

**REQUEST FOR MAIL BALLOT**

1-13.5-1105(4)(d), (e) C.R.S.

To: Designated Election Officials of the

**Telluride Fire Protection District and the Telluride Hospital District**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, whose birth year is \_\_\_\_\_, and  
who resides at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County,

Colorado, hereby swear (or affirm) that I am an eligible elector of the **Telluride Fire Protection District and the Telluride Hospital District**. I am registered to vote pursuant to the "Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992" and I am:

\_\_\_\_\_ A resident of the District; or

\_\_\_\_\_ The owner (or spouse or civil union partner of an owner) of taxable real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the District. A person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District shall be considered an owner of taxable property for the purpose of qualifying as an elector.

Physical address or description of property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting a mail ballot for the special election of the District to be held on Nov. 6, 2018, because (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I did not receive the original mail ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_ The ballot was destroyed or lost, or for some other reason not received by me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I spoiled the original ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am the spouse or civil union partner of \_\_\_\_\_, a property owner within the District.

\_\_\_\_\_ A mail ballot packet was not sent to me, because my voter eligibility could not be determined at the time the mail ballot packet were mailed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am personally receiving the ballot today, OR

Please mail the mail ballot to me at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I swear or affirm that I am requesting the mail ballot for the reasons stated above, that I have not voted the original ballot issued for the election indicated (if any), and I do not intend to vote at the election except by voting the ballot hereby issued.**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date Signed

**YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 7:00PM, ELECTION DAY, Nov. 6, 2018, TO BE COUNTED.**

**See Page 1 of 6 for explanation of this page.**

*Division of Local Government- Department of Local Affairs – 2018 Elections*

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**San Miguel County Clerk & Recorder**

**PO Box 548**

**Telluride, CO 81435-0548**

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**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO**

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

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**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 specifically for owners of property within the boundaries of a Special District, such as the Telluride Fire Protection and Telluride Hospital District. This Notice is mailed to each address in Colorado 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 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 DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**  
**ELECTION HOURS: SEE HOURS BELOW FOR VSPC AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

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**HOW TO VOTE ON THESE SPECIAL DISTRICT ISSUES:**

EVERY ACTIVE ELECTOR WHO IS A RESIDENT OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY 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.

IF YOU ARE THE OWNER OF PROPERTY IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, ARE A REGISTERED VOTER RESIDENT ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE AND WANT TO VOTE ON THE ENCLOSED ISSUES, YOU MUST REQUEST A BALLOT USING THE ENCLOSED AFFIDAVIT. COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUEST AND FOLD SO THAT JUST THE COUNTY CLERK'S ADDRESS IS ON THE OUTSIDE. IF WE RECEIVE THE REQUEST BY OCT. 29 A BALLOT WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL. AFTER THAT YOU MAY GO TO ONE OF THE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS BELOW

**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
Town of Norwood Town Hall 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 6
<b>The following is not an ADA Accessible location but will provide most VSPC services:</b> 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

**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](mailto:clerkandrecorder@sanmiguelcountyco.gov)

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**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](http://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](http://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.***

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**TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – BALLOT ISSUE 6A  
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / ON A REFERRED MEASURE  
For information about this ballot issue contact  
John Bennett AT 970-728-3801 or [jbennett@TellurideFire.Com](mailto:jbennett@TellurideFire.Com)**

### **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

Fiscal Year	
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 \$6 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 / A REFERRED MEASURE**  
 For information about this ballot issue contact  
**John Gardner at 970-728-9782 or at tabornotice@tellmed.org**

**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.

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.

### **THE EASIEST WAY TO SEND YOUR REQUEST FOR MAIL BALLOT**

Fold the Request for Mail Ballot in thirds along the indicated lines. Fold the bottom up first, then the top so that the San Miguel County Clerk address is on the front. Add your return address and stamp and tape or staple the edge securely. Please return your request as soon as possible to avoid delays in the mail. If you decide to request a ballot after October 29, you will need to make that request at one of the Voter Service and Polling Centers as explained on Page 1 of 6.

Please call 970-728-3954 or email to [clerkandrecorder@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:clerkandrecorder@sanmiguelcountyco.gov) if you have questions.

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Telluride, CO 81435-0548

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**To Registered Voters who are Property Owners within the Boundaries of the  
Telluride Fire Protection and Telluride Hospital Districts**

**Notice of General Election - Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018**

(See inside for ballot request forms, 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**

**This notice is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered Colorado electors who are  
property owners within the named Special Districts but are not resident in the Districts.**

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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.

