



Steamboat Springs School District RE-2

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To: Education Fund Board members
Education Excellence Commission members
Technology Commission members
Capital Commission members
cc: Marian Engle
Kelly Stanford
Cathleen Nardi
Rick Denney
Mike Holloran
From: Cyndy Simms
Date: November 7, 2002
RE: ½ Cent Sales Tax Ballot Language

Enclosed is the ballot language for the elections held to date:
November, 1993
November, 1996
November, 1999

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(970) 879-8039 FAX

Steamboat Springs Middle School
5100 Amethyst
P.O. Box 774368
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
(970) 879-1058
(970) 870-0368 FAX

Strawberry Park Elementary School
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P.O. Box 774368
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(970) 879-7550
(970) 879-6217 FAX

Sada Creek Elementary School
220 Park Ave.
P.O. Box 774368
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
(970) 879-8652
(970) 879-7834 FAX

Transportation Facility
923 Critter Ct.
P.O. Box 774368
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1993 COORDINATED ELECTION

D ROUTT COUNTY	E COLORADO	F NOVEMBER 2, 1993
<p style="text-align: center;">REFERENDUM B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BALLOT TITLE</p> <p>SHALL EAST ROUNT LIBRARY DISTRICT (WERNER LIBRARY) TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$29,000 ANNUALLY THROUGH 2001 BY IMPOSING THE NECESSARY MILL LEVY TO MEET THE ANNUAL PAYMENTS ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ALREADY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS, AND SHALL ROUNT COUNTY AND THE LIBRARY DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND THAT AMOUNT?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BALLOT TEXT</p> <p>SHALL THE EAST ROUNT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT (WERNER LIBRARY), ROUNT COUNTY, COLORADO, TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$29,000 ANNUALLY OVER AMOUNTS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY TO GENERATE THAT REVENUE TO COMMENCE WITH THE YEAR 1993 LEVY AND TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE YEAR 2001 LEVY; AND SHALL THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ROUNT COUNTY, COLORADO, AND THE WERNER LIBRARY BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND PREMIUMS, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE WERNER LIBRARY'S PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND REFUNDING BONDS WHEN DUE, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT OR ANY OTHER CONDITION EXCEPT AS STATED ABOVE, AND FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE SHORTFALL IN 1993 REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUMS, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS RESULTING FROM THE PASSAGE OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION ("AMENDMENT ONE"), AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY ROUNT COUNTY, COLORADO, OR THE LIBRARY DISTRICT UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REFERENDUM C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BALLOT TITLE</p> <p>SHALL CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,150,000 ANNUALLY TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY INCREASING THE SALES TAX RATE FROM FOUR (4%) PERCENT TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4 1/2%) AND BY INCREASING THE USE TAX RATE FROM FOUR (4%) PERCENT TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (4 1/2%), AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF THE CITY'S SALES AND USE TAX NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BALLOT TEXT</p> <p>SHALL CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,150,000 ANNUALLY TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY INCREASING ITS SALES TAX RATE FROM FOUR (4%) PERCENT TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4 1/2%) PERCENT AND ITS USE TAX RATE FROM FOUR (4%) PERCENT TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4 1/2%) PERCENT COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 1993 AND CONTINUING THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1997, AFTER WHICH DATE THE RATES SHALL AUTOMATICALLY REVERT TO FOUR (4%) PERCENT UNLESS THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY SHALL SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION; AND SHALL THE CITY BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ANNUAL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE IN ANY YEAR AFTER THE FIRST FULL YEAR IN WHICH IT IS IN EFFECT EXCEED THE ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT STATED IN THE BALLOT TITLE AND WITHOUT ANY OTHER LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES 1301</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO 893</p>	

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law enacted by the initiative within four years of adoption unless approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the general assembly, and requiring that initiated and referred measures to amend the constitution be submitted to the electors at a general election and not at an election held in an odd-numbered year.

YES

NO

REFERENDUM B

"An amendment to section 20 of article X of the constitution of the state of Colorado, increasing the time period for mailing ballot information to registered voters before a ballot issue election."

YES

NO

REFERENDUM C

"An amendment to article XIV of the constitution of the state of Colorado, concerning the office of county sheriff, and, in connection therewith, authorizing the general assembly to establish qualifications for the office of county sheriff."

YES

NO

REFERENDUM D

"An amendment to section 20 of article X of the constitution of the state of Colorado, concerning the exclusion of funds for unemployment compensation from fiscal limitations, and, in connection therewith, modifying the definition of "Fiscal Year Spending" to exclude unemployment compensation funds, excluding actions relating to charges imposed to fund unemployment compensation from the voter-approval requirement for tax increases, and requiring a one-time reduction in district bases to exclude a portion of a district's fiscal year spending from unemployment compensation funds."

YES

NO

OFFICIAL BALLOT
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COUNTY.

FIRST FULL YEAR IN WHICH IT IS IN EFFECT EXCEED THE ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT STATED ABOVE, AND WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY ROUTT COUNTY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES

NO

**CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
REFERENDUM 2A**

"Measures referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and measures initiated by the people are listed numerically. A 'yes' vote on any measure is a vote in favor of changing constitutional or statutory law, and a 'no' vote on any measure is a vote against changing constitutional or statutory law."

TITLE: SHALL THE CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,367,495.00 ANNUALLY TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY EXTENDING THE INCREASE IN THE SALES TAX RATE FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (4 1/2%), AND BY EXTENDING THE INCREASE IN THE USE TAX RATE FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4 1/2%), AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF THE CITY'S SALES AND USE TAX NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS.

TEXT: SHALL THE CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,367,495.00 ANNUALLY TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY EXTENDING THE INCREASE IN ITS SALES TAX RATE FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO FOUR AND ONE HALF PERCENT (4 1/2%), AND ITS USE TAX RATE FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (4 1/2%), COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 1997 AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001, AFTER WHICH DATE THE RATES SHALL AUTOMATICALLY REVERT TO FOUR PERCENT (4%) UNLESS THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY SHALL SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION; AND SHALL THE CITY BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ANNUAL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE IN ANY YEAR AFTER THE FIRST FULL YEAR IN WHICH IT IS IN EFFECT EXCEED THE ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT STATED IN THE BALLOT TITLE AND WITHOUT ANY OTHER LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES

"VOTE YES OR NO ON THE FOLLOWING"

Ballet Text:

SHALL CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,837,500.00 ANNUALLY TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY EXTENDING THE INCREASE IN ITS SALES TAX RATE FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (4.5%) AND ITS USE TAX RATE FROM FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (4.5%) COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2001 AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009, AFTER WHICH DATE THE RATES SHALL AUTOMATICALLY REVERT TO FOUR PERCENT (4%) UNLESS THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY SHALL SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION; AND SHALL THE CITY BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ANNUAL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE IN ANY YEAR AFTER THE FIRST FULL YEAR IN WHICH IT IS IN EFFECT EXCEED THE ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT STATED IN THE BALLOT TITLE AND WITHOUT ANY OTHER LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUE OR FUNDS BY THE CITY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES
 NO

Total Fiscal Year Spending:

Year	Spending
1999 estimated	\$ 23,435,695
1998	\$ 19,666,230
1997	\$ 15,975,445
1996	\$ 14,336,346
1995	\$ 14,560,212

Overall percentage change: 61%
Overall dollar change: \$ 8,875,483

The amounts have all been adjusted for current year enterprise fund status.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TAX INCOME:

2001 estimated tax minimum (Steamboat Springs Education Fund .5%): \$1,837,500

2001 estimate of City of Steamboat Springs fiscal year spending without the tax renewal:
\$33,187,300

Note: City fiscal year spending is not affected by this tax as the City of Steamboat Springs acts as a pass-through agency.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF BALLOT ISSUE

Funds are used strictly for education. Funds maintain reduced class sizes optimal for learning. Funds will allow continued implementation of the District's

strategic technology plan, providing technological advancements, critical for our children preparing for the 21st century. Funds will allow implementation of a new Pay-for-Performance compensation program for teachers. All funds are deposited in a non-profit foundation (Education Fund Board) controlled by a board comprised of community members, independent of the School District. This board approves or denies all requests for spending that must originate with the community. Eight years of tax will assure funds to implement longer-term programs such as: Pay-for-Performance compensation for teachers and assure smaller class sizes on longer-term basis.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS OPPOSING THE BALLOT ISSUE

The passage will cost a Steamboat resident approximately \$60 per year, yet everyone who will pay this tax does not get to vote for it. It is unfair to burden tourists with contributing more than 60% of this funding toward Steamboat education. It is unfair to tax people living outside of Steamboat for goods and services purchased within Steamboat. The last eight years that the voters approved this tax was broken up into four-year segments allowing voter approval.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number

Office of the City Clerk
Steamboat Springs City Hall
137 10th Street/Post Office Box 775088
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
(970) 879-2060, Ext. 2.

UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION TO APPROVE A REVENUE CHANGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 AND THEREAFTER

Election Date: November 2, 1999
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

REFERENDUM-4A

Ballot Title:

SHALL THE UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, WITHOUT INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY OF 1.82 MILLS, BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND, FOR WATER CONSERVATION AND BENEFICIAL USE AND OTHER LAWFUL AND AUTHORIZED PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT, ALL REVENUES AND OTHER FUNDS COLLECTED DURING 1999 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY TAX REVENUES OR FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE RESTRICTIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND C.R.S. 29-1-301(1)(a)?

YES
 NO

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF BALLOT ISSUE

The Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District,

located in Routt County and the Moffat County, is the governing responsibility for water conservation of the water resources of the Upper Basin. Since it was formed in 1911 many projects have benefited the culture, municipalities, industry, Northwest Colorado. The District operates Yampolo Reservoir and Reservoir, which provide water to municipal water systems of Yampa Springs, and Hayden and industry. District has been very successful in fighting against large federal and state interest loans. For instance, the Reservoir was financed with a \$5 million grant and a 4.5% state loan. With time and three part-time employees managed to keep its administration and use its revenues from a small mill levy and other sources for the citizens of this area. Over the years the District has been successful in securing water rights of this area from the Front Range and from California. Lately, in cooperation with the District has constructed improvements on the Yampa River for getting irrigator fields to reduce river bank erosion habitat and protect the environment.

The purpose of this ballot question is to allow the District to spend tax revenues from the mill levy, from other state and federal revenues (such as power) which the District receives. THIS DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY NEW TAXES. THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY OF 1.82 MILLS, RIVER AND OUR RANCHING HERITAGE. UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT REFERENDUM 4A.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS OPPOSING THE BALLOT ISSUE

No comments in opposition were received before the constitutional deadline.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number

Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District
C/O Weiss, Van Scoyk, & Co.
ATT: Gary Engle
Box 880550
Steamboat Springs, CO 80480
Phone (970) 879-6053

WEST ROUTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION TO APPROVE A REVENUE CHANGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 AND THEREAFTER

Election Date: November 2, 1999
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

REFERENDUM 5A

Ballot Title:

SHALL WEST ROUTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO,