

GENERAL ELECTION

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COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
200 S Spruce St
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The Election will be conducted
as a Mail Ballot Election on November 5, 2024 from
7:00 am until 7:00 pm. There will be nine (9) Voter Service and Polling Centers.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT
ON A CITIZEN PETITION AND/OR ON
A REFERRED MEASURE

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT

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

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YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE IS:

**MESA COUNTY ELECTION DIVISION
OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mesa County Central Services
200 S Spruce St, Grand Junction, CO 81501
PO Box 20000-5009
Grand Junction, CO 81502
Phone (970) 244-1662**

<https://vote.mesacounty.us>

The November 5, 2024 Election is a Mail Ballot Election. All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail.

The County Elections Office must receive your ballot by 7:00 pm on Election Day. **Postmarks do not count.**

The US Postal Service (USPS) needs time to process and deliver your ballot. Therefore, we recommend personally delivering your ballot to any of the locations listed below. It is a violation of law to receive more than ten ballots for mailing or delivery in any election.

If you do return your ballot through the USPS, you must affix appropriate postage to your envelope.

BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

SECURE 24-HOUR DROP BOX

Clifton Community Campus	3270 D ½ Rd Clifton, CO 81520
Clifton DMV	3225 I-70 Business Loop, Unit A2 Clifton, CO 81520
Colorado Mesa University	1299 North 12 th St Robinson Theater Entrance Grand Junction, CO 81501
Department of Human Services	510 29 ½ Rd Grand Junction, CO 81504
Fruita Civic Center	325 E Aspen Ave Fruita, CO 81521
GVT West Transfer Facility	612 24 ½ Rd Grand Junction, CO 81505
Mesa County Central Services	200 S Spruce St Grand Junction, CO 81501
Mesa County Fairgrounds	2785 US Highway 50 Community Building Grand Junction, CO 81503
Palisade Community Center	120 W 8 th St Palisade, CO 81526

For additional information visit, www.GoVoteColorado.gov or call (970) 244-1662.

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPCs)

Phase 1

Mesa County Central Services 200 S Spruce St, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Phase 2

Clifton Community Campus 3270 D ½ Rd, Clifton, CO 81520
Dinosaur Journey Museum 550 Jurassic Ct, Fruita, CO 81521
Mesa County Fairgrounds 2785 US HWY 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503
Community Building
Palisade Community Center 120 W 8th St, Palisade, CO 81526

Phase 3

Colorado Mesa University 1455 N 12th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501
University Center, Room 213

Phase 4

CMU Tech 2520 Blichmann Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81505
Bldg B, Rm 171
Department of Human Services 510 29 ½ Rd, Ste 1060, Grand Junction, CO 81504
Victory Life Church 2066 HWY 6 & 50, Fruita, CO 81521

Date

Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25
Monday, October 28 - Thursday, October 31
Friday, November 1 - Saturday, November 2
Monday, November 4
Election Day, Tuesday, November 5

Hours

8 am - 5 pm (Phase 1)
8 am - 5 pm (Phase 1)
8 am - 5 pm (Phase 1 & 2)
8 am - 5 pm (Phase 1, 2 & 3)
7 am - 7 pm (All Locations)

NOT OPEN ON SUNDAYS

ADA accessible voting machines are available in all VSPCs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains referendums appearing on your 2024 General Election ballot.

The title and text of the referendum is printed in full, and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and against the measure. For some measures, current and recent fiscal year spending figures are included. For others, tax increase estimates or bonded debt repayment costs within a particular district have been submitted.

The mailing and content of this notice is mandated by an amendment to Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution.

THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PROVIDING THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION NOTICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR TRUTH OF ANY STATEMENT MADE IN THE SUMMARIES, NOR IS IT RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS IN SPELLING, GRAMMAR, OR PUNCTUATION OF SUBMITTED STATEMENTS. RECEIPT OF THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, OR YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, REFER INITIALLY TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS NOTICE. FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE OR BY VISITING WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.GOV.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

You may cast your ballot by any one of the following methods:

- By mail
- By dropping your ballot at any of the drop box locations
- In-person at a Voter Service & Polling Center Location

On Election Day there will be nine (9) Voter Service & Polling Centers located in Mesa County. Precinct specific polling places will not be used. When voting in person at the Voter Service & Polling Center, you will be required to show valid ID such as a valid Colorado driver's license.

For new voters or those making changes after the ballots are mailed out on Friday, October 11, the Election's office must receive your request by Monday, October 28, 2024 in order to get your ballot mailed to you. Ballots may be mailed or deposited at any Ballot Drop Box Location. Ballots must be RECEIVED by 7:00 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Postmarked dates do not count as received. Adequate postage must be affixed to your envelope if mailing.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

MESA COUNTY, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:
Peter Baier, Mesa County Administrator
544 Rood Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 244-1689

Mesa County Ballot Issue 1A

WITHOUT RAISING TAXES SHALL MESA COUNTY DEBT BE INCREASED \$80,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$173,438,202 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND IMPROVING AN INTERCHANGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. INTERSTATE 70 AND COUNTY ROAD 29 AND THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 29 TO PATTERSON ROAD (THEREBY COMPLETING THE FINAL LEG OF THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION LOOP); SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE FROM THE COUNTY'S EXISTING SALES TAX, WHICH BONDS MAY BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6% PER YEAR, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, CONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS AND ANY REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH BONDS, AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON, BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE COUNTY AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2024 (Current fiscal year estimated)	[\$256,149,226]
2023 (Actual)	[\$225,328,264]
2022 (Actual)	[\$235,003,531]
2021 (Actual)	[\$199,321,990]
2020 (Actual)	[\$198,480,307]

Overall percentage from 2020 - 2024 in fiscal year spending: [29%]
Overall dollar amount change from 2020 - 2024: [\$57,678,919]

Information on Current County Bonded Debt:

Principal amount:	[\$7,315,000]
Maximum annual repayment cost:	[\$1,222,600]
Total repayment cost:	[\$8,384,100]

Information on Proposed County Bonded Debt:

BALLOT ISSUE 1A:

Principal amount:	[\$80,000,000]
Maximum annual repayment cost:	[\$6,000,000]
Total repayment cost:	[\$173,438,202]

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 1A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 1A:

The creation of a 29 Road Interchange is unnecessary and would saddle taxpayers with additional debt for no transportation benefit. Proponents talk about bonding this project without a tax increase; what they don't talk about are its growing costs, and the future tax increases or service cuts required to pay for it. Despite being billed as a transportation project, it adds to delays on Patterson when compared to "no action." The travel times in the year 2045 show that the "no action" alternative produces better traffic outcomes at no cost. Even immediately after construction, there is a 42% increased delay in traveling westbound on Patterson. Although there is one area of decreased travel time on Patterson on day one, that benefit is completely erased within 15 years - before the project debt is paid off - when traffic regresses to the same delay as the "no action" scenario.

Furthermore, introducing a new interchange at 29 Road and I-70 is predicted to increase the number of injuries and deaths, both on I-70 and on local roads. These increases are estimated at over ten each year: two on I-70 and eight on Patterson. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) do not support nor fund projects that increase deaths.

Because of these safety concerns, this project is unlikely to receive Federal and State grant funding, resulting in the entire costs of construction and maintenance burden of this project falling upon Mesa County taxpayers. The scale of this debt, if passed, will delay or eliminate other critical County and City priorities such as road maintenance, a police annex, fire stations, workforce housing, the Orchard Mesa pool replacement, and other infrastructure needs.

Moreover, the overall price of a 29 Road interchange is increasing. To address the significant safety concerns outlined above, CDOT is calling for design changes such as a braided lane adding at least \$30 million to the project. Without expanding 29 Road south of Patterson — at a cost of at least \$27.6 million — the section between Highway 50 and Patterson would become one of the most congested areas of town. And based on the City's own data, the cost of the initial project has already risen to \$86 million.

After adding all these changes, the construction cost could grow to an estimated \$143.6 million. Borrowing this amount produces a total cost of over \$277 million, or roughly \$9 million annually for the next 30 years. That's a price tag Mesa County taxpayer can't afford.

The debt service plan calls for the city and the county to each make annual \$2.5 million payments for 30 years. However, there will be no written binding agreement beyond the first year. Future members of the City Council could decide to use this money for other things and leave the County with twice as much debt as originally planned.

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Peter Baier, Mesa County Administrator
544 Rood Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 244-1689

Mesa County Ballot Issue 1B

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR), SHALL MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUE THAT EXCEEDS THE COUNTY'S 2023 TABOR REVENUE LIMIT (SUCH EXCESS BEING EQUAL TO \$11,492,270), SUCH MONEYS TO BE USED FOR COUNTY ROADS INCLUDING RESURFACING, FILLING POTHOLES, AND REINFORCING BRIDGES, AND, SHALL THE COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RESET ITS TABOR BASE TO INCLUDE THE FOREGOING EXCESS AMOUNT BEGINNING IN 2024 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, PLUS INFLATION AND LOCAL GROWTH, AS PERMITTED BY TABOR?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2024 (Current fiscal year estimated)	[\$256,149,226]
2023 (Actual)	[\$225,328,264]
2022 (Actual)	[\$235,003,531]
2021 (Actual)	[\$199,321,990]
2020 (Actual)	[\$198,480,307]

Overall percentage from 2020 - 2024 in fiscal year spending: [29%]

Overall dollar amount change from 2020 - 2024: [\$57,678,919]

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 1B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 1B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

TOWN OF PALISADE
MESA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Election Date: November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:
Keli L Frasier, CMC
Town Clerk
PO Box 128
Palisade, CO 81526
Telephone: (970) 464-5602 Ext. 6308

Town of Palisade Ballot Issue 2A

SHALL TOWN OF PALISADE TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$1,391,756.00 ANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE TOWN'S SALES TAX RATE FROM 2.0% TO 4.0%, SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMIT SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW; AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH INCREASED 2.0% SALES TAX BE COLLECTED AND SPENT TO FUND CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, INCLUDING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRST RESPONDERS, FIRE, EMS, POLICE, AND SAFETY PERSONNEL, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND RETAIN OR EXPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON FOR SUCH PURPOSES, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE LIMITATION ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year (Current fiscal year estimated)	\$6,375,000.00
Year (2023)	\$5,617,220.00
Year (2022)	\$4,386,766.00
Year (2021)	\$4,447,363.00
Year (2020)	\$4,570,201.00
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:	39.5%
Overall dollar amount change:	\$1,804,799.00

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2025: \$1,391,756.00

Estimated 2025 fiscal year spending without tax increase: \$6,375,000.00

Information on Current Bonded Debt:

Principal amount:	\$0.00
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$0.00
Total repayment cost:	\$0.00

Information on Proposed Bonded Debt:

Principal amount:	\$0.00
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Maximum annual repayment cost: \$0.00
Total repayment cost: \$0.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:
Amy Navarette, Executive Assistant
2115 Grand Ave
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
Telephone: (970) 254-5193

Mesa County Valley School District Ballot Issue 4A

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 DEBT BE INCREASED \$190 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$410 MILLION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF: ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL, SUCH AS ADDING AND RENOVATING CLASSROOMS TO REPLACE PORTABLE TRAILERS AND CONNECTING THE CAMPUS FACILITIES AS ONE SECURE BUILDING; ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING ADDING A SECURE ENTRY VESTIBULE, REPLACING OLDER CLASSROOMS, AND CONNECTING THE CAMPUS STRUCTURES AS ONE SECURE BUILDING; ADDRESS HIGH PRIORITY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AT ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS, SUCH AS ROOF REPLACEMENTS, ADA UPGRADES, AND FIRE SPRINKLERS; PROVIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AT ALL SCHOOLS SUCH AS FENCING, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND ADDED DOOR SECURITY; SPECIAL EDUCATION RENOVATIONS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO CREATE ADEQUATE SPACES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS AND INTERVENTION INSTRUCTION; LEARNING ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS SUCH AS NEW FURNITURE AND UPGRADED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY; AND TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE REMAINING AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE, FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING OR IMPROVING CAPITAL ASSETS CONTEMPLATED IN THE DISTRICT'S LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLAN; AND SHALL THE TAXES AUTHORIZED AT THE DISTRICT'S BOND ELECTIONS IN 2004, 2017 AND 2021 BE EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE USED TO PAY THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT THIS ELECTION IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT SUCH PRIOR ELECTIONS; SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3%, 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 DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE IMPOSED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND ANY

BONDS ISSUED TO REFINANCE SUCH BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	
2024-2025 (estimated)	\$298,025,108
2023-2024 (estimated)	\$289,761,022
2022-2023 (actual)	\$257,987,587
2021-2022 (actual)	\$230,002,243
2020-2021 (actual)	\$230,564,735

Overall percentage change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: 29.26%

Overall dollar change from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025: \$ 67,460,373

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE 4A:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$190,000,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 46,400,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$410,000,000

Information on District's Current Debt¹

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$224,135,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 18,432,888
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$329,252,394

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A:

Without imposing new taxes, the proposed bond seeks to provide Mesa County Valley School District 51 with \$190 million in capital funding. The funds will address priority 1-2 facility and maintenance needs identified in D51's 25-year long-range facilities master plan including:

- Major facility renovations at Central High School
- Major facility renovations at Fruita Monument High School
- Safety and security upgrades across the district
- Address deferred maintenance across the district such as ADA upgrades and fire sprinklers
- Upgrading instructional technology and furniture in schools across the district
- Special Education renovations to classrooms across the district

This bond replaces existing bond debt that will be fully repaid on December 1, 2024. A YES vote on 4A allows the district to issue new bonds without increasing annual repayment amounts already approved by the voters and continue funding essential repairs upgrades and long-term capital improvements without imposing any new tax.

D51 will be subject to an annual independent audit that will be published on the district's website.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

¹ Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Mesa County Valley School District Ballot Issue 4B

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL TAX OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6.5 MILLION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2017, TO BE UTILIZED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS; UPDATING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND EDUCATOR TRAINING; EXTENDING THE LIFE OF BUILDINGS WITH FUNDING FOR PRIORITY MAINTENANCE; ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS; AND SHALL SUCH MILL LEVY BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY PURSUANT TO, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

TOTAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	
2024-2025 (ESTIMATED)	\$298,025,108
2023-2024 (ESTIMATED)	\$289,761,022
2022-2023 (ACTUAL)	\$257,987,587
2021-2022 (ACTUAL)	\$230,002,243
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OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2020-2021 TO

2024-2025: 29.26%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2020-2021 TO

2024-2025: \$ 67,460,373

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4B:

Without imposing any new taxes, the proposed extension of an expiring Mill Levy Override (MLO) allows Mesa County Valley School District 51 to maintain funding of up to \$6.5 million annually. This MLO, initially approved in 2017, will allow D51 to keep what it has and continue to support:

- Additional student instructional days
- Updated instructional materials and educator training
- Priority maintenance to extend the life of buildings
- Additional technology support positions for schools

The additional contact days, updated materials, and support for D51 staff and students have contributed to remarkable improvements for student outcomes in D51 such as:

- Highest Graduation Rate in 17+years
- 88% of D51 schools are now in the two highest academic rating categories
- 71% of kindergarten through third grade students scored at or above the literacy skills benchmark, the highest percentage since monitoring began in 2016
- In math, third and fourth-graders exceeded and matched state proficiency levels, and in ELA, fourth and fifth-graders did the same
- For the first time, D51 ninth and tenth-grade students surpassed the state's mean score in both ELA and math on the pre-SAT and SAT tests
- 1,000+ D51 High School students earned nearly 11,000 free college credits

A YES vote on the MLO extension ensures the district can continue its recent performance growth by sustaining funding for these vital services.
D51 will be subject to an annual independent audit that will be published on the district's website.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ATTEST: THE AFOREMENTIONED BALLOT ISSUE NOTICES ARE COMPLETE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.



Bobbie Gross

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Mesa County Clerk and Recorder