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**SAMPLE COORDINATED ELECTION BALLOT
LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

Tiffany Lee Parker, Clerk & Recorder
La Plata County, Colorado

"WARNING: Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an eligible elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with a ballot is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment, or to a fine, or both." 1-7.5-107(3)(b), C.R.S.

Instructions To Voters: To vote for the candidate or measure of your choice, completely fill in the oval to the LEFT of the candidate or measure. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and receive a replacement. **VOTE LIKE THIS:** ●

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Durango School District 9-R Board of Education
District B - Two Year Term
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Stephanie Moran
☐ Steve Brittain

**Durango School District 9-R Board of Education
District C - Four Year Term
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Andy Burns
☐ Michael Wanger

**Durango School District 9-R Board of Education
District E - Four Year Term
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Nancy A. Stubbs

**Durango School District 9-R Board of Education
District F - Four Year Term
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Kim Martin
☐ Erica Max

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**Durango School District 9-R Board of Education
District G - Two Year Term
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Mick Souder
☐ DeeDee Kendall
☐ Carolyn Smith

**Bayfield School District 10 Jt-R Board Directors
Four Year Term
(Vote for Two)**

- ☐ Justin Ross
☐ Daniele Hillyer
☐ A. Koel Phelps
☐ Timothy Stumpf
☐ Kristi Smith
☐ Wendy Cox

**Bayfield School District 10 Jt-R Board Directors
Two Year Term
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Carol L. Blatnick
☐ Judy D. Spady

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 66 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$950,100,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER BY AMENDMENTS TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH TWELFTH-GRADE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREASING THE CURRENT STATE INCOME TAX RATE ON INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS AND IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL RATE SO HIGHER AMOUNTS OF INCOME ARE TAXED AT HIGHER RATES; REQUIRING THE RESULTING INCREASES IN TAX REVENUES BE SPENT ONLY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PRESCHOOL THROUGH TWELFTH-GRADE PUBLIC EDUCATION; ALLOWING ALL TAX REVENUES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THIS MEASURE TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT FUTURE VOTER APPROVAL; REQUIRING AT LEAST 43% OF STATE SALES, EXCISE, AND INCOME TAX REVENUES BE DEPOSITED IN THE STATE EDUCATION FUND; AND REPEALING CERTAIN EXISTING PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING REQUIREMENTS?

- ☐ YES/FOR ☐ NO/AGAINST

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Proposition AA (STATUTORY)

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$70,000,000 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX OF 15% WHEN UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA IS FIRST SOLD OR TRANSFERRED BY A RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY WITH THE FIRST \$40,000,000 OF TAX REVENUES BEING USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX OF 10% ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS WITH THE TAX REVENUES BEING USED TO FUND THE ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS ON THE RETAIL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY AND OTHER COSTS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE USE AND REGULATION OF THE RETAIL MARIJUANA AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS, WITH THE RATE OF EITHER OR BOTH TAXES BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF EITHER TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 15%, AND WITH THE RESULTING TAX REVENUE BEING ALLOWED TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW?

☐ YES/FOR

☐ NO/AGAINST

CITY OF DURANGO, BALLOT QUESTION 2A

WITHOUT INCREASING ANY EXISTING CITY TAX OR IMPOSING ANY NEW CITY TAX, SHALL THE CITY OF DURANGO BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ("AGREEMENT") TO BE ENTERED INTO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, WITH THE DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ("DFPD") PURSUANT TO WHICH:

- DFPD WILL BE THE SOLE PROVIDER OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE CITY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028, UNLESS EARLIER TERMINATED AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT;
- THE CITY WILL AGREE TO PAY TO DFPD AN ANNUAL FEE EQUAL TO THE FOLLOWING: THE ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES (AS DETERMINED AND CERTIFIED BY THE ASSESSOR OF LA PLATA COUNTY EACH YEAR ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 1ST OF THE PRIOR YEAR) MULTIPLIED BY 5.7 MILLS (THE PROPOSED MILL LEVY OF DFPD) AND AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAX WHICH WOULD BE PAYABLE TO DFPD BY THE LA PLATA COUNTY TREASURER EACH MONTH IF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY WAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DFPD;
- THE CITY SHALL PAY DFPD A CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$4,080,780 PAYABLE IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS OF \$22,671.00 DURING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT;

ALL AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN THE FORM OF THE AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2013?

☐ YES

☐ NO

CITY OF DURANGO, BALLOT QUESTION 2B

Shall the following ordinance be repealed?

ORDINANCE O-2013-11

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANGO ESTABLISHING, EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 1, 2014, A DISPOSABLE CHECKOUT BAG FEE OF 10¢ PER DISPOSABLE PAPER OR PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAG PROVIDED BY A GROCER (YEAR ROUND, FULL-TIME, SELF-SERVICE MARKET WITH RETAIL MARKET AREA OF 25,000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE) OR BUSINESS OPTING-IN TO A CUSTOMER AT THE POINT OF SALE FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSPORTING GOODS.

☐ FOR THE ORDINANCE (OPPOSED TO REPEAL)

☐ AGAINST THE ORDINANCE (IN FAVOR OF REPEAL)

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**DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R
BALLOT QUESTION 3A**

Shall the plan adopted by the Board of Education of the Durango School District 9-R, changing the number of school directors from 7 to 5, revising the boundaries of the director districts to reflect the change in the number of directors, and remaining with the director district plan of representation be approved?

☐ YES

☐ NO

**UPPER PINE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALLOT QUESTION 4A**

SHALL THE UPPER PINE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,622,000.00 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF 5.95 MILLS, BEGINNING IN 2014, WHICH INCREASE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REDUCTION BY THE BOARD AT ANY TIME; PROVIDED THAT THE ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY AUTHORIZED HEREIN SHALL LAPSE ON DECEMBER 31, 2024 UNLESS OTHERWISE LAWFULLY EXTENDED, AND SHALL SUCH INCREASE IN REVENUES AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE WITHOUT THE LIMITATIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW; AND SHALL THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON ALSO BE APPROVED FOR COLLECTIONS IN 2014 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS AN INCREASED LEVY UNDER C.R.S. §29-1-302?

☐ YES

☐ NO

**DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Referred Issue 4B. Replacement Mill Levy**

SHALL DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$3,080,692 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL YEAR (2013 TAXES PAYABLE IN 2014), AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM AN OPERATING MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED 5.7 MILLS, SUCH LEVY TO BE IMPOSED ONLY UPON THE ELIMINATION OF THE MILL LEVIES OF THE ANIMAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND HERMOSA CLIFF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY; PROVIDING AMBULANCE, RESCUE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE; MAINTAINING OR REDUCING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES; PROVIDING FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND SAFETY INITIATIVES; AND FOR OTHER EXPENSES WITHOUT LIMITATION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND ALL OTHER AMOUNTS RECEIVED ANNUALLY FROM ANY REVENUE SOURCES WHATSOEVER AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., OR ANY OTHER LAW?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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**LA PLATA COUNTY PALO VERDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
BALLOT ISSUE 5A**

SHALL LA PLATA COUNTY TAXES WITHIN THE PROPOSED LA PLATA COUNTY PALO VERDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3 BE INCREASED \$5,000 ANNUALLY, SUCH TAXES TO CONSIST OF AN AD VALOREM MILL LEVY IMPOSED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE OR WITH SUCH LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, THE REVENUES OF WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SUCH REVENUES TO BE USED FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES, THE SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES, AND ANY OTHER REVENUE OF THE DISTRICT AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND/OR SPENDING CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND FROM ITS MILL LEVY ANY SUCH AMOUNT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PERMITTED UNDER THE 5½% LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES IN 2014 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER?

☐ YES

☐ NO

**LA PLATA COUNTY PALO VERDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
BALLOT ISSUE 5B**

SHALL LA PLATA COUNTY PALO VERDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3 DEBT BE INCREASED \$560,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,120,000; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$112,000 ANNUALLY, OR BY SUCH LESSER ANNUAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S DEBT; SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LEASES, CONTRACTS, OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, ISSUED OR INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, REIMBURSING OR FINANCING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RELOCATING, INSTALLING, COMPLETING AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING, WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT, WATER IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY INCIDENTAL AND APPURTENANT IMPROVEMENTS TO SAID DISTRICT FACILITIES, SUCH DEBT TO BEAR INTEREST AT A NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT IN EXCESS OF 5.0% PER ANNUM, SUCH INTEREST TO BE PAYABLE AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES AND WHICH MAY COMPOUND AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT, SUCH DEBT TO BE ISSUED OR INCURRED AT ONE TIME OR FROM TIME TO TIME, TO BE PAID FROM ANY LEGALLY AVAILABLE MONEYS OF THE DISTRICT; SUCH TAXES TO CONSIST OF AN AD VALOREM MILL LEVY IMPOSED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE OR WITH SUCH LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, AND IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE ANNUAL INCREASE SET FORTH ABOVE OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE DISTRICT'S DEBT; SUCH DEBT TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE AT A PRICE ABOVE, BELOW OR EQUAL TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH DEBT AND ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3%; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF ANY SUCH DEBT AND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES, ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT, AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON, BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?

☐ YES

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**LA PLATA COUNTY PALO VERDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
BALLOT ISSUE 5C**

Shall La Plata County Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3 be organized?

☐ YES

☐ NO

**PINE RIVER CEMETERY DISTRICT
Referred Issue 5D. Administration, Operation and Maintenance Mill Levy**

SHALL PINE RIVER CEMETERY DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,222 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL YEAR (2013 TAXES PAYABLE IN 2014), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY A MILL LEVY AT A RATE OF 0.15 MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND ALL OTHER AMOUNTS RECEIVED ANNUALLY FROM ANY REVENUE SOURCES WHATSOEVER AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., OR ANY OTHER LAW?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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