

**SAMPLE BALLOT FOR LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO
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District Court Judge - 6th Judicial District
(Vote YES or NO)

Shall Judge Jeffrey Raymond Wilson of the 6th Judicial District be retained in office?

YES

NO

Ballot questions referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and ballot questions initiated by the people are listed numerically. A ballot question listed as an "amendment" proposes a change to the Colorado constitution, and a ballot question listed as a "proposition" proposes a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes. A "yes/for" vote on any ballot question is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "no/against" vote on any ballot question is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

Amendment T (CONSTITUTIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the removal of the exception to the prohibition of slavery and involuntary servitude when used as punishment for persons duly convicted of a crime?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Amendment U (CONSTITUTIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning an exemption from property taxation for a possessory interest in real property if the actual value of the interest is less than or equal to six thousand dollars or such amount adjusted for inflation?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Amendment 69 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED \$25 BILLION ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS THAT ARE RAISED THEREAFTER, BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION ESTABLISHING A HEALTH CARE PAYMENT SYSTEM TO FUND HEALTH CARE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PRIMARY RESIDENCE IS IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CALLED COLORADOCARE TO ADMINISTER THE HEALTH CARE PAYMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF COLORADOCARE BY AN INTERIM APPOINTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNTIL AN ELECTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES TAKES RESPONSIBILITY; EXEMPTING COLORADOCARE FROM THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS; ASSESSING AN INITIAL TAX ON THE TOTAL PAYROLL FROM EMPLOYERS, PAYROLL INCOME FROM EMPLOYEES, AND NONPAYROLL INCOME AT VARYING RATES; INCREASING THESE TAX RATES WHEN COLORADOCARE BEGINS MAKING HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS FOR BENEFICIARIES; CAPPING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCOME SUBJECT TO TAXATION; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO INCREASE THE TAXES IN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES UPON APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF COLORADOCARE; REQUIRING COLORADOCARE TO CONTRACT WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PAY FOR SPECIFIC HEALTH CARE BENEFITS; TRANSFERRING ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDICAID AND CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND ALL OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL HEALTH CARE FUNDS FOR COLORADO TO COLORADOCARE; TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITY TO COLORADOCARE FOR MEDICAL CARE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PAID FOR BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE; REQUIRING COLORADOCARE TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TO ESTABLISH A COLORADO HEALTH CARE PAYMENT SYSTEM; AND SUSPENDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE COLORADO HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AND TRANSFERRING ITS RESOURCES TO COLORADOCARE?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Amendment 70 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution increasing the minimum wage to \$9.30 per hour with annual increases of \$0.90 each January 1 until it reaches \$12 per hour effective January 2020, and annually adjusting it thereafter for cost-of-living increases?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

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Amendment 71 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution making it more difficult to amend the Colorado constitution by requiring that any petition for a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment be signed by at least two percent of the registered electors who reside in each state senate district for the amendment to be placed on the ballot and increasing the percentage of votes needed to pass any proposed constitutional amendment from a majority to at least fifty-five percent of the votes cast, unless the proposed constitutional amendment only repeals, in whole or in part, any provision of the constitution?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

Amendment 72 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED \$315.7 MILLION ANNUALLY BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION INCREASING TOBACCO TAXES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, INCREASING TAXES ON CIGARETTES BY 8.75 CENTS PER CIGARETTE (\$1.75 PER PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES) AND ON OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY 22 PERCENT OF THE MANUFACTURER'S LIST PRICE; AND ALLOCATING SPECIFIED PERCENTAGES OF THE NEW TOBACCO TAX REVENUE TO HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS AND TOBACCO EDUCATION, PREVENTION, AND CESSATION PROGRAMS CURRENTLY FUNDED BY EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL TOBACCO TAXES; AND ALSO ALLOCATING NEW REVENUE FOR TOBACCO-RELATED HEALTH RESEARCH, VETERANS' PROGRAMS, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CONSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUALIFIED HEALTH PROVIDERS, EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS, AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING TRACKS?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

Proposition 106 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado revised statutes to permit any mentally capable adult Colorado resident who has a medical prognosis of death by terminal illness within six months to receive a prescription from a willing licensed physician for medication that can be self-administered to bring about death; and in connection therewith, requiring two licensed physicians to confirm the medical prognosis, that the terminally-ill patient has received information about other care and treatment options, and that the patient is making a voluntary and informed decision in requesting the medication; requiring evaluation by a licensed mental health professional if either physician believes the patient may not be mentally capable; granting immunity from civil and criminal liability and professional discipline to any person who in good faith assists in providing access to or is present when a patient self-administers the medication; and establishing criminal penalties for persons who knowingly violate statutes relating to the request for the medication?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

Proposition 107 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes recreating a presidential primary election to be held before the end of March in each presidential election year in which unaffiliated electors may vote without declaring an affiliation with a political party?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

Proposition 108 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the process of selecting candidates representing political parties on a general election ballot, and, in connection therewith, allowing an unaffiliated elector to vote in the primary election of a political party without declaring an affiliation with that party and permitting a political party in specific circumstances to select all of its candidates by assembly or convention instead of by primary election?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

La Plata County

Ballot Issue 1A

SHALL LA PLATA COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED \$4,500,000 IN 2017 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM A MILL LEVY OF UP TO 2.4 MILLS TO FUND COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, PROVIDED THAT THIS TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE FOR A 10 YEAR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND SHALL THE REVENUES, ANY RELATED SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES AND THE INVESTMENT EARNINGS BE COLLECTED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW?

YES NO

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Ballot Issue 1B

SHALL LA PLATA COUNTY DEBT BE INCREASED \$40,400,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$64,432,600 AND SHALL COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED \$3,221,633 ANNUALLY TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF A NEW TERMINAL AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DURANGO-LA PLATA COUNTY AIRPORT TO IMPROVE SAFETY, CAPACITY AND FUNCTIONALITY; SUCH DEBT TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH SERIES, AND ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A PREMIUM AND A MATURITY OF NOT MORE THAN 20 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF EACH SERIES; AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE SET IN EACH YEAR IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT); AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT AND TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES

NO

School Districts

**Durango School District 9-R
Ballot Issue 3A**

SHALL DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN 2016 FOR COLLECTION IN THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY WHICH GENERATES REVENUE, WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE REVENUES PRODUCED BY PREVIOUS VOTER AUTHORIZED TAX INCREASES OF THE DISTRICT UNDER 22-54-108, C.R.S., AS AMENDED, IS NOT GREATER THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING PLUS SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, TO BE USED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES, WHICH WILL ALLOW OUR SCHOOLS TO MAINTAIN AND INVEST IN COMMUNITY VALUED PROGRAMS WITHIN DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R, MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ANIMAS HIGH SCHOOL BY:

- INVESTING IN CRITICAL PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE READY GRADUATES;
- MINIMIZING INCREASED CLASS SIZES AND LOSS OF MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS;
- MAINTAINING OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT, RETAIN, AND TRAIN HIGH QUALITY STAFF; AND
- ENSURING SAFE, EFFECTIVE, INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE;

AND SHALL SUCH INCREASE BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVIES THE DISTRICT IS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO IMPOSE; 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?

YES

NO

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**Bayfield School District 10 JT-R
Ballot Issue 3B**

SHALL BAYFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT-R DEBT BE INCREASED BY \$28.7 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$51 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$2.1 MILLION ANNUALLY BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE LOCAL MATCHING MONEY REQUIRED FOR THE DISTRICT TO RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$8.5 MILLION IN STATE GRANTS (WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAYED) UNDER THE "BEST" PROGRAM TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF:

- CONSTRUCTING A NEW GRADES 3-5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL;
- RENOVATING AND UPDATING THE EXISTING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE USED AS A PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR GRADES K-2, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS TO SITE SAFETY, EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FACILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF PRIMARY AGE STUDENTS;
- IMPROVEMENTS TO SITE SAFETY AND SECURITY AT THE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL; AND
- CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO ACCOMMODATE THE DISTRICT'S TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MEETING SPACE,

AND TO THE EXTENT REMAINING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, WITH SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE, WITH THE LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRICT'S DEBT TO BE INCREASED UP TO 6% OF THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT AS ALLOWED BY §22-42-104(1)(b), C.R.S.; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

YES

NO