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Ballot Measures Explained

State of Colorado Proposition BB: May the State retain and spend \$66 million of marijuana tax revenue rather than refunding it to taxpayers?

If approved, the state will retain and spend \$66 million of marijuana tax revenue, with \$40 million to be spent on school construction and the remainder on law enforcement, youth programs and marijuana education and prevention programs.

If the proposition is not approved, \$24 million will be refunded to marijuana retailers, \$17 million will be applied to a temporary reduction on the retail marijuana sales tax, and \$25 million will be refunded to residents.



City of Colorado Springs Issue 2C: Shall city taxes be increased \$50 million annually by levying a temporary 0.62% sales/ use tax for road repairs/improvements to terminate 12/31/2020?

If Issue 2C is approved, the city will temporarily increase sales and use tax by 0.62% for five years to fund road repairs and improvements. If Issue 2C is not approved, the city sales tax will remain at 2.5%.



City of Colorado Springs Issue 2D: Without raising taxes, shall the city of Colorado Springs be permitted to retain and spend up to \$2.1 million for park trail improvements as a voter approved revenue change?

If approved, the City will retain funds to repair, renovate, and improve eight existing segments of trails that fall within the city including: Homestead Trail, Palmer Mesa Trail, Pikes Peak Greenway, Rock Island Trail, Sand Creek Trail, Shooks Run Trail, and Skyline Trail. If Issue 2D is not approved, the excess revenue will be refunded to city residents.





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Ballot Measures in El Paso County Communities

Here is a summary of the measures on the ballot for various communities in El Paso County. For the exact ballot language, impact of the measures, and summary of the arguments for and against, please visit

<http://car.elpasoco.com/Election/Pages/2015Elections.aspx>.

Town of Palmer Lake Issue 2A: Shall the Town of Palmer Lake's property taxes be increased \$285,000 annually to be used for the volunteer fire department?

Town of Monument Issue 2B: Without increasing taxes, shall the Town of Monument be permitted to collect, retain, and spend the full amount of revenues generated from all sources during fiscal years 2016-2019, with the moneys to be spent for town parks, recreation, and senior services?

City of Manitou Springs Issue 2E: Shall Manitou Springs be permitted to retain and spend \$57,993 received from the city's special retail marijuana sales tax?

City of Manitou Springs Issue 2F: Shall the temporary property tax of 0.8 mills, which is set to expire on December 31, 2012, be extended to December 31, 2032, with the moneys to be used to acquire and care for open space, new parks, and scenic vistas?

City of Manitou Springs Issue 2G: Shall the temporary sales tax of 0.1%, which is set to expire on December 31, 2020, be extended to December 31, 2032, with the moneys to be used to acquire and care for open space, new parks, and scenic vistas?

Manitou Springs School District 14 Issue 3B: Shall Manitou Springs School District 14 property taxes be increased by \$1.8 million, with the moneys used to attract and retain staff and maintain and upgrade schools?

Elbert Fire Protection District Issue 4A: Shall Elbert Fire Protection District property taxes be increased \$95,411 annually by imposing an additional mill levy up to 3.925 mills, with the moneys to be used for additional part-time personnel, adding cisterns, and maintaining and replacing aging firefighter equipment, engines, and stations?

Hanover Fire Protection District Issue 5A: Shall Hanover Fire Protection District property taxes be increased by \$96,719 annually, with the moneys to be used for emergency and general operating expenses, purchasing adequate personal protection and emergency operations equipment, retaining and recruiting operational members, and purchasing fire apparatus?