

# Pueblo County

GILBERT ORTIZ

COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

720 N. MAIN STREET, SUITE 200

PUEBLO, CO 81003-3020

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## COORDINATED ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

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**This Election will be a Mail Ballot Election.  
There will be one (1) Voter Service and Polling  
Center.**

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This is a Composite of All Ballot Issues for this Election.  
Please refer to Your Official Ballot for a Listing of Ballot  
Issues on Which You Are Entitled to Vote.

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## ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOTICE OF ELECTION

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

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

A 'YES' VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF  
CHANGING CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES,  
AND A 'NO' VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS A VOTE AGAINST  
CHANGING CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCE.

**PUEBLO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**  
720 N Main Street, Suite 200  
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Phone (719) 583-6620

<http://Pueblovotes.com>

**All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail.**  
**Cost to return a ballot = \$ .49**

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**VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER (VSPC)**

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Pueblo County Election Department  
720 N. Main Street, Suite 200  
Pueblo, CO 81003  
Monday – Friday (Oct. 30 – Nov. 6) 8:00AM to 4:30PM  
Saturday (Nov. 4) 10:00AM to 2:00PM  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7) 7:00AM to 7:00PM

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**24 HOUR DROP-OFF LOCATION**

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Pueblo County Election Office, 720 N. Main St. (Back of Building)  
Colorado State Fair,  
950 S. Prairie Ave. (Outside of Prairie Gate Entrance)  
Lamb Branch Library, 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd. (Near Entrance)  
Pueblo County Sheriff's Substation (Pueblo West),  
320 E. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Monday – Sunday (Oct. 16 – Nov. 6)... ...Open 24 hours  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7).....Open 24 hours until 7:00PM

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**BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

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Pueblo County Courthouse  
215 W. 10th St.  
ADA-Ground Level (East Entrance-Main St)  
Rotunda-1<sup>st</sup> Level  
Pueblo, CO 81003  
Monday – Friday (Oct. 17 – Nov. 6) 8:00AM to 4:30PM  
Saturday (Nov. 4) 8:00AM to 12:00 PM  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7) 7:00AM to 7:00PM

Colorado City Metropolitan District  
4497 Bent Brothers Blvd.  
Colorado City, CO 81019  
Monday – Friday (Oct. 30 – Nov. 6) 8:00AM to 4:30PM  
Saturday (Nov. 4) 8:00AM to 12:00PM  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7) 7:00AM to 7:00PM

Barkman Library  
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.  
Pueblo, CO 81001  
Monday – Friday (Oct. 30 – Nov. 6) 9:00AM to 6:00PM  
Saturday (Nov. 4) 9:00AM to 1:00PM  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7) 7:00AM to 7:00PM

Tom L. & Anna Marie Giodone Library  
24655 U.S. Highway 50 East  
Pueblo, CO 81006  
Monday – Friday (Oct. 30 – Nov. 6) 9:00AM to 6:00PM  
Saturday (Nov. 4) 9:00AM to 1:00PM  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7) 7:00AM to 7:00PM

Pueblo West Library  
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.  
Pueblo West, CO 81007  
Monday – Friday (Oct. 30 – Nov. 6) 9:00AM to 6:00PM  
Saturday (Nov. 4) 9:00AM to 1:00PM  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7) 7:00AM to 7:00PM

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### **SECURE DRIVE UP LOCATIONS**

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Pueblo County Courthouse  
215 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. (West Side-Court St.)  
Monday (Nov. 6) 8:00AM to 4:30PM  
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (Nov. 7) 7:00AM to 7:00PM

### **ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

### **PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES**

Election Date and Hours: November 7, 2017, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Local Election Office Address: 720 N. Main St., Ste. 200, Pueblo, CO 81003  
Telephone Number: (719) 583-6620

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**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 1A:**

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SHALL PUEBLO COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED \$10,589,460.00 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE STARTING IN 2018) BY INCREASING THE COUNTY'S SALES AND USE TAX RATE BY NINE-TWENTIETHS OF ONE CENT PER DOLLAR (0.45%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING, ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, EQUIPPING, AND PROVIDING CAPITAL MAINTENANCE TO A PUEBLO COUNTY DETENTION CENTER AND TREATMENT CENTER AND FOR RELATED EXPENDITURES WITH SUCH TAX INCREASE COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2047, AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES BE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE THAT MAY BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT BY THE COUNTY CONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE BUT WITHOUT STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION OR CONDITION, INCLUDING ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

**Pueblo County, Colorado Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending <sup>1</sup>
2013 (actual)	\$79,698,800
2014 (actual)	\$83,472,964
2015 (actual)	\$86,834,334
2016 (actual)	\$91,143,951
2017 (current year estimated)	\$93,328,336

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2013 through 2017:	17.1%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2013 through 2017:	\$13,629,536
Estimated 2018 fiscal year spending (without tax increase authorized by ballot issue):	\$96,895,345
Estimated 2018 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 1A:	\$10,589,460

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 1A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 1A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the County for bonded debt service.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR REVENUE CHANGE ON  
A REFERRED MEASURE**

**CITY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO**

Election Date and Hours: November 7, 2017  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office: Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder  
Address and Telephone: 720 N. Main Street, Suite 200  
Pueblo, Colorado 81003  
(719) 583-6620

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**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2B:**

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(ONE-FIFTH CENT SALES TAX FOR POLICE PERSONNEL AND OPERATING NEEDS)

SHALL THE CITY OF PUEBLO'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$3.6 MILLION ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FOR FIVE YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, BY ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 9141 IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL ONE-FIFTH PERCENT (.2%) 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 POLICE PERSONNEL AND OPERATING NEEDS?

**City of Pueblo, Colorado Fiscal Year Spending:**

2017 (estimated)	\$ 95,303,856
2016 (estimated)	\$ 90,963,413
2015 (actual)	\$ 86,341,745
2014 (actual)	\$ 81,325,024
2013 (actual)	\$ 79,946,102

**Overall Percentage and Dollar Change in Fiscal Year Spending Over the Period:**

- Increase of \$ 15,357,754 (19.2%)

**City of Pueblo, Colorado Proposed Tax Increase:**

- Estimate of maximum dollar amount of such tax increase for fiscal year 2018:
  - \$3.6 Million
- Estimate of City of Pueblo spending for fiscal year 2018 without such tax increase:
  - \$ 100.1 Million

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2B:**

**Proponents State:**

**Stronger Police Department.** We can make Pueblo safer by approving a small, temporary increase in the City's sales tax rate (two pennies on a ten dollar purchase). 24 new police officers will be hired. The Police Department will have more police officers to fight crime. This small increase will end in 5 years.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2B:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR REVENUE CHANGE ON A CITIZEN  
PETITION**

**CITY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO**

**Election Date and Hours:**

November 7, 2017  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office:**

Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder

**Address and Telephone:**

720 N. Main Street, Suite 200

Pueblo, Colorado 81003

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**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 300:**

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**(TAX TO REDUCE CRIME AND VIOLENCE)**

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, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027 BY ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 9145 IMPOSING A ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (\$0.0025) CITY SALES AND USE TAX RATE AND SHALL THE CITY OF PUEBLO APPROVE POLICE AND YOUTH ORIENTATED COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS TO REDUCE OVERALL VIOLENCE AND CRIME IN PUEBLO, TO INCLUDE NEW AND EXPANDED GRANT-BASED PROGRAMS FOR PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND OUTREACH, TARGETING AT-RISK YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND MOST AT-NEED NEIGHBORHOODS; WITH FUNDING FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM APPROVED IN CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL CONSULTANT(S) AND AUDITORS, USING COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS AND ANNUAL AUDITS TO ENSURE THAT ALL PROGRAMS WORK TO REDUCE VIOLENCE IN CRIME; AND THAT A CITIZEN'S "PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL," PROGRAM DIRECTOR, GRANT MANAGER AND GRANT COMMITTEE BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ADVISEMENT; AND THAT SALARIES AND TRAINING BE PROVIDED FOR AN ESTIMATED 24 POLICE OFFICERS, TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR A "COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT" WITH AT LEAST TEN "PROBLEM SOLVING OFFICERS," BASED OUT OF SUBSTATIONS, TO WORK WITH TEN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS ON CRIME REDUCTION PLANNING; AND AN AT LEAST FIVE MEMBER "VIOLENCE AND CRIME REDUCTION UNIT;" ALL WITH QUARTERLY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS TO COUNCIL AND ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN POLICE AND "SAFE PUEBLO" PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY FOR THIS ORDINANCE?

**City of Pueblo, Colorado Fiscal Year Spending:**

2017 (estimated)	\$95,303,856
2016 (estimated)	\$90,963,413
2015 (actual)	\$86,341,745
2014 (actual)	\$81,325,024
2013 (actual)	\$79,946,102

**Overall Percentage and Dollar Change in Fiscal Year Spending Over the Period:**

- Increase of \$ 15,357,754 (19.2%)

## **City of Pueblo, Colorado Proposed Tax Increase:**

- Estimate of maximum dollar amount of such tax increase for fiscal year 2018:
  - \$4.5 Million
- Estimate of City of Pueblo spending for fiscal year 2018 without such tax increase:
  - \$ 100.1 Million

## **Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 300:**

### **Proponents State:**

This public safety measure No. 300, which may be cited as the "Citizens of Violence and Crime Prevention Act," addresses Pueblo's current public safety emergency situation by proposing a large-scale, long-term coordinated community effort to reduce violence and crime in Pueblo with two main components: the establishment of an innovative, collaborative network of community-based "Safe Pueblo Programs," especially targeting at-risk youth, young adults, and the most at-need neighborhoods, and for the augmented funding of specialty trained police officers, for the expansion and creation of the best, evidence-based, proven police and community programs in the US, to transform Pueblo into a role model turnaround city. This ordinance, modeled after other cities, was modified for Pueblo, with the input attorneys and advisors. Community-based programs shall be implemented under the advisement of a national consultant, with community assessments, annual audits and all possible checks and balances, to ensure that all Safe Pueblo programs work to reduce violence, crime and recidivism. The initial Public Safety Advisory Panel, which will provide oversight and recommendations for grant based program funding, will be chosen from a pool of leaders and industry experts. The Panel will provide advisement and guidance for the Safe Pueblo program director, grant manager, grant committee, working in cooperation with City Council, the PPD and other agencies, with any final approval as required by law. This ordinance will provide for such programs as: school-based education and training programs; research-based services and initiatives for substance abuse prevention and recovery; re-entry programs for ex-offenders; mentoring programs; recreational centers and facilities with programs for at-risk youth, young adults and their families; self-sufficiency programs; life coaching and intensive case management; street based education and outreach; crisis response programs and other nonprofit or agency programs with innovative and best approaches to violence and crime prevention and intervention. Pre-approved programs include a youth works programs for youth to learn trades, an art and music studio and street outreach. The City attempt to maintain a minimum of 231 officers, to meet the state and national average, to include the 24 officers provided for by this ordinance.



It requires that at least three substations be maintained by the city, manned by "Problem Solving Officers" for community policing in each of least ten neighborhoods, meeting at least quarterly with grant based neighborhood councils, to build partnerships with citizens, leaders and organizations, with crime reduction planning. 300 also provides for salaries and training for at least five officers to specialize in violence and crime reduction. This proposed coordinated system, which includes an investment of a minuscule one-quarter of one-cent sales tax (\$0.0025), which will raise about \$3.5 million per year, should provide a net savings to taxpayers in the long run by reducing arrests, convictions, recidivism and overall violence and crime in Pueblo within ten years.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 300:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES  
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**Election Date and Hours:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017,  
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
**Deadline for receipt of ballots:** November 7, 2017 7:00 PM

**Local Election Office Address and Phone Number:**  
Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder - Elections Department  
720 N. Main St., Ste. 200  
Pueblo, CO 81003  
Telephone: (719) 583-6620

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**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5A:**

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SHALL COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES IT RECEIVES FROM ALL SOURCES IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 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?

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B:**

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SHALL THE COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$200,000 IN 2018 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, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AS MAY 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 THREE (3) PERCENT IN 2018 AND INCREASING TO 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?

**Total District Fiscal Year Spending \***

Fiscal Year

2017 (estimated)	\$2,835,487
2016 (actual)	\$2,857,793
2015 (actual)	\$2,876,066
2014 (actual)	\$2,448,271
2013 (actual)	\$2,223,728

Overall percentage change from 2013 to 2017	5.50%
Overall dollar change from 2013 to 2017	\$611,759

\* Fiscal year spending for the District includes enterprise spending.

**Information on District's Proposed Tax Increase**

**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B:**

Maximum dollar amount of tax increase, first full fiscal year of proposed tax increase (2018) (estimated):	\$ 200,000
Expected District fiscal year spending without tax increase, first full fiscal year of proposed tax increase (2018) (estimated):	\$2,920,551

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5B:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5B:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

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**BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5C:**

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SHALL PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN AND EXPEND \$116,488.00 IN EXCESS REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2016 AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE 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, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF FIRE STATION 2 AND FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY EQUIPMENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH REVENUE WOULD OTHERWISE BE DIRECTLY REFUNDED TO THE COLORADO SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROPERTY AND LIABILITY POOL AND THE STATE OF COLORADO AND TO THE OWNERS OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY BY PROVIDING A ONE-TIME TEMPORARY MILL LEVY CREDIT?

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5C:**

I felt the need to write a letter to help the citizens of Pueblo West understand why we need the new fire station on the southwest side of Pueblo West.

Fire stations are typically strategically located throughout the community for two very important reasons. Both of these reasons are based on scientific studies relating to cardiac arrest survival and a phenomenon known as flashover. First, data shows that if a person suffers sudden cardiac arrest, or an event leading to the heart stopping, they need to receive life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) within four to six minutes to avoid irreversible brain damage and death. Second, is an event that occurs

during a fire known as flashover. This is a condition that typically occurs within six to ten minutes after a fire begins. It occurs when the temperature from the fire in the room reaches a point that everything ignites simultaneously.

This event is not survivable for victims inside and often results in a total loss of the home.

These two life threatening problems require that responders arrive to your home between four to ten minutes, depending on the problem, to have any real chance of saving lives and property. This is the time from the beginning of the event. This time period involves the time it takes for you to call 911, the time it takes the dispatcher to alert the fire station and get responders heading toward your home, and the travel time to go from the fire station to the location of the emergency. Currently, the closest fire station for the south side of Pueblo West is Fire Station 1 on Hahns Peak. That is in excess of ten minutes for most of the southwest portion of Pueblo West.

Sure, the new fire station will help reduce the cost of homeowners and renter's insurance for many, but more importantly, it will save lives of citizens in need. Without it, we are accepting that our loved ones may die from a cardiac arrest or house fire because our firefighters cannot get to us in time.

It is time for the citizens to be willing to pay for the fire protection we need. Our fire department is only staffed with seven people per day, less than half of the national standard of fifteen needed to safely fight a house fire. This staffed station would help improve this vulnerability as well.

#### **Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5C:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert Ortiz", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**GILBERT ORTIZ  
PUEBLO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**