

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

**COPPER MOUNTAIN CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION AS
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

Mail Ballots will be sent by the Summit County Clerk to active eligible electors of Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District. Ballots will be available in the Summit County Clerk and Recorder's Office beginning Friday, October 5, 2018, and will be mailed no later than Friday, October 19, 2018.

Ballots are due in hand to the Summit County Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018 to be counted.

ELECTION DATE

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE MAILING AND CONTENT OF THIS NOTICE IS MANDATED BY AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 (THE TABOR AMENDMENT) OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND/OR THE LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE LISTED BELOW.

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL:

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Consolidated Metropolitan District
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LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE:

**Summit County Clerk & Recorder
Office Hours: 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday
Mailing: PO Box 1538
Physical: 208 East Lincoln Ave
Breckenridge, CO 80424
Phone: (970) 453-3479**

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT

COPPER MOUNTAIN CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN DISTRICT Ballot Issue 6C – Gallagher Revenue Stabilization

SHALL COPPER MOUNTAIN CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE MILL LEVIES ONLY IF, ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 6, 2018, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION DUE TO ARTICLE X SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT), SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD SUCH CHANGES NOT OCCURRED?

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FOR REFERRED MEASURE:

Voters living within the Copper Mountain Metropolitan District (CMCMD) (Operating jointly with Lake Dillon Fire Protection District as Summit Fire & EMS), are being asked to approve Referendum 6C because the district's funding is diminishing under the requirements of the Gallagher Amendment. That part of the Colorado Constitution reduces the amount of residential property taxes special districts can collect from property owners.

Like other fire districts, funding for fire protection comes almost exclusively from property taxes. Any decrease in this funding will therefore have a substantial impact. In 2018 alone, the annual impact from the Gallagher Amendment to the District budget was \$133,000, and the 2020 projections indicate the impact to increase to \$323,000. These automatic reductions have already precluded CMCMD from collecting what amounts to \$99 a year on a home valued at \$500,000 but voting yes would stop an additional \$142 decrease.

Over the past eight years CMCMD has seen a 26 percent increase in emergency call volume as it protects and serves a growing population and increased visitation to the area, despite roughly the same annual budget. Additionally, the wildfire season that was once four months now spans from March to October. Having sufficient staffing and equipment to combat rapidly spreading wildfires early is critical to protecting the community. Meeting these demands requires professionally trained emergency personnel. However, it is very difficult to do the job when the annual budget is reduced by the increasing impact of the Gallagher Amendment every other year.

If Referendum 6C is approved, CMCMD will be able to raise or lower residential property taxes to offset the deep, automatic reductions triggered by the Gallagher Amendment. Voter approval will allow firefighters and trained staff to maintain a realistic annual budget to meet the fire protection, wildfire readiness and emergency service needs.

A YES vote for Referendum 6C will not increase your tax burden and is a small investment that will pay vital, perhaps life-saving returns for you, your home, your family, and your community.

Vote Yes on 6C!

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST REFERRED MEASURE:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.