

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE MILL LEVY ON A TABOR QUESTION

Election Date: Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023,

Election Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

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**TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 6A:**

SHALL TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$3,950,000.00 COMMENCING IN 2023 FOR COLLECTION IN 2024 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR), AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF UP TO 4.00 MILLS, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RATE NOT TO EXCEED 8.465 MILLS, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS, OR DEBT SERVICE, TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S OPERATING, CAPITAL AND OTHER EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. EXPENSES RELATED TO PROVIDING FIRE SUPPRESSION AND AMBULANCE RESCUE;
2. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES;
3. THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT;
4. THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES; AND,

SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE REVENUE THEREFROM WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, THE 5.5% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT OF SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., OR ANY OTHER LAW; AND MAY THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL MILL LEVY BE ADJUSTED TO OFFSET REVENUE CHANGES FROM REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND LEGISLATIVE OR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2023 (estimated) \$5,591,705.00

2022 (estimated) \$5,178,777.00

2021 (actual) \$4,914,342.00

2020 (actual) \$3,219,937.00

2019 (actual) \$3,268,423.00

Overall percentage change from 2019 to 2023: 71%  
Overall fiscal spending change from 2019 to 2023: \$2,323,282.00

Current District Bonded Debt (Sunsets in 2024):

Principle Outstanding \$695,000.00  
Interest Outstanding \$340,000.00  
Total Repayment \$355,000.00

Summary of written comments for ballot issue "6A":

What does "YES" vote on Ballot issue "6A" mean?

To my fellow voters:

As you may know, the fire district is asking voters for additional funding in the May 2nd election. My 'YES' vote for the annual increase of \$288 dollars per \$1 million assessed home value is based on true need in our community and my desire for its continued development and the safety of our citizens.

The PANO.AI uses deep learning AI and computer vision to automatically detect, verify and classify wildfire events in real time. Pano software enables real-time viewing and triage of wildfire alerts, and built-in communication tools to get information out to the field. The current pilot program is \$100,000 annually with \$200,000 needed for continued annual maintenance costs. San Miguel Power is teaming up with the Fire District in supporting this project financially. Additionally, there are apparatus replacements needed for the Telluride Fire Protection District – seven units in the next 2-4 years, estimated at \$3.5 million.

Facilities are also in need of a facelift. Along with preventive and deferred maintenance, all 3 stations need a remodel including staff housing and offices, as well as community rooms. Station 1 is estimated at \$3-\$5 million, Station 2 estimated at \$4 million, and Station 3 estimated at \$2 million.

Finally, housing for our local emergency responders is needed through a purchase project or partnering with the Town of Telluride or the Town of Mountain Village. Both short term (rental) and long term (owner) opportunities for local emergency responders are needed. These first responders are critical for our community.

Our community is growing, and fire mitigation is a big concern in our region. We have more complex issues facing our communities.

The fire district has put great thought into this action plan and by passing through the help of your "YES" vote, I believe it will truly benefit our community and make our area safe and enjoyable for generations to come.

Summary of written comments against ballot issue "6A"

None received.