

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

**GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 2, 2004
COUNTY OF MESA - STATE OF COLORADO**

ELECTION DATE: **Tuesday, November 2, 2004**
ELECTION HOURS: **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
BALLOTS MAILED: **October 4, 2004 through October 26, 2004**
(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
Amy Storm-Farley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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.

JANICE WARD
Mesa County Clerk & Recorder
Elections Division
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ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO WHO RESIDE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE MACK SANITATION DISTRICT ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING
BALLOT ISSUE 1C

(Mesa County registered voters who own property within the boundaries of the Mack Sanitation District, but that do not reside within those boundaries, and property owners that are registered voters in the State of Colorado who reside outside of Mesa County, must contact the Mesa County Clerk's Office to apply for a ballot on Referred Measure 1C)

Designated Election Official: Larry Beckner Esq., P.O. Box 220, Grand Junction, CO 81502, (970) 245-4300

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE REVENUE ON A REFERRED MEASURE
MESA COUNTY LOWER VALLEY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 1C**

IF THE MESA COUNTY LOWER VALLEY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IS FORMED, SHALL THE MESA COUNTY LOWER VALLEY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY ADDITIONAL TAX OR INCREASE IN TAX RATES, BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND EXPEND EACH YEAR ALL REVENUES, AND OTHER FUNDS FROM ANY SOURCE DURING 2004 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR 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% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT OF SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total 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 REFERRED MEASURE 1C:

If passed, this measure would allow the MESA COUNTY LOWER VALLEY 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 means of accepting the transfer of assets from the Dissolved Mack Sanitation District to the newly formed District, and also will 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 REFERRED MEASURE 1C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURES 3A

Designated Election Official: Mary Kalenian, Board of Education Secretary, Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
2115 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 254-5100

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE - MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 3A**

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$4,000,000 ANNUALLY, BY AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL LEVY OF AD VALDREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2004-2007 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO RAISE SUCH DOLLAR AMOUNT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

OPERATING AND STAFFING THE DISTRICT'S NEW OR EXPANDED INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES,
SUCH INCREASED REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS THEREON TO CONSTITUTE VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS?

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING*
2000-2001 (ACTUAL)	\$ 104,619,978
2001-2002 (ACTUAL)	116,281,987
2002-2003 (ACTUAL)	118,386,221
2003-2004 (ACTUAL)	126,248,442
2004-2005 (ESTIMATED)	131,151,810

* Does not include payments on bonded debt of \$3,625,775 for fiscal year ending 6/30/01; \$3,629,775 for fiscal year ending 6/30/02; \$3,625,763 for fiscal year ending 6/30/03; \$3,245,992 for fiscal year ending 6/30/04; and \$3,878,159 for fiscal year ending 6/30/05.

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2000-2001 THROUGH 2004-2005: 25.36%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2000-2001 THROUGH 2004-2005: \$ 26,531,832

ESTIMATED 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY ANY BALLOT \$131,151,810

ESTIMATED 2004-2005 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 3A \$ 0

**SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:
THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY WAS PREPARED FROM COMMENTS FILED BY PERSONS FOR THE PROPOSAL:**

A YES vote on 3A will ensure badly needed new buildings will be staffed and able to maintain day to day operations. This mill levy is a very important partner to the bond issue measure 3B and must pass to ensure the highest quality education for our students.

We need to build three more schools in the higher growth areas of Grand Junction and in Fruita. A YES vote on 3A will ensure we can adequately staff and operate the newly built schools at a level that ensures the highest quality education for our students.

A YES vote on 3A provides new schools money to pay for staff and maintenance. Without the passage of 3A we cannot staff and support these new schools in the future.

A YES vote on 3A will meet the needs of our growing community through the expansion of district facilities. Under the current funding regime, the state of Colorado requires that the Board of Education seek voter approval for funds necessary for the operating costs associated with new schools. There is otherwise insufficient funding under the state funding formula to meet the needs of staffing and operating new buildings.

A YES vote on 3A is necessary to meet the needs of our children and our community. Without the passage of 3A, there will be no money in the District 51 general fund for new teachers or the necessary equipment that make an empty building a school.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY WAS PREPARED FROM COMMENTS FILED BY A PERSON AGAINST THE PROPOSAL:

Vote NO on Referred Measure 3A. This \$4,000,000 tax increase will never go away. No matter how much money you throw at them, it is never enough. If they have neglected buildings, should we reward lack of routine maintenance, which is a part of every budget, whether it's your home and business? Basics should not cost extra and we need to make hard choices to reduce waste and achieve reform.

Study their five-year spending history. Has your income risen that fast? Schools in this state are already getting over \$330 million extra per year under Amendment 23. Isn't that enough? We must make the hard choices that schools won't. There's too much spending and not enough performance and accountability now.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURES 3B

Designated Election Official: Mary Kalemian, Board of Education Secretary, Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
2115 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 254-5100

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE - MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 3B

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$109,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$195,000,000, AND SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$12,000,000 ANNUALLY, IN ORDER TO:
REPAIR AND RENOVATE ALL 37 EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH BUILDING AND SAFETY CODES, IMPROVE FUNCTIONALITY AND EXTEND USEFUL LIFE AND ADD CLASSROOM AND OTHER SPACE WHERE NEEDED;
CONSTRUCT NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN FRUITA AND PEAR PARK TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING;
CONSTRUCT A NEW 8TH & 9TH GRADE SCHOOL IN FRUITA, REPLACE BOOKCLIFF MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND REPLACE THE CARBER CENTER FACILITY; AND
ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP SCHOOL SITES.

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AT A NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.00% PER ANNUM AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS ALLOWED BY LAW, SUCH BONDS TO BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES AND IN SUCH MANNER AND TO CONTAIN SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE, AND IN CONNECTION HERewith (I) SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS WHEN DUE, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT AND (II) SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS AND THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH PROCEEDS AND REVENUES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

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OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2000-2001 THROUGH 2004-2005: \$ 26,531,832

ESTIMATED 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE 3B: \$131,151,810

ESTIMATED 2004-2005 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE BALLOT ISSUE 3B: \$ 6,000,000

INFORMATION REGARDING BONDED DEBT PROPOSED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$109,000,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: 12,000,000
MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: 195,000,000

INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT BONDED DEBT:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$34,675,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST: 3,680,882
MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST: 45,179,230

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY WAS PREPARED FROM COMMENTS FILED BY PERSONS FOR THE PROPOSAL:

Our schools are the community centers of the Grand Valley. On average, our school buildings are 43 years old. A YES vote on 3B will provide money to pay for 527 specific projects and major replacements to renovate these aging buildings so they will last another 43 years.

A YES vote on 3B will provide the funds to build three new schools to relieve the crowded conditions in the Fruita and Pear Park areas. The owner of a median-priced home in the Grand Valley will pay only an additional \$6 per month in property taxes (the cost of two lattes or two fast food meals) for these improvements which will benefit kids and our community for years to come.

A YES vote on 3B will ensure our schools meet building codes and life safety standards.

A YES vote on 3B will ensure the infrastructure of our district is repaired and maintained, and the needs of our growing community are met.

A YES vote on 3B is necessary to meet the needs of our children and our community.

A YES vote on 3B will solve the problems of aging buildings which affects the quality of education in Mesa County. Without this funding our school's infrastructure will continue to worsen and it will cost more in the future to make these repairs.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY WAS PREPARED FROM COMMENTS FILED BY A PERSON AGAINST THE PROPOSAL:

Vote NO on Referred Measure 3B. Didn't we just go through this process a few years ago? Once this issue is approved, we won't be able to get rid of it. No matter how much money you throw at them, it is never enough.

Vote NO on Referred Measure 3B to reduce waste and achieve reform. Study their five-year spending history. Has your income risen that fast? Schools in this state are already getting over \$330 million extra per year under Amendment 23. Isn't that enough? We must make the hard choices that schools won't. There's too much spending and not enough performance and accountability now.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE PLATEAU VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 ARE ELIGIBLE TO
VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURE 3C

Designated Election Official: Thomas R. Rau, Board of Education Member, Plateau Valley School District No. 50
56600 Highway 330, Colbran, CO 81624, (970) 487-3547

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE - PLATEAU VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 3C

SHALL COUNTY OF MESA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (COMMONLY KNOWN AS PLATEAU VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT) DEBT BE INCREASED \$3,900,000, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$6,975,000, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$355,000 ANNUALLY UNTIL PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE DEBT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING EXISTING SCHOOL SCHEDULING CONFLICTS AND ENHANCING COMMUNITY USE BY

CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY WHICH INCLUDES A COMPETITION GYMNASIUM WHICH HAS ADEQUATE SPACE FOR ATHLETIC USE WITH TWO PRACTICE COURTS AND A SEPARATE THEATRE/Common AREA WHICH HAS ADEQUATE SPACE FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND A MODERN ACOUSTIC SYSTEM.

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH BONDS SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.5% AND MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE, SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT OR ANY OTHER CONDITION, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND SHALL ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND BONDS (REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT) CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending	
2000-2001 (actual)	\$3,268,168	
2001-2002 (actual)	3,368,801	
2002-2003 (actual)	3,383,477	
2003-2004 (estimated)	3,384,765	
2004-2005 (current year estimated)	3,564,323	
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2000-2001 through 2004-2005:		9.1%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2000-2001 through 2004-2005:		\$ 296,155
Estimated 2004-2005 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot issue:		\$3,564,323
Estimated 2004-2005 tax increase authorized by the ballot issue:		\$ 355,000
Information regarding bonded debt proposed by the ballot issue:		
Principal amount:	\$3,900,000	
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$ 355,000	
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$6,975,000	
Information regarding current bonded debt:		
Principal balance:	\$-0-	
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$-0-	
Maximum remaining 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 issue:

Vote YES on 3C! Approve funding for the construction of Plateau Valley School Multipurpose Facility and you will be voting for a positive influence in the lives and education of many children both now and for years to come. To ensure more time for students to spend on academic work and provide a safe recreational environment for our children and community, we urge a "YES" vote on question 3C, the Plateau valley school district's proposed \$3.9 million bond issue.

Your "YES on 3C" vote will solve existing scheduling problems and meet future school and community needs such as providing critically needed space for after-school and summer programs that keep our kids safe and off the streets. Our students are currently spending needless hours before and after school waiting for a place to practice. School assemblies and programs are overcrowded and adequate seating is often unavailable. Views of the stage are poor, and the lighting and sound systems are outdated and in desperate need of renovation.

Your "YES on 3C" vote will help solve these obstacles to education by providing a new multipurpose assembly and performing arts space including a new stage with improved views for performances, an improved sound system, an improved lighting system and a new concession area. There will also be a new gymnasium, new locker rooms, a new weight room, offices, training rooms, public restrooms, and storage. For less than \$5.35 a month for a \$100,000 home, we can improve the educational facilities that will keep our school #1!

All proceeds from the bond election will go toward the construction of the school's multipurpose facility. Not one cent of bond revenue will go toward salaries for administrators or staff. Your "YES on 3C" vote will assure effective planning, sound budgeting, efficient project management, fiscal accountability, and a functional energy efficient building design. These proposed improvements and additions to plateau valley facilities are needed in order to: construct and equip a multipurpose facility, containing a competition gymnasium with two practice courts in order to reduce early and late night student activities and a separate theatre/common area, with adequate space for performing arts and a modern acoustic system.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST the issue:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL ELECTORS QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE STATE OF COLORADO WHO RESIDE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROPOSED DEBEQUE FIRE PROTECTION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURES 4D AND 4E

(Elector qualified to register to vote in the State of Colorado voters who own property within the boundaries of the Proposed DeBeque Fire Protection General Improvement District, but that do not reside within those boundaries, must contact the Mesa County Clerk's Office to apply for a ballot on Referred Measures 4D and 4E)

Designated Election Official: B.J. Jacqueline, Town Clerk, Town of DeBeque
381 Minster Avenue, DeBeque, CO 81630, (970) 283-5475

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE
DEBEQUE FIRE PROTECTION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 4D

SHALL THE DEBEQUE FIRE PROTECTION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (IF ORGANIZED) TAXES BE INCREASED \$118,000.00 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER; BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) MILLS UPON ALL TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2005, AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2000 (actual)	\$00.00
2001 (actual)	\$00.00
2002 (actual)	\$00.00
2003 (actual)	\$00.00
2004 (current year estimated)	\$00.00

Note: District was not in existence during the years shown above.

Overall change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2000 through 2004: 0%.
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2000 through 2004: \$00.00.

Estimated 2005 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$00.00

Estimated 2005 tax increase authorized by the ballot proposal: \$118,000.00

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons FOR the proposal:

Since at least 1987, the Town of DeBeque has provided fire protection and emergency medical services to residents in the unincorporated areas of Mesa and Garfield Counties surrounding the Town, even though Colorado law does not specifically authorize DeBeque to provide these services beyond the Town's boundaries.

Currently the Town of DeBeque funds 98% percent of all of the activities of the fire department through its general funds, collection of membership fees and billings for services rendered. But, 98% of all calls for fire and emergency medical services are calls for service outside the Town's limits.

Voters are being asked to approve the formation of the DeBeque Fire Protection General Improvement District and to provide a steady, reliable source of funding to allow your first responders to provide superior fire protection and EMS services in the DeBeque area by approving a property tax mill levy not to exceed 5 mills.

Approval of the formation of the DeBeque Fire Protection General Improvement District and approval of a property tax to fund the District will provide the following benefits:

- ✓ Currently there is no organized local fire protection in the areas surrounding the Town of DeBeque, including the Roan Creek area. Creation of the District and approval of this ballot question will provide organized fire protection and EMS services to this area with a source of revenue that is fair to all who receive services.
- ✓ Creation of a District with a reliable source of funding will increase the level of service and reduce response time to the areas served. This will likely reduce fire insurance rates for individual property owners and will eliminate the current voluntary membership fees. These combined savings will probably offset the increase in property taxes for most taxpayers.
- ✓ Approval will provide a dedicated, broad-based source of funding for fire protection and EMS services. This will free up Town general fund revenues to pay for street and park maintenance, park improvements, curbs, gutters and sidewalks.
- ✓ Approval will assure that Town residents, County residents, and our corporate neighbors all pay their fair share for fire protection and EMS services.
- ✓ Formation of the District and approval of this ballot question will provide for better maintenance of equipment and will allow for replacement of equipment when needed. Your volunteer firefighters will receive better training. A satellite building and equipment could be located up the valley for faster response times. This can only be done if the District is formed and funded.
- ✓ State law requires fire districts to have a full time paid fire chief. Approval of this ballot question will provide such funding.
- ✓ Formation and funding of the District will permit the establishment of a pension plan for volunteers which will be matched by State funding.

We urge you to vote YES on 4C to establish the District and YES on 4D to fund the District. Please support enhanced fire protection and EMS services for our community that are adequately funded in a fair manner.

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST the proposal:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE REVENUE ON A REFERRED MEASURE
DEBEQUE FIRE PROTECTION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 4E

PROVIDED THAT NO TAX RATE OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED MILL LEVY SHALL BE INCREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL, SHALL THE DEBEQUE FIRE PROTECTION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (IF ORGANIZED) BE PERMITTED IN 2005, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, TO COLLECT RETAIN AND EXPEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL REVENUES FROM ANY LAWFUL SOURCE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIMITATIONS OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons FOR the proposal:

Voters are being asked to approve the formation of the DeBeque Fire Protection General Improvement District in Ballot Questions 4C. This Ballot Question, 4E, asks voters to allow the District (if formed) to keep and spend all revenues received by the District. This Ballot Question does not authorize any new taxes. Voters will still have to approve any new or increased taxes.

Approval of this Ballot Question is necessary for the District to provide quality fire protection and emergency medical services because:

- ✓ Approval will allow the District to receive and spend federal, State and other grants to improve services and equipment. For example, the Town of DeBeque is expected to provide grants to the District. Funding of a pension plan for volunteers by the District will be matched by State funding. These grants can only be collected and spent if this Ballot Question is approved.
- ✓ Approval will allow the District to receive and spend reimbursement payments from the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service when the District fights wildfires on federal land. These payments can only be collected and spent if this Ballot Question is approved.
- ✓ Approval will allow the District to charge and receive user fees for its ambulance service. These fees are often paid by health insurance companies.
- ✓ The ability of the District to retain excess revenues for future needs and the ability of the District to apply for grants will allow the District to accumulate the funds needed to acquire better fire and EMS equipment without requesting additional taxes. However, the District can only keep and spend these funds if this Ballot Question is approved.

We urge you to vote YES on 4C to establish the District and YES on 4E to allow the District to keep and spend the full amount of all revenues received by the District.

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST the proposal:

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO WHO RESIDE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURE 5A
(Mesa County registered voters who own property within the boundaries of the Clifton Sanitation District No. 1, but that do not reside within those boundaries, and property owners that are registered voters in the State of Colorado who reside outside of Mesa County, must contact the Mesa County Clerk's Office to apply for a ballot on Referred Measure 5A)

Designated Election Official: Larry Beckner Esq., P.O. Box 220, Grand Junction, CO 81502, (970) 245-4300

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE REVENUE - CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5A**

SHALL THE CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT #1, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY ADDITIONAL TAX OR INCREASE IN TAX RATES, BE AUTHORIZED EACH YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUES WHICH THE DISTRICT RECEIVES FROM ANY SOURCE, 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 OR ANY OTHER LAW?

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSITION

- The District is required by the Colorado Department of Health to replace its existing sewer lagoons or to contract with Clifton Sanitation District #2 for sewer treatment. Either option will require significant new expenditures for engineering, legal and other professional services and for the construction of facilities required to meet Department of Health requirements.
- The District is not seeking to impose a new tax on properties within the District. The District does not presently assess a property tax and this Proposition does not seek to impose any new taxes. The District will continue to operate using funds generated from user fees and from tap fees.
- This proposition will allow the District to collect, retain and spend revenue, including state grants, which would otherwise be subject to Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) refund provisions. This ability is necessary to allow the District to continue to meet the increased demand for sewer service within the District.
- The exemption proposed in this ballot is permanent.
- District revenues are derived from service charges and from the sale of new sewer taps. As new customers purchase taps and receive service from the District, the revenues of the District increase without any increase in the rates charged to customers. Such increases based on growth may require a refund under mandates of TABOR. Any refund would impact the ability of the District to continue to provide quality service and would restrict the ability of the District to provide proper maintenance and repair of its system and to provide for needed capital reserves.
- The District will be applying for grants to assist in upgrading its facilities. If this Proposition does not pass, the District may not be able to accept certain grants due to the limitations of TABOR.
- Approval of this Proposition will enable the District to retain any grant money and will allow the District to do studies to determine the future of this district and to provide additional revenue sources for the construction of new facilities.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THOSE OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSITION

- No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO WHO RESIDE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURE 5B
(Mesa County registered voters who own property within the boundaries of the Clifton Sanitation District No. 2, but that do not reside within those boundaries, and property owners that are registered voters in the State of Colorado who reside outside of Mesa County, must contact the Mesa County Clerk's Office to apply for a ballot on Referred Measure 5B)

Designated Election Official: Shirley Weaver, Secretary, Clifton Sanitation District No. 1 (970) 234-4898

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE REVENUE - CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5B**

SHALL THE CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT #2, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY ADDITIONAL TAX OR INCREASE IN TAX RATES, BE AUTHORIZED EACH YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUES WHICH THE DISTRICT RECEIVES FROM ANY SOURCE, 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 OR ANY OTHER LAW?

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSITION

- The District is required by the Colorado Department of Health to replace the District's existing sewer lagoons. This will require significant new expenditures for the construction of the new plant and for additional operational costs in order to comply with State health requirements.
- The District is not requesting that a new tax be created. The District does not presently assess a property tax and this Proposition does not seek to impose any new taxes. The District will continue to operate using funds generated from user fees and from tap fees.
- This proposition will allow the District to collect, retain and spend revenue which would otherwise be subject to Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) refund provisions. This is necessary to allow the District to continue to meet the increased demand for sewer service.
- The District will be applying for grants to assist in upgrading its facilities. If this Proposition does not pass, the District may not be able to accept certain grants due to the limitations of TABOR.
- Approval of this Proposition will enable the District to retain any grant money and will allow the District to maintain reserves for new growth and to maintain its current system to provide reliable, low cost sewer collection and treatment services to its customers.
- The exemption proposed in this ballot is permanent.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR THOSE OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSITION

- No comments were filed by the Constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN MESA COUNTY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE
ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURES 5D AND 5E

Designated Election Official: Sally Matchett, President, Mesa County Public Library District
530 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 243-4783

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE - MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5D

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 INCLUDING:

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

EXPANDING LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES INCLUDING; NEW BOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, VIDEOS, AND MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DISABLED AND HOMEBOUND;

IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE LIBRARY'S COMPUTER AND INTERNET STATIONS AND RESOURCES AT ALL LIBRARIES;

OPERATING AND STAFFING ALL LIBRARIES;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT APPROVAL OF THIS MEASURE SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING DEBT MEASURE 5E IS ALSO APPROVED; SUCH INCREASED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO CONSTITUTE VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

ACTUAL, HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2000 (ACTUAL)	\$ 2,788,333
2001 (ACTUAL)	3,030,000
2002 (ACTUAL)	3,284,168
2003 (ACTUAL)	3,445,974
2004 (ESTIMATED)	3,598,160
OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2000 THROUGH 2004:	29%
OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2000 THROUGH 2004:	\$ 809,827

ESTIMATED 2005 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL: \$ 3,778,068

ESTIMATED 2005 TAX REVENUE INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL: \$ 500,000

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER:

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIES WERE PREPARED FROM COMMENTS FILED BY PERSONS FOR THE PROPOSAL:

We strongly recommend a YES on 5D for our Library.

County Library supporters have organized to pass a bond issue to build a new main library for Mesa County this November as well as provide funding for materials and operations at the new library and for branch libraries county-wide. 5D would provide the funding for materials and operations. 5D approval will only become effective if 5E is also approved.

To provide the NEW books, movies, computer internet stations and other materials our community asks for, the district is asking for a very modest property tax of 1/2 mill.

With a YES on 5D we can provide a more vibrant Children's Program.

With a YES on 5D we can expand literacy programs that teach people to read.

With a YES on 5D we can provide more large type materials for seniors and others with sight impairments.

With a YES on 5D we will be able to have appropriate controls on computer usage.

The cost for both 5D and 5E combined is only 95 cents a month per \$100,000 of actual home value. That's less than a "BUCK FOR BOOKS"! Please help our library serve you and the 1000's of children, families and seniors we provide learning materials to every year. Support YOUR Mesa County Libraries!

YES 5D - WE OWE IT TO OUR KIDS!

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIES WERE PREPARED FROM COMMENTS FILED BY PERSONS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL:

This \$500,000 tax increase will never go away—it will go on FOREVER.

No matter how much money you throw at the library, it's never enough. When the library loans books, videos, CDs and DVDs for free, it is competing with private businesses that sell these things and pay taxes.

Likewise, the library's offering internet services for free led to the failure of internet cafe businesses. Furthermore, the research services of public libraries don't compare to the information available on Google.

If we cut the library's tie to government, library services would be offered more efficiently and cheaply. The choice is not between libraries and no libraries, it is between libraries that are publicly funded by taxpayers and those that are not. Non-tax-supported libraries meet the needs of the community far better than any government can.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN MESA COUNTY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE
ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURES 5D AND 5E

Designated Election Official: Sally Matchett, President, Mesa County Public Library District
530 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 243-4783

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE - MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5E
SHALL MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S DEBT BE INCREASED \$10,500,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$18,945,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
A LARGER, MODERN MAIN LIBRARY FACILITY THAT IS FUNCTIONAL AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE BY:

- CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW MAIN LIBRARY AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION;
 - EXPANDING THE ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM AREA;
 - INCLUDING A LARGER CHILDREN'S AREA;
 - PROVIDING MORE SPACE FOR BOOKS, AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS;
 - PROVIDING MORE STUDY SPACE, COMPUTER/INTERNET STATIONS AND PUBLIC MEETING FACILITIES;
- PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO PORTION OF SUCH DEBT SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND;

BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL: (1) BEAR INTEREST AT A NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT EXCEEDING 6.50% PER ANNUM, (2) HAVE A MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST OF \$961,000, AND (3) CARRY SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW, 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?

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ESTIMATED 2005 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL:

ESTIMATED 2005 TAX REVENUE INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL:

INFORMATION REGARDING BONDED DEBT PROPOSED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	\$ 10,500,000
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT COST:	961,000
MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST:	18,945,000

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:

We strongly recommend a YES ON 5E to build a NEW library.

County Library supporters have organized to pass a bond issue to build a NEW main library for Mesa County this November, as well as provide funding for materials and operations at the new library and for libraries county-wide. Question 5E will provide the funding to construct the NEW library at the current site. Approval of 5E is required for voter approval of 5D to become effective. Additional land that was required for parking was donated keeping taxpayer costs at a minimum.

The current building was originally a grocery store built in the early 1950s and is simply too small and too old to offer the many services a modern public library must offer. We hope voters will visit the library between now and the election to see for themselves. We also invite voters to see the district website at www.mcpd.org.

Only 30% of Mesa County households have internet access. The libraries' public computer facilities are inadequate, and there is currently no room to expand them.

The Library District has listened to the community and has put forth a frugal plan that stresses accountability and financial responsibility for our new library! We believe we can build substantially the same capacity library that was proposed last year for less money for two primary reasons:

1) DESIGN-BUILD After thoroughly reviewing many alternatives, from remodeling the existing 50 year old building to purchasing property outside of the downtown area, the board selected the least expensive and most efficient construction process. This process, known as design-build, has been a successful cost efficient model used on several of the newer buildings in the county.

2) FUNCTIONAL not FANCY We listened to voters who said make the library "functional not fancy." The District can build an attractive, functional library that meets our growing community's needs by combining the design-build model and a more frugal architectural approach.

The new library will be FUNCTIONAL not FANCY!

A new \$10.5 million Main Library to replace our current library--that was built when Ike was President--at the current downtown site. (Additional land costs were donated privately.)

The new library will offer:

- An expanded adult and family literacy program area
- An expanded children's library area
- More space for books and other library materials
- Study rooms and computer/internet stations.

The combined cost for both 5D & 5E will be 95 cents a month per \$100,000 of home value. That's less than a "BUCK FOR BOOKS"! Please help our library serve the 1000's of children, families and seniors we provide learning materials to every year. Support our Mesa County Libraries!

YES 5E - WE OWE IT TO OUR KIDS!

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIES WERE PREPARED FROM COMMENTS FILED BY PERSONS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL:

No matter how much money you throw at the library, it's never enough. When the library loans books, videos, CDs and DVDs for free, it is competing with private businesses that sell these things and pay taxes.

Likewise, the library's offering internet services for free led to the failure of internet cafe businesses. Furthermore, the research services of public libraries don't compare to the information available on Google.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO WHO RESIDE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURES 5F AND 5G (Mesa County registered voters who own property within the boundaries of the Palisade Rural Fire Protection District, but that do not reside within those boundaries, and property owners that are registered voters in the State of Colorado who reside outside of Mesa County, must contact the Mesa County Clerk's Office to apply for a ballot on Referred Measures 5F, 5G, 5H, AND 5I)

Designated Election Official: Raymond J. Schuster, President of the Board, Palisade Rural Fire Protection District
3836 G Rd, Palisade, CO 81526-9344, (970) 464-7018

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES - PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5F**

SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$15,724.00 ANNUALLY BASED ON THE YEAR 2003 ASSESSED VALUES OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT THROUGH INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY FROM 1.742 MILLS TO 2.242 MILLS, (ASSUMING NO OTHER REFERRED MEASURE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASED MILL LEVY IS APPROVED), TO BE CERTIFIED IN 2004 AND COLLECTED IN 2005, AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW, WHICH REVENUES SHALL BE SET APART IN A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FUND, AND WHICH REVENUES, OR INTEREST EARNED THEREON, SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR THE INITIAL AND CONTINUING FUNDING OF THE "PALISADE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PENSION FUND", WHICH FUND SHALL BE UTILIZED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF INCREASING AND IMPROVING THE PENSION BENEFITS FOR PALISADE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, AND FOR ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES AS PROVIDED IN C.R.S. § 31-30-1101, THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION ACT, AND SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM THE TAX INCREASE, AND ANY OTHER REVENUE OR INCOME WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION OR FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES, TAXES OR FUNDS BY THE DISTRICT, SUCH AUTHORITY TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND SUCH AMOUNTS TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE RAISING, FISCAL YEAR SPENDING AND OTHER LIMITATIONS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE APPLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR C.R.S. § 29-1-301, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total Fiscal Year Spending:

2004 (estimated)	\$98,466.00
2003 (actual)	\$97,579.00
2002 (actual)	\$97,662.00
2001 (actual)	\$47,787.00
2000 (actual)	\$52,900.00
1999 (actual)	\$29,478.00

Overall percentage change from 1999 to 2004	334 %
Overall Dollar change from 1999 to 2004	\$68,978.00

Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$15,724.00
Estimated first full fiscal year of spending without the increase:	\$98,456.00

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5F: \$15,724.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5F:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5F:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND INCREASE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5G**

SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND INCREASE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING SUCH THAT THE FULL REVENUES GENERATED BY ITS EXISTING PROPERTY TAX AND MILL LEVY DURING 2003, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN GENERAL PROPERTY TAX, AND SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH MILL LEVY, AND ANY OTHER REVENUE OR INCOME WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION OR FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES, TAXES OR FUNDS BY THE DISTRICT, SUCH AUTHORITY TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND SUCH AMOUNTS TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE RAISING, FISCAL YEAR SPENDING AND OTHER LIMITATIONS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE APPLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR C.R.S. § 29-1-301, OR ANY OTHER LAW, FOR ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES, INCLUDING PAYING DISTRICT EXPENSES AS THEY COME DUE, IMPROVING THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, MAINTAINING FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT, CONTINUING AND IMPROVING FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TRAINING, AND ALL OTHER GENERAL PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE DISTRICT WAS CREATED?

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2005 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): \$6,189.00

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5G: \$6,189.00

District Estimate of 2004 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: ~~\$98,466.00~~

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5G:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5G:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO WHO RESIDE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRED MEASURES 5H AND 5I (Mesa County registered voters who own property within the boundaries of the Palisade Rural Fire Protection District, but that do not reside within those boundaries, and property owners that are registered voters in the State of Colorado who reside outside of Mesa County, must contact the Mesa County Clerk's Office to apply for a ballot on Referred Measures 5F, 5G, 5H, AND 5I)

Designated Election Official: Raymond J. Schuster, President of the Board, Palisade Rural Fire Protection District
3836 G Rd, Palisade, CO 81526-9344, (970) 464-7018

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES - PALISADE RURAL FIRE
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5H**

SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$15,724.00 ANNUALLY BASED ON THE YEAR 2003 ASSESSED VALUES OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT THROUGH INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY FROM 1.742 MILLS TO 2.242 MILLS, (ASSUMING NO OTHER REFERRED MEASURE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASED MILL LEVY IS APPROVED), TO BE CERTIFIED IN 2004 AND COLLECTED IN 2005 AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW, WHICH INCREASE SHALL BE FOR FUNDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CAPITAL ASSETS SUCH AS FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVED SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR ITS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, AND SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH MILL LEVY, AND ANY OTHER REVENUE OR INCOME WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION OR FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES, TAXES OR FUNDS BY THE DISTRICT, SUCH AUTHORITY TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND SUCH AMOUNTS TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE RAISING, FISCAL YEAR SPENDING AND OTHER LIMITATIONS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE APPLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR C.R.S. § 29-1-301, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total Fiscal Year Spending:

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1999 (actual)	\$29,478.00
Overall percentage change from 1999 to 2004	334 %
Overall Dollar change from 1999 to 2004	\$68,978.00

Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$15,724.00
Estimated first full fiscal year of spending without the increase:	\$98,456.00

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5H: \$15,724.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5H:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments IN AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5H:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES - PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT - REFERRED MEASURE 5I**

SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$15,724.00 ANNUALLY BASED ON THE YEAR 2003 ASSESSED VALUES OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT THROUGH INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY FROM 1.742 MILLS TO 2.242 MILLS, (ASSUMING NO OTHER REFERRED MEASURE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASED MILL LEVY IS APPROVED), TO BE CERTIFIED IN 2004 AND COLLECTED IN 2005 AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW, WHICH INCREASE SHALL BE FOR FUNDING THE GENERAL FUND OF THE PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES INCLUDING PAYING DISTRICT EXPENSES AS THEY COME DUE, IMPROVING THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, MAINTAINING FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT, CONTINUING AND IMPROVING FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TRAINING, AND ALL OTHER GENERAL PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE DISTRICT WAS CREATED, AND SHALL PALISADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH MILL LEVY, AND ANY OTHER REVENUE OR INCOME WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION OR FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES, TAXES OR FUNDS BY THE DISTRICT, SUCH AUTHORITY TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND SUCH AMOUNTS TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE RAISING, FISCAL YEAR SPENDING AND OTHER LIMITATIONS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE APPLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR C.R.S. § 29-1-301, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

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Proposed Tax Increase:

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BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5I: \$15,724.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5I:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5I:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS, LANDOWNERS OR LESSEES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Designated Election Official: Stephanie Tuin, City Clerk, Downtown Development Authority, City of Grand Junction
 City Clerk's Office, 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, (970) 244-1511

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Ballot Title and Text:
 BALLOT ISSUE 5T

SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION DEBT BE INCREASED \$18,000,000.00 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$20,000,000.00, WITHOUT RAISING ADDITIONAL TAXES, TO FINANCE STREETS, PARKS, PLAZAS, PARKING FACILITIES, PLAYGROUNDS, CAPITAL FACILITIES, PEDESTRIAN MALLS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, STRUCTURES, WATERWAYS, BRIDGES, ACCESS ROUTES TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING, DESIGNED FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC GENERALLY OR USED BY ANY PUBLIC AGENCY WITH OR WITHOUT CHARGE, SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY BONDS, LOANS, ADVANCES OR INDEBTEDNESS 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; AND SHALL THE PLEDGE OF THE TAX INCREMENT FUND TO SUCH DEBT BE AUTHORIZED FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM TIME PERMITTED BY LAW?

NOTICE of FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 For The City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado
 City's Ending General Fund Balance by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Ending Balance
2004 (projected)	\$10.0 mil
2003 (audited)	\$13,239,813
2002 (audited)	\$11,833,830
2001 (audited)	\$10,684,248
2000 (audited)	\$10,724,848

Fiscal Year	Revenues In	Expenditures From
2004 (projected)	\$41.8 mil	\$44.0 mil
2003 (audited)	\$41,067,822	\$39,661,842
2002 (audited)	\$39,229,322	\$38,079,740
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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 2004 GENERAL ELECTION IS A POLLING PLACE ELECTION

YOU MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BEGINNING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH, ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICES AND ON THE MESA COUNTY WEB SITE:

www.co.mesa.co.us (click on the Elections link)

Absentee ballots may be returned by U.S. Mail or may be deposited in ballot boxes at the following Clerk & Recorder office locations:

*CLIFTON MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE
PEACHTREE SHOPPING CENTER
3225 I-70 BUSINESS LOOP UNIT A2*

*COUNTY COURTHOUSE
ELECTIONS DIVISION
544 ROOD AVE - 301A (ANNEX)*

*FRUITA CIVIC CENTER
325 E ASPEN*

*COUNTY COURTHOUSE
RECORDING DIVISION
544 ROOD AVE - 1ST FLOOR*

*ORCHARD MESA
FAIRGROUNDS (TRI-RIVER)
2775 HWY 50*

*MESA MALL
JC PENNEY WING
2424 HWY 6 & 50*

YOU MAY VOTE EARLY

Location 1: Mesa Mall, JC Penney Wing - Motor Vehicle Office
October 18 through October 23 (Monday through Saturday) and
October 25 through October 29, 2004 (Monday through Friday)
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location 2: Peachtree Shopping Center - Clifton Motor Vehicle Office
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**TO: ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS WHO ARE
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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION
Mesa County, Colorado**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2004
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

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City Hall
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Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 5T

SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION DEBT BE INCREASED \$18,000,000.00 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$20,000,000.00, WITHOUT RAISING ADDITIONAL TAXES, TO FINANCE STREETS, PARKS, PLAZAS, PARKING FACILITIES, PLAYGROUNDS, CAPITAL FACILITIES, PEDESTRIAN MALLS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, STRUCTURES, WATERWAYS, BRIDGES, ACCESS ROUTES TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING, DESIGNED FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC GENERALLY OR USED BY ANY PUBLIC AGENCY WITH OR WITHOUT CHARGE; SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY BONDS, LOANS, ADVANCES OR INDEBTEDNESS 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; AND SHALL THE PLEDGE OF THE TAX INCREMENT FUND TO SUCH DEBT BE AUTHORIZED FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM TIME PERMITTED BY LAW?

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