

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES / TO INCREASE DEBT
ON A CITIZEN PETITION / ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT. IT IS ELECTION INFORMATION ONLY.

This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. The San Miguel County Clerk & Recorder's Office does not warrant, verify or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot titles, questions, text, and summaries of comments as presented below, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of the materials presented below.

This Notice is mailed to each address in San Miguel County with one or more active registered electors eligible to vote on at least one of these issues. It is a composite of all ballot proposition summary statements for this election. **You may not have all of these issues on your ballot.** A booklet on statewide measures is sent separately.

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 circumstances.

ELECTION INFORMATION

ELECTION DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017
ELECTION HOURS: SEE HOURS BELOW FOR VSPC AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

THIS ELECTION IS OPERATED UNDER HB13-1303 – THE COLORADO VOTER ACCESS & MODERNIZED ELECTIONS ACT.

EVERY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WILL RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIL. BALLOTS MAY BE RETURNED BY MAIL OR DROPPED OFF IN PERSON AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, AT THE INDICATED HOURS, STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 23. AT EACH LOCATION LABELED A **VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER**, VOTERS MAY ALSO EXCHANGE THEIR MAIL BALLOTS TO VOTE A PAPER BALLOT IN PERSON OR VOTE ON AN ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE, AS WELL AS REGISTER TO VOTE, CHANGE PHYSICAL OR MAILING ADDRESSES, OR OBTAIN REPLACEMENT BALLOTS. NOTE THAT THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE IS NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE AND NO ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE IS AVAILABLE THERE.

Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC):

Fruen Building aka County Annex
335 West Colorado, Telluride
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday Oct. 28 and Nov. 4
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 7

Town of Norwood Town Hall
1670 Naturita Street, Norwood
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 7

The following is not an ADA Accessible location but will provide most VSPC services:
San Miguel County Courthouse
305 West Colorado, Telluride
8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
On Election Day, go to Fruen Building

24/7 Ballot Drop-off:

Miramonte Bldg., 333 West Colorado, Telluride
Glockson Bldg., 1120 Summit St, Norwood (last pick-up on Election day will be 4:30 p.m.)

ELECTION OFFICE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Office of the San Miguel County Clerk
305 W. Colorado Avenue / P. O. Box 548
Telluride, Colorado 81435
Phone: (970) 728-3954 Fax: (970) 728-4808
Email: clerkandrecorder@sanmiguelcountyco.gov

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR LOCAL VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER OR DROP-OFF LOCATION BY 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY (NOVEMBER 7, 2017) IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED.
A POSTMARK IS NOT SUFFICIENT.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HB13-1303 changed the residency and registration requirements for Colorado voters. To vote in State and County and most school and special district elections, a person must be a resident of the State at least 22 days before the election. A resident may move within the State and register to vote up to or on the day of the election. Voting on Town of Telluride issues requires residence in the municipality for at least 22 days before the election, though registration up to or on Election Day is permitted. Voting on Town of Mountain Village issues requires residency in the municipality for at least 30 days and registration 29 days before Election Day.

If your Colorado Driving License is current, you may register to vote at www.govotecolorado.com up to Monday, October 30, 2017 and still request a ballot by mail. After that date you may still register online but will need to go to a Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) as listed on the previous page to obtain a ballot.

VOTING INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning voting procedures, or your eligibility to vote, refer initially to the information provided in this notice. Further details may be obtained at www.govotecolorado.com or by contacting your local election office listed on the first page.

In completing your mail ballot, you must read the Affidavit of Voter and sign on the Voter's Signature line on the back of the return envelope. If you return it to one of the locations on the front of this document, it must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 7, 2017. If you return your ballot by mail, correct postage must be attached and you must mail it in sufficient time for it to be received at the Telluride, CO Post Office on Election Day.

The last day to request a replacement or original ballot by mail is Monday, October 30, 2017. A replacement or original ballot may be requested in person at one of the Voter Service and Polling Centers at the hours and locations listed on the previous page of this document from October 23 through Election Day.

The San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder's Election office shall be open during normal business hours from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Please note: The Recording and Vital Records (Marriage license and Birth and Death Records) offices will be CLOSED on Election Day. The Motor Vehicle offices in both Telluride and Norwood will be open.

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A
NOTICE OF ELECTIONS TO INCREASE TAXES/ A REFERRED MEASURE
For information about these ballot issues contact
Cheryl Miller, horseranches@gmail.com (970) 728-3000

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY REFERRED MEASURE - BALLOT ISSUE 1A:

SHALL SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO, TAXES BE INCREASED \$616,890 ANNUALLY THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY 2017 AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY OF THREE-QUARTERS (0.75) OF ONE MILL, AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER BY THE AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THAT IS GENERATED IN THOSE SUBSEQUENT YEARS THROUGH SUCH INCREASED PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF THREE-QUARTERS (0.75) OF ONE MILL, WHICH IS FIVE DOLLARS FORTY CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF A HOME'S 2017 APPRAISED VALUE; FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AVAILABILITY, QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- INCREASE CAPACITY SO FAMILIES THAT REQUIRE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION HAVE ACCESS.
- RECRUIT, TRAIN AND RETAIN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS.
- SUPPORT THE QUALITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES.
- PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SO ALL CHILDREN CAN RECEIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION.

FUNDS WILL BE APPORTIONED BASED ON DATA DRIVEN COMMUNITY NEEDS EACH YEAR BY AN INDEPENDENT EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY PANEL COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AT A MINIMUM, THIS PANEL WILL INCLUDE ONE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

COMMISSIONER, ONE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE TELLURIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ONE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO BE SELECTED BY THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL, AND A COMMUNITY MEMBER AT LARGE TO BE SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND SHALL SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS BEYOND THOSE AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS OR "TABOR," AND SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES AND ASSOCIATED GRANTS, TO BE BUDGETED AND APPROPRIATED TO THE COUNTY'S DEDICATED EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSES STATED HEREINABOVE, UNTIL AND UNLESS REPEALED BY A MAJORITY OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY VOTING THEREON?

Total County Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year:

2017 (estimated)	\$22,045,674
2016 (actual)	\$19,326,988
2015 (actual)	\$18,378,818
2014 (actual)	\$16,096,958
2013 (actual)	\$16,698,766

Overall percentage change from 2013 to 2017:
32.0%

Overall dollar change from 2013 to 2017:
\$ 5,346,908

Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2017 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):
\$ 616,980

Estimate of 2017 Fiscal Year Spend without Proposed Tax Increase: \$22,045,674

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 1A:

There are many components to a strong community, including a strong work force, diversity of age groups, thriving businesses, and quality education. Access to affordable quality child care and preschools is one important component of a strong community. Moreover, ninety percent of brain development happens before age five, making quality early childcare critical in the life of a child, for families and communities. For every \$1 invested in early childhood education, there is a return of up to \$8 to the community and society at large.

Ballot Issue 1A will help increase the availability of child care and preschool for children ages 0-5. It will also support existing early childhood centers in maintaining the quality we currently enjoy. County-wide, about 80 babies are born each year. There are currently 50 infants on waitlists, in need of immediate care, yet only 14 infant slots exist county-wide. At times, there have been as many as 100 children on waitlists in need of child care so their parents can work. As a consequence, young families are moving to areas where they can find access to affordable child care.

The reason for the lack of child care is multifaceted: the high cost of taking care of our youngest population; low wages for teachers, which must get certified through a series of college courses; and lack of infrastructure that meets state licensing requirements. Ballot Issue 1A will help to address all of these issues through a dedicated fund, the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund, which will be generated by this property tax. An independent board, the Early Childhood Panel, will set priorities for spending tax funding and measure the results and effectiveness of yearly spending, creating an annual budget that addresses result-oriented priorities.

The money in the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund can only be used in the areas of (1) increasing capacity of early childhood centers (including increasing the number of children that childcare providers can serve at one time); (2) recruiting, training and retaining early childhood professionals; (3) improving the quality of early childhood care and education programs and facilities; (4) and providing financial assistance to families so all children can receive early childhood care and education.

San Miguel County is facing a critical shortage in early childhood care and education. There are 383 children under 5 years old in San Miguel County and only 211 childcare slots. Almost half of our children don't have access to early childhood education. For families that want or need childcare and education, there are just not enough options.

San Miguel County is the third fastest growing counties in Colorado. In addition, the birth rate is projected to boom as Millennials have children. The need for early childhood care and education is only going to grow for the foreseeable future. Passage of Ballot Issue 1A and supporting early childhood care and education will help San Miguel County to maintain a strong, vibrant community.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 1A: No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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To All Registered Voters

Notice of General Election - Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

(See inside for Voter Service and Polling Center Locations, Hours, ballot receipt
deadlines, and registration information)

This pamphlet contains summary statements for ballot propositions as required by the
State of Colorado Constitution Article X, Section 20 for Elections
To Increase Taxes/To Increase Debt
On a Citizen Petition /On a Referred Measure

I, M. Kathleen Erie, San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder, hereby certify that the ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. The political subdivision providing this information 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.



M. Kathleen Erie, San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder