

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. **This notice is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered electors. You may not be eligible to vote on all issues presented in this notice.** 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 6, 2018
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 ACTIVE ELECTOR WILL RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIL. PERSONS WHO ARE LISTED AS INACTIVE ON THE VOTER LISTS MAY ACTIVATE THEIR STATUS AND OR BE MAILED A BALLOT UP TO Oct. 29 OR VISIT A VSPC AS EXPLAINED BELOW. BALLOTS MAY BE RETURNED BY MAIL OR DROPPED OFF IN PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AT THE INDICATED HOURS STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 22. 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:

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. 27 and Nov. 3 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 6
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Town of Norwood Town Hall 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 6
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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
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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 6, 2018) 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 29, 2018 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 6, 2018. 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 29, 2018. 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 22 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.

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 6, 2018) IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED.
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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A
NOTICE OF ELECTIONS TO INCREASE TAXES/ ON A REFERRED MEASURE
For information about this ballot issue contact
Paul Reich, pmbh@tchnetwork.org (970) 708-7095

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY REFERRED MEASURE - BALLOT ISSUE 1A:

SHALL SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO, TAXES BE INCREASED **\$603,970.00** ANNUALLY THROUGH A SAN MIGUEL COUNTY 2019 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, WHICH IS **\$5.40** PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF A HOME'S 2019 APPRAISED VALUE; TO FUND COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, INCLUDING:

- MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS;
- MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES;
- SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS;

- ALCOHOL, OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS;

PROVIDED THAT THE FUNDS SHALL BE BUDGETED TO A DEDICATED SAN MIGUEL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FUND AND APPROPRIATED BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY PANEL SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AT A MINIMUM, THIS PANEL WILL INCLUDE ONE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COMMISSIONER OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE, ONE REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED BY EACH OF THE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS LOCATED IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, ONE REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED JOINTLY BY THE TELLURIDE AND NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ONE REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER FOR SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, AND TWO COMMUNITY MEMBERS 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, AND SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED

STATUTES, FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES TO BE BUDGETED AND APPROPRIATED TO THE COUNTY'S DEDICATED FUND FOR THE PURPOSES STATED HEREIN ABOVE?

Total County Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year:

2018 (estimated)	\$22,093,813
2017 (actual)	\$18,090,231
2016 (actual)	\$19,326,988
2015 (actual)	\$18,378,818.00
2014 (actual)	\$16,096,958.00

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018: 33.43%

Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018: \$5,381,855

Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2019 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): \$603,970

Estimate of 2019 Fiscal Year Spend without Proposed Tax Increase: \$26,457,471

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 1A:

Mental health and wellness are vitally important for the health and safety of our community. This issue touches nearly everyone in Colorado: one in four people experience a mental health or substance abuse condition each year, and most of us know someone who is impacted. Suicide is the number one cause of death in Colorado for youth/young adults ages 10 -24. In 2016, more Coloradans died of overdose than from automobile accidents.

Ballot Initiative 1A creates a dedicated annual funding source of approximately \$603,000 to improve community-based mental health services across San Miguel County. The cost to residents for this initiative is \$5.40 per \$100,000 in appraised value of a residence.

The ballot measure ensures that dollars will be spent on increasing the following services in Norwood and Telluride:

- additional services in our schools, to address student mental health issues to improve learning, prevent youth addiction disorders, and minimize threats in the schools;
- additional resources for suicide prevention programs;
- additional resources to help community members who experience a mental health crisis and require immediate intervention, ensuring that fewer community members suffer needlessly or end up in jail;
- substance abuse treatment and prevention services in a county where none exist today.

Here in San Miguel County:

- 13 suicides occurred in our county since 2016, including 5 in 2018;
- 1 in 3 residents said that they or a loved one experienced a mental health or substance use disorder in the past year;

Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 1A cont'd:

- 1 in 6 adults and 1 in 3 high school students reported binge drinking in the past 30 days;
- 1 in 6 high school students seriously considered suicide in the past 12 months;
- 1 in 5 of our residents reported 8 or more days of poor mental health in the past 30 days.

Making sure our families, friends, and neighbors have access to the care they need is important for a strong community – for some, it is a matter of life and death. Yet mental health services across San Miguel County are inadequate to address our needs:

- Only 2 in 5 Coloradans who experience a mental health or substance use disorder this year will receive treatment due to lack of availability of providers, the cost of accessing services, and the stigma associated with mental illness;
- Local mental health therapists in the county are few and most do not accept insurance;
- There are no substance abuse treatment services available in the county; the nearest in-patient treatment is in Grand Junction;
- No professional services exist in the county to help individuals struggling with substance abuse or to support those living in sobriety;
- 1 part-time therapist serves 430 students in the Telluride Middle and High Schools and 1 part-time therapist serves the entire K-12 student body in the Norwood School District;
- There is only 1 professional therapist employed at the Uncompahgre Medical Center and 1 at the Telluride Medical Center.

Vote yes on 1A to provide needed mental health resources, treatment, and prevention services that improve and save lives throughout San Miguel County.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 1A:

1. Addressing objectively personal responsibility and abusive behavior is crucial in mental health services. State sponsored social services do not balance this appropriately, especially abuse from authorities - including law enforcement. The two way, complex, connection between physical and mental health is also not fully served in current treatment models, such as 'abusive' contaminants in our food supply and the physical health effects of 'blaming the victim'.

Money would be better spent on addressing local authority abuses first, including intentional restrictions of housing, politically motivated groundless law enforcement actions including sex crimes, lack of quality nutrition in the Telluride area food desert, and malicious medical care through the physical health provider, the Telluride Hospital District. Proponents of these measures have both actively supported these abuses and refused to respond to complaints regarding same.

A single, efficient, community based health organization focused on healthy behavior combining mental health functions with those of the San Miguel Resource Center and Tri-County Health. We are likely to soon see the end of this current economic cycle and we should insure both our prudent financial future and that the failures of the current establishment are held accountable, that they are allowed to fail - not prop up their undeserved and abusive leadership through these practices.

2. County issue 1A is a case of a large non-profit working in collusion if not conspiring with San Miguel County government to pass a property tax ostensibly for the \$1 million in taxes to be given to the non-profit.

Historically and traditionally when a nonprofit wants money from a government it goes to a public meeting, explains the need and asks for a donation. A non-profit cannot legally be directly funded by taxes as San Miguel County is trying to do. Done once then it becomes precedent unless legally challenged.

The organization which is to receive \$1 million annually is already in receipt of donations by San Miguel County, Mountain Village, Telluride and 20 more funding sources.

This non-profit already has mental health offices in Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Telluride, Norwood, Nucla and other unincorporated towns on the Western Slope. It is part of a state-wide so called non-profit organization with an annual budget of \$40 million.

In addition, Issue 1A is a governmental attempt to subvert the peoples' right to vote on taxation increases thereby returning to pre 1982 taxation policies when the government could raise taxes at their discretion.

Where will it stop if we vote to allow the protections of the Gallagher and Tax Payers Bill of Rights, TABOR, Amendments of the Colorado Constitution to be breached? We are getting ripped off.

TOWN of TELLURIDE BALLOT ISSUES 2A, 2B and 2C
NOTICE OF ELECTIONS TO INCREASE TAXES / TO INCREASE DEBT/ON REFERRED MEASURES
For information about these ballot issues contact
Tiffany Kavanaugh, 135 West Columbia, Telluride, (970) 728-2157

BALLOT ISSUE 2A:
AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX OF THE TOWN BY 2 MILLS TO FUND AND FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SHALL THE TOWN OF TELLURIDE TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$600,000 IN 2019 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM THE LEVY OF A UNIFORM MILL LEVY OF 2 MILLS ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF TELLURIDE (PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL MILL LEVY MAY BE ADJUSTED TO OFFSET REVENUE LOSSES FROM REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED

VALUATION); AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT SUCH TAX INCREASE COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2019 TO FUND AND FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND SHALL THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION BE EXEMPT FROM THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12.1 OF THE TOWN'S HOME RULE CHARTER; AND SHALL ALL AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN OF TELLURIDE FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE AND OTHER REVENUES AND EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

BALLOT ISSUE 2B:

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALES AND USE TAXES OF THE TOWN BY ONE-HALF PERCENT AND TO INCUR DEBT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12 MILLION AND TO PLEDGE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT TO FUND AND FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS.

SHALL TOWN OF TELLURIDE TAXES BE INCREASED \$985,000 IN 2019 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) AND THEN ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED FROM THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE-HALF PERCENT (1/2%);

AND SHALL TOWN DEBT BE INCREASED \$12 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF \$22.9 MILLION, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE NET PROCEEDS OF SUCH ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX, AS DETERMINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, SHALL BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS AND INCIDENTALS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS, OR TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON DEBT ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSES, OR TO PAY THE COSTS OF OPERATING OR MAINTAINING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING;

THE SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE SHALL COMMENCE JANUARY 1, 2019; SUCH DEBT SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE TOWN SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED HEREIN OR ANY OTHER AVAILABLE REVENUES OF THE TOWN AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL; ANY SUCH DEBT MAY BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3%;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT AND TAXES AND THE EARNINGS THEREON OR ON THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH DEBT PROCEEDS (REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT) CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

BALLOT ISSUE 2C:

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE TOWN DEBT BY NOT MORE THAN \$8.1 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES AND TO PLEDGE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT.

SHALL THE TOWN OF TELLURIDE DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$8.1 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15.4 MILLION, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, OR INSTALLING AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND SHALL SUCH DEBT BE PAID FROM AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IMPOSED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES OR ANY OTHER AVAILABLE REVENUE OF THE TOWN AS DETERMINED BY TOWN COUNCIL, AND BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE AT A PRICE ABOVE, BELOW OR EQUAL TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH DEBT AND ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE TOWN MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF PREMIUM NOT TO EXCEED 3%; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND SUCH DEBT PROCEEDS, INCLUDING ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total Town Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2018 (estimated)	\$22,016,188
2017 (actual)	\$20,525,710
2016 (actual)	\$15,710,971
2015 (actual)	\$17,959,872
2014 (actual)	\$17,505,479
Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018:	25.77 %
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018 -	\$4,510,709

Proposed Tax Increase

Town Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2019 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increases):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A: \$600,000
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2B: \$985,000
Town Estimate of 2019 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increases: \$24,217,807

Information on Town's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2B:
Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:
Not to exceed \$12,000,000
Maximum Annual Town Repayment Cost:
Not to exceed \$ 1,030,000
Total Town Repayment Cost:
Not to exceed \$22,900,000

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2C:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:

Not to exceed \$ 8,100,000

Maximum Annual Town Repayment Cost:

Not to exceed \$ 750,000

Total Town Repayment Cost:

Not to exceed \$15,400,000

Information on Town’s Current Debt¹

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt: \$21,260,000

Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$2,100,804

Remaining Total Repayment Cost: \$30,366,865

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2A:

In issue 2A the Town of Telluride ludicrously deems it the responsibility of the residential property owner to fund public housing.

Whose responsibility is it to build housing? The businesses in town are the beneficiaries of worker housing. The businesses should foot the bill. The ski area to its merit provides a lot of housing for employees and is procuring more for the future.

What effort have the Telluride businesses or non-profits made to provide housing for employees. The restaurants, the wealthy banks, the wealthy investors, private art schools and the real estate offices have done nothing to alleviate the self-imposed problem. Business attitude is leave it to the taxpayer.

In the near past the Town in all its’ wisdom actually allowed developers to “buy out” of providing parking with no consideration to housing employees.

Since the town owns the necessary land the answer is to partner with an investor or a non-profit organization or apply for State and Federal grants like other rural towns do?

It is ridiculous for Telluride to think that the property owners want their taxes to go up indefinitely. Insanity is defined as doing something wrong and then doing the same again.

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

Issue 2B makes it seem that ½% tax is such a small amount with such benefits. Just another ½% in taxes added to each and every item you buy. But over the decades that ½ % increase will never disappear.

The current Telluride sales tax is 4.75% which is the highest of the ski resorts in Colorado. Some of the other ski resorts sales tax are 40% less; Aspen is 2.80% and Breckenridge is 2.5%. Even Vail sits at 4.0%, Avon 4.0%, Crested Butte 4.5%.

Why does the Town of Telluride have the highest sales tax of resort areas in the state? Because the government keeps adding ½% every year or two for some nanny agenda and it adds up.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2C:

Issue 2C is a vote to go into debt. According to Town of Telluride documents the intent of the government is to own and operate 60-70% of the public housing market in Telluride. Why would Telluride want to own so much without partnering?

Answer; It is good business, get the property owners to pay for building public housing and the profits go into the towns investment coffers. The public housing reserve, i.e. carry over from last year, for 2018 sits at \$2.75 million while cash ready investments amount to multimillions.

In Issue 2C the Town not only wants to increase town debt by \$8 million but wants to eliminate spending limits imposed by Tellurides Home Rule Charter and eliminate spending and taxation constraints of the Colorado Constitution specifically Tax Payers Bill of Rights. No constraints just spend and tax. They love us so much.

¹ Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

**TELLURIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 BALLOT ISSUE 4A
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

For information about this ballot issue contact
Telluride School District R-1, Bebe Kallas, TSD4A@telluride.k12.co.us , (970) 369-1214

BALLOT ISSUE 4A:

SHALL TELLURIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1,239,000 DOLLARS (INCREMENTAL AMOUNT) IN 2018 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2019), AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT, TOGETHER WITH EXISTING MILL LEVY OVERRIDE APPROVALS, NOT GREATER THAN THIRTY PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING, AS PERMITTED UNDER THE COLORADO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT, AS AMENDED, PROVIDED SUCH TAX INCREASE SHALL NOT BE IMPOSED IN THE EVENT STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 73 INCREASING FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH SECONDARY EDUCATION IS APPROVED AT THE 2018 STATEWIDE ELECTION, THAT SUCH APPROVAL FOR PURPOSES OF:

- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF;

- MAINTAINING CLASS SIZE;
- MAINTAINING AND AUGMENTING DIVERSE, INNOVATIVE AND RIGOROUS PROGRAMMING;
- SUPPORTING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, INCLUDING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS; AND
- SUPPORTING THE COST OF GENERAL OPERATIONS;

AND SHALL SUCH INCREASE BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND; 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?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending *

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2018-19 (estimated)	\$ <u>16,825,100</u>
2017-18 (actual)**	\$ <u>15,266,059</u>
2016-17 (actual)	\$ <u>14,336,344</u>
2015-16 (actual)***	\$ <u>15,150,052</u>
2014-15 (actual)	\$ <u>11,705,691</u>

* Fiscal Year Spending excludes the expenditure of bond and certificate proceeds spent from the Building Funds and Housing Funds.

** Unaudited.

*** \$1,321,000 of the increased spending from Fiscal Year 2014-15 to Fiscal Year 2015-16 was due to increased bond debt service on District's newly issued bonds.

Overall percentage change from 2014-2015 to 2018-19	\$ <u>44%</u>
Overall dollar change from 2014- 2015 to 2018-2019	\$ <u>5,119,409</u>

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): **BALLOT ISSUE 4A: \$1,239,000**

District Estimate of 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$ <u>16,500,000</u>
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Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A:

Ballot Measure 4A asks Telluride School District (TSD) voters to support a Mill Levy Override of approximately \$1.2 million that equals a property tax increase of \$11.61 per \$100,000 of actual property value determined by the Assessor. If approved, Measure 4A will reach the legal limit TSD can seek from its locality. The State limits local funding to equalize districts statewide.

Also on this ballot, Amendment 73 is a progressive income tax to fund public schools from earners of greater than \$150,000/year and c-corporations. If passed, Amendment 73 could bring approximately \$1.9 million to TSD. By 4A's own language, if both 4A and 73 passes, only 73 will be imposed.

Despite Colorado having among the highest post-recession growth rates in the nation, public school funding has not recovered and worsened. According to Colorado School Finance Project (CSFP), from 2009-2018, \$6.6 billion has been cut from K12 funding statewide; \$830 million in 2017-18 alone. Due to this chronic underfunding, 60% of Colorado school districts operate at 4-day weeks, including Norwood. With Colorado public school expenditures in the bottom 25% of all states, including D.C. (42nd/51 in 2016), CO schools are in a teacher hiring crisis.

Telluride schools are underfunded more than \$1 million per year, roughly \$1000 per student, totaling \$9 million from 2009-2018 according to CSFP. Over the same 9-year period, TSD has grown by more than 250 students.

Those opposing 4A will say TSD is well-funded with a prior mill levy override, a construction bond, and marijuana tax money. However, this ongoing shortfall in TSD funding, includes all sources of revenue, including the prior mill levy override. The construction bond built more classrooms, making room for a growing number of students in the District and could not be used to pay teachers. Additionally, these new facilities included community-oriented spaces that have accommodated over 2000 events since January 2018. In 2017, marijuana tax money generated only \$30 million in the statewide Public School Fund, which is shared across all districts for operations, compared to \$830 million of cuts to these districts in the same year. With over 80% of TSD's expenditures allocated to instructional and student support services, and diminishing funds to pay staff, TSD built six affordable housing units in Illium to help retain and recruit teachers. It did so without using any taxpayer dollars. Those units were funded by COPs and the rental income completely offsets the cost of financing.

TSD is at a critical point. In June, the Board approved a preliminary budget that uses \$1 million from reserves to fund operations. TABOR also requires the district set aside reserves of \$400,000. This leaves \$1.7 million in reserves, which can cover only one additional school year if spending continues at the current rate and no unexpected events occur. If funding is not approved at the state or local level, TSD's deficit spending will narrow choices for students and lead to larger class sizes. Support school funding!

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:

In issue 4A the School District has the audacity to tell us they need more money for education and teachers blaming the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, TABOR, and the Gallagher Amendments. Pure Hockey Puck.

Just a couple of years ago the School District received over \$20 million, paid for by property tax increase, but they did not spend it on quality education and teachers but instead spent it on dancing lessons, volleyball, turf and black box theaters.

All Government entities in the State have whined about the 1982 Gallagher Amendment and the 1992 Taxpayers Bill of Rights since the day they were passed 30 + years ago. They always complain how these amendments inflict such terrible monetary harm. The truth being these amendments curtail governments desire to spend and tax as they wish.

If it were not for these two Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Colorado property taxes today which are 7% would be 21% like they were in 1981.

Colorado's schools are funded through local property tax dollars, as well as other kinds of taxes collected at the state level. If local taxes come up short, then the state makes up the difference.

The Tax Payers Bill of Rights TABOR was a statewide petition of and by the people to put an end to ever increasing taxation. The whining by the School District about the loss of being able to tax at will is nothing new in Colorado.

It is time the pick pockets of government learn that Telluride is no longer open for pilfering and that the Constitution of Colorado must be honored.

**TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – BALLOT ISSUE 6A
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

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BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6 A:

SHALL THE TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1,890,000.00, COMMENCING IN 2019 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR), AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF UP TO 2 MILLS, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RATE NOT TO EXCEED 4.465 MILLS, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS, OR DEBT SERVICE, TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S OPERATING, CAPITAL AND OTHER EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXPENSES RELATED TO PROVIDING AMBULANCE RESCUE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES,

OFFSETTING BOTH PAST BUDGET SHORTFALLS RESULTING FROM THE REDUCTION IN THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE FROM 7.96% TO 7.2% AND FUTURE BUDGET SHORTFALLS THAT MAY RESULT FROM A FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE), AND PROVIDED THAT SUCH TOTAL MILL LEVY SHALL BE ADJUSTED UP OR DOWN TO ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN LAW OR THE METHOD BY WHICH ASSESSED VALUATION IS CALCULATED OCCURRING AFTER 2018; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE REVENUE THEREFROM NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

Total Entity Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2018 (estimated)	\$ 2,894,666.00
2017 (actual)	\$ 3,682,497.43
2016 (actual)	\$ 2,716,247.98
2015 (actual)	\$ 1,956,563.90
2014 (actual)	\$ 1,915,948.46

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018 - 66%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018 - \$978,717.54

Proposed Tax Increase

Entity Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase
For Fiscal Year 2019 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6 A:	\$ 1,890,000.00
Entity Estimate of 2019 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$ 2,632,872.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 6 A:

In ballot issue 6A the Telluride Fire Protection District is asking for public support due to decreased revenue and increased costs over many years. The District has not seen a mill levy

increase since 1996 and is currently funded at the second lowest mill level in the east end of the county. The District is also suffering from the year-to-year funding decreases caused by the Gallagher Amendment. The fire district has experienced a 30% call volume in the past 4 years alone. Since 1996, in order to keep up with demand, the District has added four paramedics, a training

officer, a fire inspector and mechanic. These positions are essential to service our growing community. The remaining response is accomplished through approximately 100 volunteer community members. Although this model is extremely efficient, and far less costly to the general public than a full-time paid service, it does not come without some costs. Currently, the district has paid shift medics sleeping in offices and eating in classrooms because they don't have space for adequate crew quarters. The District has been extremely conservative in its spending. They have lived within their means while still providing the 24/7 response necessary. Bonds have been re-financed. When possible and safe, trucks are kept in the fleet long after their recommended replacement dates. And, the District tries hard to provide community value. They recently worked very hard to decrease our ISO ratings across the county by working with evaluators to spend wisely on apparatus, training and asset type and placements made a specific difference to the evaluators. Additional services were added in recent years, including hazardous materials response, wildfire response, advance life support EMS certification, mutual aid, and a public access AED program, to name many. Finally, the district needs the reserves it has in the bank. They have a considered strategy to plan both for potential economic dips which have threatened in the past to completely deplete the operating budget of every special district, but also for that worst-case scenario

local wildfire that could one day sweep through our valley. The first 24-hours alone could cost millions and the District has to have a quick answer! Please support ballot issue 6A this November.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 6 A:

In issue 6A the Fire District wants to dip into our pockets instead of dipping into their \$2.5 million in reserves and cash ready investments. If you were not aware the Telluride Fire department is volunteer. There is no labor overhead. The fire department is really a reimbursable EMT service first and a fire department second. Take a look at the facility when the doors are open and you will see brand new ladder trucks which cost at a minimum a million dollars each. They have smaller trucks and emergency EMT trucks and fire marshal SUV's and nice new firefighting suits. Any town double or triple the size of Telluride would find the station and equipment adequate if not beyond their wildest dreams. We all love our fireman and their booths and the fireworks and the pretty trucks driving through town or in a parade but don't cry wolf over monetary problems that do not exist. The fire district also wants you to vote to subvert the Constitution of the State of Colorado by voiding the Gallagher and TABOR Amendments. There was a reason the Gallagher Amendment was passed in 1982 and TABOR in 1992, that being the people of Colorado were being taxed at the whim and fancy of every faction of the government, large and small and the people said enough is enough.

TELLURIDE HOSPITAL DISTRICT – BALLOT ISSUE 6B
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / ON A REFERRED MEASURE
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TELLURIDE HOSPITAL DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6B:

SHALL TELLURIDE HOSPITAL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$960,851 IN 2019 (RESULTING IN AN EXPECTED 2019 ANNUAL TAX INCREASE OF \$9 FOR EACH \$100,000 OF ACTUAL RESIDENTIAL VALUATION) TO BE USED FOR GENERAL OPERATING AND OTHER PURPOSES, INCLUDING:

- MAINTAINING LEVEL 5 EMERGENCY/TRAUMA SERVICES (CURRENTLY OFFERED 24 HOURS/DAY, 7 DAYS/WEEK, 365 DAYS/YEAR) AND

- UPDATING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A NEW C.T. SCANNER, TO IMPROVE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF INJURIES AND ILLNESSES;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY RATE BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN 2020 AS NEEDED (INCLUDING TO OFFSET THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT) TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2019 BUDGETED TAX REVENUES (SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION AND LOCAL GROWTH), WHICH WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE THE CURRENT TAX IMPOSED FOR 24 HOUR SERVICES?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2018 (estimated)	<u>\$7,986,096</u>
2017 (actual)	<u>\$7,895,592</u>
2016 (actual)	<u>\$7,726,612</u>
2015 (actual)	<u>\$6,973,669</u>
2014 (actual)	<u>\$6,255,878</u>

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018: 27.7%
 Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018:
\$1,730,218

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase: \$ 960,851
 Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$8,255,679

Summary of Written Comments For the Proposal:

I support the Telluride Hospital District Ballot Measure 6B on the 2018 ballot authorizing an annual tax increase of \$9 for every \$100,000 of a home’s actual residential valuation.

I believe this increase is necessary to allow the Hospital District to manage the Telluride Medical Center’s rising costs of drugs, supplies, business and facility operations; IT requirements and upgrades; and declining insurance reimbursements.

If 6B is passed it will also safeguard the District against deficits created by the Gallagher Amendment tax reductions.

I believe that protecting the District from the Gallagher tax reductions will:

- Secure the Medical Center’s ability to maintain Level 5 emergency/trauma services, which means when patients arrive at the region’s only Emergency Room, regardless of the time of day, they can expect an ER board certified doctor, nurse, and radiology technologist.
- Fund new and updated medical equipment, including a new CT scanner, to improve diagnosis and treatment of injuries and illnesses.
- Offset the Gallagher Amendment which will cut into the Telluride Medical Center’s operating budget and ability for medical center staff and equipment to accommodate the growing demands for the region’s only primary and emergency care provider.

Written Comments For the Proposal cont’d:

The incremental tax on residential property is minimal. As I understand the tax implications of this increase, the additional \$960,851, or \$9 per \$100,000 of a home’s actual residential valuation, will bring the total tax to \$29.19 for each \$100,000 of a home’s actual residential valuation.

We need to guarantee the future of The Telluride Medical Center as the region’s only home for Primary and Emergency care. The community relies on the Medical Center and its staff for exceptional care.

Voters in the Telluride Hospital District have not been asked for an increase in the mill levy since 2002. Since then the Hospital District has spent more than four million dollars on capital equipment and facility improvements without having to go back to voters.

Passage of 6B will allow the staff at the Telluride Medical Center to maintain excellence and allow services, technology and care to grow along with the community.

Please, support the Medical Center and their staff, vote yes on 6B!

Summary of Written Comments Against the Proposal:

The Telluride Medical Clinic, Hospital District, is like a never ending story of move here, move there but never go anywhere. In 2016 the clinic was so determined to move to the Mountain Village that it threw away tens of thousands of operating money on designs to no avail.

In issue 6B the Clinic wants the property owner to pay for a million dollar electronic device and software updates yet they have as of 2016 \$1 million in cash and \$1.5 million in cash like investments which are readily turned to cash.

If the Clinic needs the improvements so much, the Clinic could pay for all their desired improvements with cash on hand.

They also want to subvert the Colorado Constitution and the will of the people by eliminating the constraints of the Gallagher and Tax Payer Bill of Rights Amendments so in the future they can raise this mill levy whenever they want to.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT – BALLOT ISSUE 6C
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / ON A REFERRED MEASURE
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BALLOT ISSUE 6C:

SHALL THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$91,311.63 ANNUALLY THROUGH A SAN MIGUEL COUNTY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY OF .4 MILLS IN UNINCORPORATED SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, WHICH IS \$2.88 PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF A HOME'S 2019 APPRAISED VALUE, TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER BUDGET EXPENSES, INCLUDING:

- ANNUAL HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL EVENTS;
- ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENTS;
- HOLIDAY TREE CHIPPING SERVICES;
- OPHIR AND PLACERVILLE POST OFFICE RECYCLING;

- THE NORWOOD HOUSEHOLD TRASH AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION;
- WASTE REDUCTION INITIATIVES; AND

SHALL THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS BEYOND THOSE AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AND SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S, FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES TO BE BUDGETED AND APPROPRIATED TO THE COUNTY'S DEDICATED FUND FOR THE PURPOSES STATED HEREIN ABOVE?

Total County Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year:	
2018 (estimated)	\$ 97,463
2017 (actual)	\$101,179
2016 (actual)	\$101,591
2015 (actual)	\$ 99,042
2014 (actual)	\$110,294
Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018:	11.63%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018:	\$12,831

Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2019 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):	\$91,311.63
Estimate of 2019 Fiscal Year Spend without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$97,985.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 6C:

The San Miguel Solid Waste Disposal District comprises unincorporated San Miguel County and provides environmentally safe waste disposal and recycling programs for County residents and businesses. The District currently supports the Annual Hazardous Waste Disposal Event, the Electronic Waste Recycling Event, holiday tree chipping services and the Norwood Transfer Station. There is also a desire to add waste reduction initiatives and education.

formed to defer the cost of providing the services. Due to TABOR and other statutory adjustments, the District's mill levy had decreased to .0192 over the years.

Ballot Issue 6C, if passed, would generate much needed income for the District to continue to provide the current level of services.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6C:

No comments were filed by the Constitutional deadline.

The District was created in 1991 and imposed a 0.5 mill levy in the area of the County where the district was

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