

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**BLANCA/FORT GARLAND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
COSTILLA COUNTY, COLORADO**

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election date: May 3, 2022

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election by Mail Ballot

Deadline for receipt of ballots: May 3, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Tomas Maestas, Administrator, Blanca/ Ft. Garland Community Center, 17591 E Hwy 160 Blanca, Colorado 81123; telephone number (719) 379-3450

Ballot title and text:

Ballot Issue 6A:

SHALL BLANCA/FORT GARLAND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GENERAL FUND TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$154,000 ANNUALLY (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023) AND BY SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH EXTENSION OF THE MILL LEVY CURRENTLY IMPOSED AT A RATE OF 2.235 MILLS FOR PAYMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S RETIRING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND SHALL THE REVENUE FROM SUCH MILL LEVY EXTENSION CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending	
2018 (actual)	\$667,483	
2019 (actual)	\$674,483	
2020 (actual)	\$702,327	
2021 (actual)	\$707,994	
2022 (current fiscal year estimated)	\$710,785	
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending:		6.49%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending:		\$43,302
Estimated 2023 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increases authorized by the ballot issue:		\$610,785

Estimated 2023 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 6A:

\$154,000

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6A:

Issue 6A is not a tax increase, but a repurposing of mills that will generate funds to encourage community growth, stability, and vibrancy. Inflation continues to affect individuals and businesses nationwide. Supporting Issue 6A means you're saying YES to MORE. More possibilities for all ages. More programming, more hours of sports leagues, more time with your families, friends, and neighbors, more matching grant funds, more opportunities for a healthy lifestyle, more educational opportunities, more community events. Our community needs more repetitive, annual options that will be available for decades to come. Voting for Issue 6A creates the much-needed funding for that stability.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.