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**Pueblo County**

**Ballot Issue 1A**

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES OR CREATING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL PUEBLO COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIMITATIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (TABOR) OR ANY OTHER LAW, AND UTILIZE REVENUES FROM EXPIRING CORPORATE TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS TO PAY FOR COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION, PARK AND COMMUNITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SPECIFIED IN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NO. 16-216, WITH SUCH PROJECTS TO BE REVIEWED BY PUEBLO COUNTY VOTERS ON A TEN-YEAR BASIS?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Ballot Question 1B**

Shall Pueblo County, in cooperation with the City of Pueblo, study the potential consolidation of Pueblo County and the City of Pueblo into a single home rule government and if so, present a proposal to consolidate to City and County residents no later than March 31, 2018?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Ballot Question 1C**

Shall Pueblo County request that the Colorado General Assembly either enact legislation or refer a constitutional amendment to limit the unlicensed cultivation of all forms of marijuana to a maximum of eighteen plants per parcel in residential areas?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Ballot Question 200**

Shall the Pueblo County Code be amended by Ordinance to prohibit all licensed Retail (recreational) Marijuana Establishments in all areas under the licensing jurisdiction of Pueblo County, by requiring all existing Retail Marijuana Testing Facilities, Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, Retail Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facilities, and Retail Marijuana Stores to close by October 31, 2017 and by immediately prohibiting Pueblo County from approving all new licenses for these Facilities?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

## City of Pueblo

### **Question 2A**

#### **(One-Half Cent Sales Tax for Public Safety, Streets and Parks)**

SHALL THE CITY OF PUEBLO'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$7.9 MILLION ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 BY ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 8997 IMPOSING A ONE-HALF PERCENT CITY SALES AND USE TAX RATE AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH REVENUES TO BE SPENT ONLY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, STREETS AND PARKS PURPOSES?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

### **Question 2B**

#### **(Retail Marijuana Stores)**

Shall the establishment and operation of Retail Marijuana Stores be permitted in the City of Pueblo subject to the requirements of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code and the Pueblo Municipal Code and Regulations to be adopted by the City of Pueblo?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

### **Question 2C**

#### **(Retail Marijuana Stores Taxes)**

SHALL THE CITY OF PUEBLO'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$923,000 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 9008 IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF 4.3 % ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, WITH THE RATE OF THE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED BY CITY COUNCIL WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL, SO LONG AS THE RATE OF THE TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 15.0 % AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAXES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW AND ALLOWING SUCH REVENUE TO BE EXPENDED AS THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Question 2D – Charter Amendment  
(Design-Build Procurement Process for City Improvements)**

Shall the Charter of the City be amended to Authorize the Design Build Procurement Process for City Improvements Wherein the Design and construction of City improvements is procured from a single entity based upon best value rather than the lowest bid?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Question 300  
(Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments)**

Shall Chapter 11 of Title XI of the Pueblo Municipal Code be amended by the addition of a new Section and the adoption of Ordinance No. 9009 prohibiting new Retail Marijuana Establishments and ceasing the operation of all currently licensed Retail Marijuana Establishments by October 31, 2017?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Question 301  
(Citizen’s Violence and Crime Reduction Act)**

SHALL THE CITY OF PUEBLO’S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$3.5 MILLION ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 BY ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 9016 IMPOSING A ONE-QUARTER PERCENT CITY SALES AND USE TAX RATE AND SHALL THE CITY OF PUEBLO INCREASE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION AND OUTREACH SERVICES TARGETING AT-RISK YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, AND FAMILIES, PROVIDE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS IN EACH NEIGHBORHOOD AND IMPLEMENT A CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS MONITORED BY A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND SHALL TITLE XIV OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 15 SECTION, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS BY A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT PANEL?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Pueblo County School District 70**

**Ballot Issue 3A**

SHALL PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 TAXES BE INCREASED \$1.4 MILLION IN 2016 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2017) AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLS FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES PROVIDED THAT THE DISTRICT SHALL EXPEND THESE ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND ENSURE STUDENTS HAVE THE SKILLS NECESSARY FOR THE JOBS OF TOMORROW, BY TAKING ACTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND BASIC SKILLS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE AND THE WORKPLACE, SUCH AS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH;
- KEEPING CURRENT TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM AND UPDATED INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY TECHNOLOGY;
- PROVIDING EACH CHILD ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION WITH PROGRAMS SUCH AS ART, MUSIC, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND TARGETED READING SUPPORT;
- PROVIDING FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE CONDUCTIVE TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING SAFETY AND SECURITY NEEDS IN ADDITION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS;

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 A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Pueblo West Metropolitan District**

**Ballot Question 5A**

WITHOUT INCREASING ANY TAX RATE OR IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX SHALL PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUE IT RECEIVES IN THE YEAR 2017 CONTINUING FOR 10 FISCAL YEARS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, 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 UTILIZING ALL OF THE EXCESS REVENUE OVER SAID LIMITS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE OR LEASE OF A COMMUNITY POOL AND AQUATIC FACILITY?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Ballot Question 5B**

SHALL PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$454,132 IN 2017, BY AN ADDITIONAL 1.9 MILL PROPERTY TAX AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2026, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF:

DESIGN, CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN THREE ADDITIONAL PARKS WITH FACILITIES OR AMENITIES ON DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRACTICE FIELDS, PICNIC SHELTERS, PLAYGROUNDS, BASKETBALL COURTS, PICKLEBALL COURTS, AND MULTI-USE TRAILS, AND

THEN BE REDUCED FROM 1.9 MILLS TO .48 MILLS TO PAY FOR THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE THREE PARKS, AND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE THREE PARKS, SHALL PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$3,090,000, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF \$3,599,586.48, OR LESSER AMOUNT AS SHALL BE NECESSARY; AND SHALL SUCH REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITS PROVIDED BY STATE LAW?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Colorado City Metropolitan District**

**Ballot Question 5C**

SHALL THE COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$200,000 ANNUALLY (FINAL PHASED IN FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING A PHASED-IN EXCISE TAX OF UP TO FIVE (5) PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-28.8-101(1), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AS MAY BE AMENDED, ON THE FIRST SALE OR TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA BY A RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY TO A RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURING FACILITY, A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE, OR ANOTHER RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY WITH THE RATE TO BE PHASED IN BY STARTING AT TWO (2) PERCENT IN 2017 AND INCREASING TO THREE (3) PERCENT IN 2018, FOUR (4) PERCENT IN 2019 AND FIVE (5) PERCENT IN 2020, WITH THE RATE OF SUCH TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF THE TAX DOES NOT EXCEED FIVE (5) PERCENT, AND WITH THE RESULTING TAX REVENUE AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON BEING ALLOWED TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY EXPENDITURE, REVENUE RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT ANNUALLY REGARDLESS OF THE ANNUAL 5.5% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR ANY OTHER LAW?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Ballot Question 5D**

SHALL COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES IT RECEIVES FROM ALL SOURCES IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND THEREAFTER AS VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, THE 5.5% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES OR ANY OTHER LAW?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District**

**Ballot Question 5E**

SHALL THE BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$2,000,000.00 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$2,951,967 (SUCH AMOUNT BEING THE TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST THAT COULD BE PAYABLE OVER THE MAXIMUM LIFE OF THE DEBT) BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF BONDS OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION, SUCH DEBT TO BE SECURED BY A PLEDGE OF THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE DISTRICT, AND BEARING INTEREST AT A NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED (3.25%) WHICH AUTHORIZATION SHALL INCLUDE AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND SUCH DEBT AND REFUNDING DEBT WITHOUT ADDITIONAL VOTER APPROVAL; AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (1) SHALL BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$118,078 IN ANY YEAR IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND REFUNDING DEBT WHEN DUE, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT OR ANY OTHER CONDITION EXCEPT AS STATED ABOVE, AND (2) SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT AND REFUNDING DEBT AND THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH PROCEEDS AND REVENUES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR SECTION 29-1-301 COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, OR ANY OTHER LAW AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST

**Ballot Question 5F**

WITHOUT INCREASING ANY TAX RATE OR IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX SHALL BEULAH FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUE IT RECEIVES FROM ANY GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO OR ANY OTHER SOURCE IN 2016 AND IN ANY YEAR THEREAFTER 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?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES/FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ NO/AGAINST