

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election date: November 8, 2022

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

Election by Mail Ballot

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 8, 2022, by 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Derek Woodman, Archuleta County Manager, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147; telephone number (970) 264-8300

Coordinated Election Official: Kristy Archuleta, Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147; telephone number (970) 264-8350

Ballot title and text:

Archuleta County Ballot Issue 1A

SHALL ARCHULETA COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED \$6,525,000.00 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE COUNTY SALES TAX RATE BY ONE AND A HALF PERCENT (1.5%), (WHICH REPRESENTS A 1 AND ½ CENT INCREASE ON EACH ONE DOLLAR PURCHASE), WITH PROCEEDS FROM SUCH SALES TAX INCREASE BEING DIVIDED FIFTY PERCENT (50%) TO ARCHULETA COUNTY AND FIFTY PERCENT (50%) TO THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS; AND TO BE USED BY ARCHULETA COUNTY TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN ARCHULETA COUNTY, TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN NEEDED ARCHULETA COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO COVER THE GROWING COSTS OF PROVIDING EXISTING AND NEW SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY; AND TO BE USED BY THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN NEEDED TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO COVER THE GROWING COSTS OF PROVIDING EXISTING AND NEW SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF PAGOSA SPRINGS; AND SHALL THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME EARNED FROM SUCH REVENUE BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION 2022-98?

YES/FOR

NO/AGAINST

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2018 (actual)	\$21,006,810
2019 (actual)	\$29,170,380
2020 (actual)	\$33,616,893
2021 (actual)	\$39,994,310
2022 (current year estimated)	\$42,699,028

¹ Fiscal year spending does not include amounts expended by the District for bonded debt service.

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending
over the five-year period from 2018-2019 through 2021-2022: 103%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending
over the five-year period from 2018-2019 through 2021-2022: \$21,692,218

Estimated 2023 fiscal year spending without taking
into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 1A: \$45,161,534

Estimated 2023 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 1A: \$6,525,000

Summaries of written comments submitted:

The following summaries were prepared from comments submitted by persons FOR Ballot Issue 1A:

Overall, a sales tax increase is the best and fairest way to generate more revenue for needed infrastructure and road improvements. Tourists and other visitors to Archuleta County will pay a good portion of this tax as they also use the Town's and County's roads.

The proposed uses for the sales tax increase are critical areas that need to be addressed, and in fairness to residents, the tax burden should be shared with everyone, including tourists and other visitors.

If the 2018 sales tax increase ballot measure would have passed, the detention center would have been paid in full by now – with a good portion of the funding coming from visitors and tourists, and we could use that money to fix our roads. But it didn't and now we need to find a funding source for the roads. This is an ideal way to do that.

The following summaries were prepared from comments submitted by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 1A:

The Town and County leaders, current and past, have made poor decisions with taxpayers' money.

The County cannot properly spend taxpayers' money now and waste money on unnecessary projects. The County needs to properly learn to fiscally spend and conserve.

Inflation and the cost of living is already too high in the Town and County.

Since 2016, the amount of sales tax collected by Archuleta County government has practically doubled and now the County is proposing to extract even more money from struggling families.

The survey that was done confirmed that only a small percentage of likely voters “strongly agree” that Archuleta County can be trusted to spend taxpayer money wisely.