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Office of the City Clerk  
250 North Fifth Street  
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Dear Monika:

As required by the Colorado Constitution, Article X Section 20, I hereby submit to you the following to be used in printing and distributing the TABOR ballot issue notices pursuant to our intergovernmental agreement.

City of Grand Junction

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION  
MESA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2001

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

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

City Clerk's Office  
250 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Junction, CO  
81501  
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Referred Measure 2A

WITHOUT CREATING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING ANY CURRENT TAXES, SHALL THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO BE PERMITTED TO, IN THE YEARS 2000 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL THE YEAR 2016, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES EXCEPT FOR PROPERTY TAXES WHICH ARE IN EXCESS OF THE SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, WITH SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE TO BE UTILIZED FOR GROWTH RELATED, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND THE RELATED OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THOSE PROJECTS AND ALL OTHER REVENUE TO BE UTILIZED FOR ANY

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**OTHER LAWFUL PUBLIC PURPOSES?**

YES

NO

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**Written comments for the proposal:**

Voter approval of Question 2A will increase the City of Grand Junction's ability to deal with growth impacts such as traffic congestion, public safety needs and parks and recreation issues without raising taxes. It will also assure the ability to continue to meet growth-related needs on a "pay as you go" basis.

While the City has responsibly attempted to deal with infrastructure needs over the past several years, its long-term capital improvement budget cannot adequately meet all necessary demands in the near future. That is why the City Council unanimously decided to ask residents of Grand Junction to approve additional spending to:

- Relieve congestion through major street construction
- Staff and operate a new fire station
- Build a public safety training facility
- Fund additional parks and recreation projects
- Construct much-needed flood prevention systems

There will be no increase in any taxes if Question 2A is approved. For a limited period, 15 years, the city would be allowed to keep sales and use tax revenues, fees and grants that exceed current limits in the Colorado Constitution. Property tax revenue above the limits will continue to be refunded to residents. For every \$1 of additional revenue contributed by Grand Junction residents, non-residents and businesses will add nearly \$4 and help pay for their impacts on city infrastructure. The ability to retain revenues that exceed the constitutional limits will end in 15 years. Any extension would have to be approved in another citywide vote at that time.

**Written comments against the proposal:**

The City, under the constraints of the Tabor amendment, has had ample revenue to fund itself in an adequate and progressive manner. Over \$106,000,000 has been spent on capital construction projects since 1988. These projects have included a new city hall at a cost of \$7,000,000, parks and recreation projects of over \$14,000,000, \$74,000,000 in road and street

improvements and almost \$4,000,000 spent on economic development.

The current capital construction budget includes over \$134,000,000 for improvements in the next 10 years, even under the constraints of the Tabor amendment. These projects include \$4,000,000 for Two Rivers remodel, over \$7,000,000 for 29 Rd, over \$2,000,000 for fire station construction and over \$14,000,000 for parks improvements. In other words, most of the projects advocated by proponents of Question 2A will be done even if 2A does not pass.

The Tabor amendment is working as it should. It has allowed the city to grow at an adequate rate, but it has also acted as a constraint, to control the growth of government during good economic times. That is what we voted for in 1992. It is working for Grand Junction. If it is working, we should leave it in place.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Nye, CMC  
City Clerk