developed over the past few years; with an increase in operating funds, they will be able to increase the branch's collections and available computers.
- My parents got wonderful free computer instruction at the library and can use the internet like youngsters now; if only there were enough computers and training areas to go around at the central library and the branches.
- The library district at present does so much with so little, and if 5A passes these services could be enhanced. The small increase would allow the library district to enhance services to the branches, increase the number of computers available to citizens who can't afford their own, deliver even more books to the homebound and provide additional books for all those libraries in the system. These services are extremely important to keep up with our growing population in Mesa County.

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN MESA COUNTY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE  
ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURE 5B

**MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF MESA, STATE OF COLORADO**

Designated Election Official: Sally Matchett, President, Mesa County Public Library District, 530 Grand Avenue  
P.O. Box 20000, Grand Junction, CO 81502-5019, (970) 243-4783

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT**

**REFERRED MEASURE 5B**

SHALL MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S DEBT BE INCREASED \$15,700,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$27,420,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY; BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL: (1) BEAR INTEREST AT A NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT EXCEEDING 6.00% PER ANNUM, (2) HAVE A MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST OF \$1,425,000, AND (3) BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN TWENTY YEARS OF THE DATE SUCH INDEBTEDNESS IS INCURRED, AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN EVERY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE THE REVENUES NECESSARY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS; AND SHALL THE REVENUE CHANGES CAUSED BY THE RECEIPT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS AND THE COLLECTION AND SPENDING OF SUCH AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUES IN EVERY YEAR BE APPROVED, PERMITTING SUCH BOND PROCEEDS, AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, AND ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR SPENDING</u>
1999 (Actual)	\$ 2,436,033
2000 (Actual)	2,788,333
2001 (Actual)	3,030,000
2002 (Actual)	3,282,804
2003 (Estimated)	3,376,163

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 1999 through 2003: 39%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 1999 through 2003: \$940,130

Estimated 2004 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$3,750,000

Estimated 2004 tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$1,425,000\*

Information Regarding Bonded Debt Proposed by the Ballot Proposal:

Principal Amount:	\$15,700,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	1,425,000
Maximum Total Repayment Cost:	27,420,000

Information Regarding Current Bonded Debt:

Principal Amount:	\$ 0
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	0
Maximum Total Repayment Cost:	0

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

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

- The need for a new library is great. Expanded literacy programs, an increased volume of library materials, and increased daily use by all age groups have swamped our old facility. The current building is old and, frankly, worn out. A large majority of the county residents use the library already; over sixty percent of Mesa County residents hold a library card and use it.
- The design of the new library is restrained and very cost efficient. As a voter interested in getting the best value for my dollar, I applaud the individuals that have worked so hard to provide the best possible facility for the best value.
- The new facility has been designed for maximum flexibility far into the future; it may be expanded by 50% in 20 or 30 years if conditions demand it, and the existing site will be adequate for these expansions.
- This project will be very affordable, especially because the library's friends and supporters have raised over \$3,000,000 to acquire the necessary land and perform site work.
- A new library would cost the average county resident less than the cost of one hardback book each year.
- The new building will be energy efficient and make a much more efficient use of space for library patrons, volunteers, and staff.
- Computers have become necessary to both children and adults. A new library will offer space for supervised internet and computer access for the 70% of Mesa County households that don't have these important tools.
- I am excited about the expansion that will offer expanded resources and programming in the children's library and to the new homework and teen centers.
- The new library will feature study rooms and conference rooms where students can work and converse in a safe environment, while other library patrons can enjoy a quiet place to read.
- In addition, added conveniences such as an automated check-out and a drive-up 24/7 drop-off window are very desirable.
- More space would allow the library to greatly increase the space devoted to large print books, videos, audio books, book repairing and the literacy program volunteers.
- Interest rates are the lowest they have been in over four decades. As a financial services professional, I know the impact that interest rates have on the ultimate cost of a bond issue. Now is a great time to use these low rates to the advantage of the taxpayer.
- The construction project will provide important work for many local contractors and tradesmen. This will benefit the entire local economy.
- Passing the initiative will ensure that we have the fine library that our great community deserves, one that we can be proud of and use for years to come.
- The new facility being proposed would be a great point of pride for the entire county. It is time for us, as a community, to invest in a library which expresses our commitment to education, lifelong learning and age-old pleasures of reading a good book.

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

\*Tabor provides that, "[e]xcept by later voter approval, if a tax increase or fiscal year spending exceeds the estimates set forth in [this portion of the Tabor notice] for the same fiscal year, the tax increase is thereafter reduced up to 100% in proportion to the combined dollar excess, and

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN, OR WHO, OR WHOSE SPOUSE, OWN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE  
SOUTHWEST MESA COUNTY RURAL SERVICES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE  
ON THE FOLLOWING BALLOT ISSUE 5F

**SOUTHWEST MESA COUNTY RURAL SERVICES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Designated Election Official: James R. Baughman, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Ex Officio Chairman of the Board and President of Southwest Mesa County Rural Services Public Improvement District  
544 Rood Avenue, P.O. Box 20000, Grand Junction, CO 81502-5010, (970) 244-1800

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES**

In compliance with the requirements of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution it is necessary to seek voter approval in order for the Southwest Mesa County Rural Services Public Improvement District to increase taxes on the following ballot issue:

**BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT  
BALLOT ISSUE 5F**

SHALL SOUTHWEST MESA COUNTY RURAL SERVICES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$375.20 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATED REVENUE INCREASE IN THE YEAR 2004) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RECEIVED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM THE LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX AT A RATE OF 4 MILLS, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE PERMITTED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT, NOT TO EXCEED 10 MILLS ANNUALLY, WHEN THE DISTRICT POPULATION IS IN EXCESS OF 500, AS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT, ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, REIMBURSING, OR FINANCING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RELOCATING, INSTALLING, COMPLETING, OPERATING, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING, WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT, A COMPLETE LOCAL SANITARY SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM INITIALLY, AND UPON THE POPULATION REACHING 500, AS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT, SERVICES MAY INCLUDE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, REIMBURSING, OR FINANCING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RELOCATING, INSTALLING, COMPLETING, OPERATING, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING, WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE PROTECTION, WATER SERVICES, AND PARKS AND RECREATION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND SUCH TAXES AND INCOME THEREON AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND TO EXCEED THE 5.5% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE GROWTH LIMITATION CONTAINED IN SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND ANY OTHER REVENUE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN THE LAWS OF THE STATE?

**Total District Fiscal Year Spending**

Fiscal Year

2003 (estimated)	\$0
2002 (actual)	\$0
2001 (actual)	\$0
2000 (actual)	\$0
1999 (actual)	\$0

Overall percentage change from 1999 to 2003: 0%

Overall dollar change from 1999 to 2003: \$0

**Proposed Tax Increase**

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2004 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):  
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5F: \$375.20

District Estimate of 2004 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$0

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5F:**

The Southwest Mesa County Rural Services Public Improvement District (District) has been created for the purpose of constructing, installing, acquiring, operating or maintaining services to be provided by the District. Initially, only sanitary sewer service, which is the treatment and process of waste materials, will be provided. Once the District's population reaches 500, Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, untreated and treated Water Services, and Park and Recreation Improvements may be added. In order to provide the various services, now and in the future, a funding stream must be provided.

This measure will allow a funding stream for the purposes of the District up to 4 mills, initially, and up to 10 mills once the population of the District reaches 500.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5F:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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SOUTHWEST MESA COUNTY RURAL SERVICES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE  
ON THE FOLLOWING BALLOT ISSUE 5G

**SOUTHWEST MESA COUNTY RURAL SERVICES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Designated Election Official: James R. Baughman, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Ex Officio Chairman of the Board and President of Southwest Mesa County Rural Services Public Improvement District  
544 Rood Avenue, P.O. Box 20000, Grand Junction, CO 81502-5010, (970) 244-1800

**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT  
BALLOT ISSUE 5G**

SHALL THE SOUTHWEST MESA COUNTY RURAL SERVICES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT,  
RETAIN, AND EXPEND EACH YEAR ALL REVENUES IT RECEIVES FROM ALL SOURCES AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE  
CHANGE AND WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE  
X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, THE 5.5% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT OF SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S. OR  
ANY OTHER LAW?

**Total District Fiscal Year Spending**

Fiscal Year

2003 (estimated)	\$0
2002 (actual)	\$0
2001 (actual)	\$0
2000 (actual)	\$0
1999 (actual)	\$0

Overall percentage change from 1999 to 2003: 0%  
Overall dollar change from 1999 to 2003: \$0

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5G:**

If passed, this measure would allow the Southwest Mesa County Rural Services Public Improvement District (District) to retain all funding that is received from any source. This measure is in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). The purpose of this measure is to provide a solution to the unintended consequences of the TABOR Amendment which requires that certain revenues received from sources outside the District are to be counted under the spending limits imposed upon the District. Passage of this measure will give the District the flexibility to meet current and future needs of the citizens without being penalized for bringing in these outside revenues.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5G:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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**CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to §1-7-905, C.R.S., I hereby certify that the above ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.



Janice Ward, Mesa County Clerk and Recorder

**THE 2003 COORDINATED ELECTION IS A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION**

ALL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS IN MESA COUNTY WILL BE MAILED A  
BALLOT TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON YOUR  
VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD

**BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BEGINNING  
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13th, 2003**

IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED VOTER AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR BALLOT IN  
THE MAIL BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003,  
PLEASE VISIT THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OFFICE AT 544 ROOD AVENUE,  
3RD FLOOR, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, SUITE 301A, GRAND JUNCTION  
OR CALL THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OFFICE AT (970) 244-1662

TO RECEIVE YOUR MAIL BALLOT AT AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN YOUR  
REGISTERED RESIDENCE OR MAILING ADDRESS, YOU WILL NEED TO  
COMPLETE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION. THESE APPLICATIONS ARE  
AVAILABLE AT ALL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICES AND THROUGH THE ELECTIONS  
LINK ON THE MESA COUNTY WEBSITE AT:

[www.co.mesa.co.us](http://www.co.mesa.co.us)

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**BALLOTS MAY BE RETURNED BY U.S. MAIL (affix a 37 cent stamp) OR MAY BE  
DEPOSITED IN BALLOT BOXES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Motor Vehicle Office, Fruita Civic Center  
325 E. Aspen Avenue, Fruita  
Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 4th - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Recording Division Office, Courthouse  
544 Rood Avenue, 1st floor, Grand Junction  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 4th - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motor Vehicle Office, Peachtree Shopping Center,  
3225 I-70 Business Loop, #A2,  
Clifton  
Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 4th - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motor Vehicle Office at Orchard Mesa,  
Mesa County Fairgrounds, 2785 Highway 50,  
Orchard Mesa  
Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 4th - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Elections Division Office, Courthouse Annex  
544 Rood Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 301A  
Grand Junction,  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 4th - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CHECK CABLE CHANNEL 12 FOR AN EDUCATIONAL VIDEO  
PROVIDING VOTING INSTRUCTIONS  
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**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT**

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**  
Mesa County, Colorado

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2003  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:**

Mesa County Clerk and Recorder  
Mesa Mall Unit 414  
2424 US Highway 6 & 50  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502  
Telephone: (970) 244-1607

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**BALLOT ISSUE 2A:**

SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION DEBT BE INCREASED \$80,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$134,000,000 (WITHOUT ANY INCREASE OF ANY EXISTING TAXES AND WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAXES) TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING AND COMPLETING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS THE RIVERSIDE PARKWAY (FROM 24 RD. TO 29 RD.) AND THE 29 ROAD TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AND PAYING COSTS OF THE FINANCING, INCLUDING RESERVES; PROVIDED THAT THE SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE DEBT, INCLUDING A PROVISION FOR EARLY REPAYMENT WITH OR WITHOUT A PREMIUM, AND THE PRICE AT WHICH IT WILL BE SOLD SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY AS NECESSARY AND PRUDENT?

**Total City Fiscal Year Spending**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2003 (estimated)	\$ <u>56,864,420</u>
2002 (actual)	\$ <u>53,825,766</u>
2001 (actual)	\$ <u>49,968,140</u>
2000 (actual)	\$ <u>47,187,284</u>
1999 (actual)	\$ <u>44,116,758</u>

Overall percentage change from 1999 to 2003	<u>29</u> %
Overall dollar change from 1999 to 2003	\$ <u>12,747,662</u>

**Information on City's Proposed Debt**

**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A:**

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 80,000,000
Maximum Annual City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ <u>7,500,000</u>
Total City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$134,000,000

**Information on City's Current Debt<sup>1</sup>**

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$ <u>-0-</u>

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

[Insert summary, up to 500 words, of written comments, if any, filed with the designated election official by the end of the business day on the Friday before the forty-fifth day before the election]

*or state*

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

[Insert summary, up to 500 words, of written comments, if any, filed with the designated election official by the end of the business day on the Friday before the forty-fifth day before the election]

*or state*

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

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**NOTICE  
of  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
For  
The City of Grand Junction  
Mesa County, Colorado**

At the election to be held on November 4, 2003, the City of Grand Junction (the "City") is submitting one ballot issue concerning the creation of debt.

Pursuant to §1-7-908(1) C.R.S., the following financial information is provided:

**City's Ending General Fund Balance by Fiscal Year**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2003 (projected)	\$ <u>10.5 mil</u>
2002 (audited)	\$ <u>11,833,830</u>
2001 (audited)	\$ <u>10,684,248</u>
2000 (audited)	\$ <u>10,724,848</u>
1999 (audited)	\$ <u>10,675,840</u>

**Total Revenues In and Expenditures From the City's General Fund by Fiscal Year**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Revenues In</u>	<u>Expenditures From</u>
2003 (projected)	\$ <u>40.1 mil</u>	\$ <u>41.4 mil</u>
2002 (audited)	\$ <u>39,229,322</u>	\$ <u>38,079,740</u>
2001 (audited)	\$ <u>36,744,833</u>	\$ <u>36,785,433</u>
2000 (audited)	\$ <u>35,540,863</u>	\$ <u>35,491,855</u>
1999 (audited)	\$ <u>33,081,355</u>	\$ <u>33,512,839</u>

**Amount of Debt or other Financial Obligation Incurred by the City for Cash Flow Purposes – by Fiscal Year (Debt or other Financial Obligation with not more than one year term)**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Cash Flow Borrowings</u>
2003 (projected)	\$ <u>-0-</u>
2002 (audited)	\$ <u>-0-</u>
2001 (audited)	\$ <u>-0-</u>
2000 (audited)	\$ <u>-0-</u>
1999 (audited)	\$ <u>-0-</u>

**The City's Emergency Reserve Required by § 20(5) of Article X of the Colorado Constitution has been Fully Funded by Cash or Investments for the following Fiscal Years**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Emergency Reserve Held In General Fund</u>
2003 (current)	<u>General Fund/Fully Funded</u>
2002 (audited)	<u>General Fund/Fully Funded</u>
2001 (audited)	<u>General Fund/Fully Funded</u>
2000 (audited)	<u>General Fund/Fully Funded</u>
1999 (audited)	<u>General Fund/Fully Funded</u>

**Any Person may Review the City's**

1. audited Financial Statements for the last four Fiscal Years,
2. any Management Letters made public and provided to the City by the City's Auditors for the last four Fiscal Years, and
3. the Budget for the current Fiscal Year

at the following location:

Office of the City Clerk  
250 North Fifth Street  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501  
Telephone: (970) 244-1509

**[Note:** Since ballot issue concerns the creation of debt for which the City is seeking voter approval at the November 4, 2003, election is to be paid from a revenue source that is accounted for in a fund other than the City's General Fund, specifically the sales tax capital projects fund, then the information required by Paragraphs (I) and (II) is also available.]

**City's Ending Sales Tax Capital Improvements Fund Balance by Fiscal Year**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2003 (projected)	\$ <u>3,750,000</u>
2002 (audited)	\$ <u>4,350,275</u>
2001 (audited)	\$ <u>2,684,054</u>
2000 (audited)	\$ <u>3,281,821</u>
1999 (audited)	\$ <u>4,223,228</u>

**Total Revenues In and Expenditures From the City's Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund by Fiscal Year**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Revenues In</u>	<u>Expenditures From</u>
2003 (projected)	\$ <u>13.4 mil</u>	\$ <u>14.0 mil</u>
2002 (audited)	\$ <u>11,054,902</u>	\$ <u>9,388,681</u>
2001 (audited)	\$ <u>12,089,799</u>	\$ <u>12,687,566</u>
2000 (audited)	\$ <u>12,666,355</u>	\$ <u>13,607,762</u>
1999 (audited)	\$ <u>11,647,908</u>	\$ <u>12,058,279</u>