

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 40-12**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT QUESTION 5B ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012  
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

**RECITALS.**

Ballot question 5B is a referred measure to expand the Grand River Mosquito Control District (GRMCD or District). As a Title 32 Special District under Colorado law the District cannot expand without the voter's approval.

The District Board, by and through 5B is offering the people that presently are not within the District service area an opportunity to join the District by voting for 5B at the November 6, 2012 election.

The City Council, after due and careful consideration has determined that the passage of 5B will benefit our community and for the following reasons urges voters to approve the measure.

The GRMCD has been in existence since 1982 and currently serves an area that lies primarily along the Colorado River from Palisade to Fruita; however, the properties North of the River and between 18 Road on the West, 30 Road on the East and South of the Government Highline Canal are not now served. The ballot measure seeks to add that area (20 Road to 30 Road, between the River and the Canal) and a large area on the Redlands, which includes many residential properties as well as public parks and open spaces. Controlling mosquitoes where people live and play is an important step to protecting their health and well being; additional mosquito control will help reduce the nuisance that mosquitoes create and encourage people to be outside.

Furthermore, the community should support ballot measure 5B so that the GRMCD can help control mosquito borne disease; most notably the West Nile virus. Mosquitoes spread disease and the best way to reduce the spread of the disease is to reduce the carriers.

The District works to control the reproduction and growth of mosquitoes by the application of microbial larvacide to stagnant water. That approach is environmentally friendly and kills the young mosquitoes before they mature. The larvacide is derived from soil bacteria and poses no risk to humans, wildlife or the environment.

The GRMCD's work is supported by a small (1.513) property tax mill levy. Home owners will pay \$12.04 per every \$100,000 of assessed value. For the benefits that will be provided the cost is very reasonable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby support ballot question 5B and urges the electors support such measure for the reasons stated.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

  
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Bill Pitts  
President of the Council

ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Tuin, City Clerk