



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

ELECTION TIME IS FAST APPROACHING:

While our little Village is going to have a relatively quiet ballot with two uncontested council races, an uncontested race for mayor and a question about a potential new tax on retail marijuana, the rest of the November Ballot is stacking up to be pretty significant. In addition to the Town's questions, the County will have its Healthy Communities Fund question, the Fire District will be asking to de-Gallagher their mill levy, and RFTA is asking for a property tax increase for improved operations. In addition to these local questions, below is a summary of Brownstein's [Colorado Ballot Initiative Tracker](#) of Colorado statewide ballot initiatives proposed during the 2017-2018 election cycle. At this point seven Citizen Initiatives and six Referred Amendments have make the November Ballot

Citizen-initiated ballot measures

- #93: Funding for Public Schools – seeks to create a “Quality Public Education Fund” in the state treasury to receive all revenues collected through an income tax increment for public school funding, to fund all-day kindergarten and to increase public education funding through a variety of methods including income and corporate taxes.
- #97: Setback Requirement for Oil and Gas Development – seeks to create buffer zones whereby new oil and gas production not on federal land must be located at least 2,500 feet from any structure intended for human occupancy, certain geographic features and any other areas designated by the state or local government and permits state and local governments to require greater setback distances.
- #108: Just Compensation for Reduction in Fair Market Value by Government Law or Regulation – seeks to add to the Colorado Constitution that private property cannot be reduced in fair market value by government law or regulation without just compensation.
*** Both CML and CAST have come out absolutely opposed to 108***
- #126: Payday Loans – seeks to lower the maximum authorized finance charge for payday loans to an annual percentage rate of 36 percent.
- #153: Transportation Funding – seeks to increase transportation funding by raising the vendor tax to 3.52 percent of all sales and the excess tax to 3.52 percent of all taxable sales, which would increase the money that goes to the transportation fund, create a local transportation priorities fund and specify how the money is spent on transportation.
- #167: Authorize Bonds for Transportation Projects – seeks to create a “Fix Our Damn Roads” Act that requires the Department of Transportation to issue revenue anticipation notes in a maximum amount of \$3.5 billion with a maximum repayment cost of \$5.2 billion and requires the department to use the proceeds for specific transportation projects.

- #173: Campaign Contributions – seeks to provide that if a candidate contributes or loans more than \$1 million to his or her candidate committee, his or her independent expenditure committee, or directs a third party to do so, then all candidates in the same election shall be entitled to accept aggregate individual contributions for a primary or a general election at five times the current rate.

Constitutional amendments referred by the Colorado General Assembly

- Amendment A: Removal of Exception to Slavery Prohibition for Criminals – would amend the state constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime and thereby prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude in all circumstances.
- Amendment V: Reduced Age Qualification for General Assembly Members – would amend the state constitution to reduce the age qualification for a member of the Colorado General Assembly from 25 years to 21 years.
- Amendment W: Judge Retention Ballot Language – would amend the state constitution to change the format of the election ballot for judicial retention elections by consolidating retention questions.
- Amendment X: Definition of Industrial Hemp – would amend the state constitution by changing the definition of industrial hemp from a constitutional definition to a statutory definition.
- Amendment Y: Independent Commission for Congressional Redistricting – would amend the state constitution by changing the way that congressional districts are drawn by taking the duty to draw congressional districts away from the state legislature and giving it to an independent commission composed of 12 citizens with restrictions designed to prevent control and influence by one political party.
- Amendment Z: Independent Commission for State Legislative Redistricting – would amend the state constitution by changing the manner in which state Senate and state House of Representatives districts are drawn and reforming the existing legislative reapportionment commission by expanding the commission to 12 members, authorizing the appointment of members who possess specified qualifications and prohibiting any one political party's control of the commission.

While I mentioned above CML's strong position of opposition to the #108, the CML Board has taken a position on each of the issues that affect municipalities. Once we receive a summary of all of CML's positions, I will get that out to you.

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Overall, I believe most would say last weekend's JAS event was pretty successful (especially if you are a Beastie Boys fan). Following the Friday evacuation, Town staff met with JAS staff on Saturday morning to make immediate improvements for the remainder of the weekend. With those changes/improvements in place, (and with no lightning) Saturday and Sunday departures went pretty smoothly. That said, because there is always room to be better, we are still working with JAS to complete a more comprehensive debrief that will identify needed operational changes, best practices and opportunities for improvement.

TID BITS:

- We have the gym floor scheduled to be sanded and brought back to life starting early next week. The job should be completed in 2 weeks.
- We are finalizing the proposed 2019 Budget. We continue to be in a strong financial position. We will present the proposed budget to the FAB on September 19 and start the presentations to the Town Council on October 1.
- The overlay project in front of the Fire Department will be completed the week of September 17 ish. The Wood Road project is wrapping up and the Town Park pedestrian crossing project is waiting for the delivery of light poles so that it can be completed. At this point, we are expecting Town Park to be completed in early November.
- Balloons this weekend and vintage cars and wine next weekend.
- Transit will switch to the fall service level starting on September 24. We will continue to have 15 minute service to the Intercept Lot during BRT times and Route 3 will be the only fixed route in service.
- Tonight from 4 p.m. -7 p.m. is the annual resident party and BBQ at Mountain View for folks living in the Town's rental units. As per usual, it is shaping up to be a good time because of the kinds of kids that will be there.

CC: Department Directors