

YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE IS:

**SUMMIT COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
PO Box 1538
208 E. Lincoln Avenue
Breckenridge, CO 80424-1538
Phone (970) 453-3479**

www.summitcountyco.gov/vote

**BALLOTS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE ELECTION OFFICE BY
MAIL OR DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS –**

24-Hour Drop Boxes

Monday October 8 to Tuesday November 2 at 7:00 PM

Old County Courthouse – 208 E. Lincoln Avenue, Breckenridge

Frisco Town Hall – 1 Main Street, Frisco

Dillon Town Hall – 275 Lake Dillon Drive, Dillon

North Branch Library – 651 Center Circle, Silverthorne

County Commons – 37 Peak One Drive, Frisco

BALLOT REPLACEMENT, IN PERSON VOTING, AND WALK IN DROP OFF LOCATIONS -

In Person Voting and Ballot Replacement

South Branch Library/Breckenridge Grand Vacation Community Center

103 S. Harris St. Breckenridge

8:00 am – 5:00 pm M-F October 25 – November 1

8:00 am – 12 pm Saturday, October 30

7:00 am – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 2 **Election Day**

Ballot Replacement

Old County Courthouse

208 E. Lincoln Ave. Breckenridge

8:00 am – 5:00 pm M-F October 8 – November 1

7:00 am – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 2 **Election Day**

Election Day – In Person Voting and Ballot Replacement

Summit County Community & Senior Center

83 Nancy's Place, Frisco

7:00 am – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 2 **Election Day**

Silverthorne Pavilion

400 Blue River Pkwy, Silverthorne

7:00 am – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 2 **Election Day**

THE 2021 COORDINATED ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION.

All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail.

Mail Ballots will be sent to each "Active" voter in Summit County. We will begin mailing absentee ballots out the week of October 11, 2010. If you do not receive a ballot – Please call the Summit County Election Office at 970-453-3479. The ballots are due back in the elections office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains referenda and/or initiatives appearing on your 2021 Coordinated Election Ballot.

THE MAILING AND CONTENT OF THIS NOTICE IS MANDATED BY AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 (THE TABOR AMENDMENT) OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.

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RECEIPT OF THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, DROP LOCATIONS, 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 LISTED BELOW.

ELECTIONS WITHIN SUMMIT COUNTY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL BALLOT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 FROM 7 AM - 7 PM.

THE MAIL BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS AND WALK IN VOTING LOCATIONS ARE ALSO OPEN DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

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

- In person at a Voter Service Polling Center Location
- By mail via Mail-In ballot

There will be 3 strategically located Vote Service Polling Centers in Summit County. Voter Service Polling Centers are designed to provide voters with maximum flexibility and convenience on Election Day. Voters may go to any Vote Service Polling Centers in the county to cast their ballots. Precinct specific polling places will not be used. At the Vote Service Polling Center you will be required to show valid ID such as a driver's license.

You will also have the option of casting your vote prior to Election Day at one of the Voter Service Polling Centers which will be open from Monday, October 25 through Monday November 2. (Hours and locations are listed elsewhere in this pamphlet.)

Monday, October 25, 2021 is the last day ballots will be mailed out. Ballots may be mailed or deposited at any Ballot Drop-off Locations. Ballots must be RECEIVED by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

West Grand School District #1-JT. Ballot Issue 5A:

(Vote Yes/For or No/Against)

SHALL WEST GRAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-JT. TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$550,000 IN THE 2021-2022 BUDGET YEAR, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, OR BY SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ANNUALLY DETERMINE, BY THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE AMOUNTS REFERENCED ABOVE FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL SECURITY; MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS; MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY; RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND RETENTION OF HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF BY MAINTAINING COMPETITIVE SALARIES AND BENEFITS; AND CAPITAL NEEDS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES, WITH SUCH TAXES TO BE IN EXCESS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND MILL LEVY PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW WITHOUT SUCH INCREASE AND, TOGETHER WITH REVENUES FROM SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO AND THE EARNINGS ON SUCH TAXES AND REVENUES, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE UNDER, TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT EACH YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO COLLECT AND SPEND OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

5 Year Fiscal Information

	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2021 (projected)	6,015,313	6,011,123	1,035,732
Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2020 Audited	6,414,423	5,960,435	1,972,332
Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2019 Audited	6,025,489	5,426,369	2,257,694

Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2018 Audited	5,428,932	4,938,336	2,427,965
Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2017 Audited	5,242,141	4,639,307	2,501,121

West Grand School District #1-JT audited financial statements are available at West Grand School District Office, 715 Kinsey Avenue, Kremmling, Colorado, between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Thursday. Audited financial statements are also, available on our webpage, www.wgsd.us

West Grand School District 1-Jt emergency reserve required by TABOR has been and is currently funded by cash.

The expenditure overall dollar change from the period from fiscal year ending 06/30/2017 to fiscal year ending 06/30/2020 is an increase of \$1,321,128. The overall percentage change for the same period is an increase of 28.5%.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR WEST GRAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-JT. BALLOT ISSUE 5A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST WEST GRAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-JT. BALLOT ISSUE 5A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A:

(Vote Yes/For or No/Against)

SHALL SUMMIT FIRE & EMS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED 4,555,293 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2021 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 4.000 MILLS TO A TOTAL OF 13.000 MILLS, SUBJECT TO THE REVENUE STABILIZATION ADJUSTMENTS APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT'S VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION, TO BE USED FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, PERSONNEL, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AMBULANCE TRANSPORT, AND ALL OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, AND SHALL ALL REVENUE AND ANY EARNINGS ON THE TOTAL PROPERTY TAX CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

Total Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District Fiscal Year Spending:
2021 - (estimated)

\$ 16,004,189

2020 - (actual)	\$ 8,817,931
2019 - (actual)	\$ 10,536,523
2018 - (actual)	\$ 10,467,004
2017 - (actual)	\$ 8,343,045
Overall Percentage Change From 2017 to 2021:	91.83%
Overall Dollar Change From 2017 to 2021:	\$ 7,661,144
<u>Proposed Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District Tax Increase:</u>	
Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$ 4,555,293
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$ 15,956,354

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR SUMMIT FIRE & EMS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6A

Summit Fire and EMS has and will suffer substantial revenue loss due to consolidations with Copper Mountain Fire District and the Summit County Ambulance Service (SCAS) and the incredible growth in the district.

After consolidating with the SCAS a decision was made to stop out of county transports which required staff to be out of county for several hours. This created a loss of \$2.5 million. A 2014 county tax aimed at supporting the ambulance service will end in 2022.

Consolidation with Copper Mountain Fire required added personnel and support of another fire station as well as the addition of an ambulance at that station.

Significant growth in all areas of the district has incrementally increased response volume for both fire and medical emergencies as well as haz-mat and all hazards situations. And with the added risk of wildfire in our forests it is essential to be prepared with personnel and equipment for any situation. The district saw a 22% increase in call volume between 2019 and 2020.

There is also the impact of the growth on the front range with more people recreating and buying second homes in the mountains. The pandemic allows people to work from anywhere thus increasing second home usage. I-70 traffic responses continue to increase in volume.

No increase in the mill levy for almost 10 years has created a significant shortfall in revenue. The revenue is needed to support highly trained personnel, buildings and up to date equipment to provide for the needs of the community.

Summit Fire and EMS is a vital and essential organization that is highly respected in the county. We must be sure they have the resources to provide excellent care to the community. I would encourage all voters to vote YES in the November ballot.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST SUMMIT FIRE & EMS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6A

Summit Fire and EMS Protection District seeks a PERMANENT mill levy increase of from 9 to 13 mils, an increase of more than 44%. This increase can be reasonably viewed in two parts:

(1) money that would replace an expiring county-wide levy relating to ambulance services stated to amount to \$2,387,550, and (2) everything else.

The everything else in this case is a lot of money. As stated in the ballot measure, the District would collect \$4,555,293 in 2022 and the same amount or potentially more in 2023, to offset this 2023 short fall. This amounts to a windfall of more than 6.7 million dollars in the first two years and a 2 million annual slush fund in years thereafter.

According to the District's "Factual Summary" justifying the extra money, they have additional revenue losses due to several factors. It is hard to understand how an "increased threat of wild fire" can cost money unless something specific and extra is being done to prepare for this threat. It is also hard to understand why taxpayers should fill in for decreased out-of-county transport revenue when the decrease is because the District chose to no longer provide this service, giving up the revenue while increasing expenses by adding an ambulance to provide a narrower scope of services. Finally, unless the District is making a commitment actually to acquire new apparatus and equipment in the future, rising costs of apparatus and equipment is simply not relevant.

No commitments are made to use the money raised by the increased mill levy for any particular activity. There is no requirement to place equipment and personnel north of I-70, where the facility was vacated in favor of a new administrative facility in Frisco, despite the ever-growing population and traffic problems in the area north of I-70. Further, there is no explanation is provided as to how the budget might look different if the District had not laid off 13 fully-qualified part-time employees in February of 2021, in favor of full-time employees who receive benefits as part of their compensation and may not be fully utilized.

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

Summit Combined Housing Authority Referred Measure 6B:

(Vote Yes/For or No/Against)

WITHOUT RAISING ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES, AUTHORIZING A TWENTY YEAR EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING SIX TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT WORKFORCE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SALES TAX AND LIMITING VENDOR FEES
WITHOUT RAISING ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES, SHALL THE EXISTING SUMMIT COMBINED HOUSING AUTHORITY LEVY BE EXTENDED FOR TWENTY YEARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF WORKFORCE RENTAL AND OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS THROUGH AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING SIX TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.6%) SALES TAX COMMENCING IN 2027, AND SHALL SECTION 6(F) OF THE SALES TAX RESOLUTION #2016-02 BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE MAXIMUM VENDOR FEE COLLECTED BY VENDORS TO A REASONABLE AMOUNT TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY, AND SHALL THE LEVY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR SUMMIT COMBINED HOUSING AUTHORITY REFERRED MEASURE 6B

It's essential to our local economy and sense of community that our workers are able to live here – without these workers, our community could not survive, much less thrive. This measure will build more affordable rental units and affordable for-sale units for our local workforce. The units will be deed-restricted so that they will remain affordable for our community for generations to come.

Measure 6B will not increase taxes; it will allow the Housing Authority to more quickly provide additional affordable workforce housing units. By extending the existing ballot measure for a longer period of time, vital housing can be immediately constructed and financed over time while interest rates are still extremely low.

We all know our community is experiencing a housing crisis. Local workers are unable to find housing and are leaving the community, resulting in local business cutting hours and reducing basic services we all need.

The workforce housing provided by Measure 6B will enable our medical workers, teachers, service workers, firefighters, law enforcement officers and other critical members of our workforce to live in the same community with the people they serve.

The need for affordable workforce housing is only growing, pricing many workers and their families out of the market, whether they're seeking to buy a home or rent a place to live.

Measure 6B is temporary and simply extends the previously approved housing ballot measure for a limited period of time. Continued authorization of the measure will allow us to immediately address the existing housing crisis more effectively through financings with public and private partners.

Measure 6B will help maintain the unique, vibrant character of Summit County by funding construction of affordable housing, thereby enabling more local residents to remain here for the long term. We want Summit County to be a thriving community of families, workers and neighbors, not just a hollow vacation destination for second-homeowners and tourists.

Short-term rentals marketed through online vacation rental websites are eating away at the long-term rental market in our resort community. Likewise, the rising demand for second homes continues to push ownership opportunities for locals further out of reach. Measure 6B will create both rental and for-sale deed-restricted units that locals can afford to live in.

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing business and societal shifts brought on from remote working options that allow high-income remote workers to purchase homes and relocate to Summit County, exacerbating the housing shortage.

Investing in affordable housing helps us protect and strengthen Summit County's character. More affordable homes and rental units are needed if local families are to be able to work, raise their children and be part of the fabric of our community.

These revenues can also be leveraged to access additional grant funds and other contributions from the federal government, state government and nonprofit organizations.

Join with your neighbors and our local workforce in voting YES on Summit Combined Housing Authority Referred Measure 6B!

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST SUMMIT COMBINED HOUSING AUTHORITY BALLOT ISSUE 6B

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline