



GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2014

POLLS OPEN
7 a.m. TO 7 p.m.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/ON A CITIZEN
PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE.

For further information, contact:
City and County of Broomfield
Elections Division
Phone 303.464.5857
One DesCombes Drive, Broomfield
www.votebroomfield.org

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

A 'yes/for' vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of
changing current law or existing circumstances, and a
'no/against' vote on any ballot issue is a vote against
changing current law or existing circumstances.

This notice is mailed to each address with one or more
active registered electors.

The information contained in this notice was prepared
by persons required by law to provide summaries of
ballot issues and fiscal information.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 303.464.5857 OR VISIT
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8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, November 1
7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 4

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NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE STATION 66

1750 W 160th Ave.

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 4

NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE STATION 67

13875 S 96th St.

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 4

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Ballots may be dropped off at any of the voter service and polling centers listed above. You may also drop off your ballot 24 hours/day, 7 days a week at:

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PAUL DERDA RECREATION CENTER

13201 Lowell Blvd.

Official Ballot Drop Box (West parking lot)

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS
Adams County and the City and County of Broomfield, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Adams 12 Five Star Schools
Frances Mullins, Designated Election Official
1500 East 128th Avenue
Thornton, Colorado 80241
Telephone: 720-972-4007
Fax: 720-972-4008

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3I:

SHALL ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS TAXES BE INCREASED \$15 MILLION IN 2015 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED 8.5 MILLS FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- PROVIDING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WITH UPDATED TEXTBOOKS, TECHNOLOGY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, ALONG WITH TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING;
- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS BY OFFERING SALARIES AND BENEFITS THAT ARE COMPETITIVE WITH FRONT RANGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
- OFFERING ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED CLASSES FOR STUDENTS SUCH AS COMPUTER SCIENCE, VOCATIONAL, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES;
- RESTORING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS, PREVIOUSLY CUT, IN ORDER TO BEST ENHANCE AND MAINTAIN THE VALUE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS;

AND SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S.; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3J:

SHALL ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS DEBT BE INCREASED \$220 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$441.8 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$35.4 MILLION ANNUALLY TO FINANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND MONITORED BY A CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- EXTENDING THE USEFUL LIFE OF EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS BY REPAIRING, MAINTAINING AND REPLACING LEAKING ROOFS, LOW-FUNCTIONING HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS, AND PLUMBING;
- MODERNIZING, UPDATING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING CLASSROOMS TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF SKILLS NECESSARY TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN THE 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE;
- UPDATING AND ENHANCING SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY;
- EXPANDING AND EQUIPPING THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING TWO NEW SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS GROWTH AND OVERCROWDING;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE AND IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT), SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, INSTALLMENT SALES AGREEMENTS, LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OR OTHER MULTIPLE-FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS; SUCH DEBT TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH SERIES, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND AS THE DISTRICT MAY

DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE PERCENT; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S DEBT LIMIT BE INCREASED FROM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20% OF THE DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUE TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 6% OF THE DISTRICT'S ACTUAL VALUE, AS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSORS OF ADAMS COUNTY AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD; AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH DEBT PROCEEDS AND TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2014-2015 (estimated)	\$405,127,113
2013-2014 (unaudited)	\$419,970,564*
2012-2013 (actual)	\$400,331,347
2011-2012 (actual)	\$397,933,168
2010-2011 (actual)	\$409,417,531
Overall percentage change from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015	-1.04%
Overall dollar change from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015	\$-4,291,418

*Includes proceeds from a lease financing for technology improvements in the approximate amount of \$12.5 million.

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3I:	\$15,000,000
BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3J:	\$35,400,000

District Estimate of 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Spending
without Proposed Tax Increases: \$416,875,799

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3J:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$220,000,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 35,400,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$441,800,000

Information on District's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$264,582,875
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 31,535,326
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$407,871,160

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3I:

The Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to place Issue 3I on the ballot this November and ask voters to approve \$15 million for the Adams 12 Five Star School District operational budget. This much-needed revenue will help the district by providing for student instruction including:

- o Updating textbooks, instructional materials and technology, along with providing training and support to ensure our students are prepared for college and the workforce;
- o Attracting and retaining highly effective teachers by providing salaries and benefits that are competitive with Front Range school districts;
- o Expanding elective and class options for all students.

The key to a student's success is ensuring we have a great teacher in every classroom. Issue 3I will allow us to attract and retain highly effective teachers to ensure each student achieves success in the classroom and is prepared for college and the workforce after graduation.

A strong, successful school district benefits the entire community by providing a well-educated work force, attracting good businesses and protecting our property values. Issue 3I will cost homeowners \$5.58 per month per \$100,000 of home value. These are dollars we know will stay in our schools and benefit our students.

Adams 12 Five Star Schools has a record of streamlining administrative costs and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Out of 178 school districts in Colorado, the Adams 12 Five Star School District ranks the fourth lowest in terms of what it spends for administrative salaries and benefits. Out of every dollar spent, 81 cents goes into the classroom and classroom support. Only 19 cents goes to operations and maintenance, support departments, transportation and information technology.

Over a three-year period (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013), the district cut more than \$50 million from its budget. The district focused the greatest amount of cuts, on a percentage basis, on administrative and support staff positions so that it could maintain reasonable class sizes and maintain a broad and balanced curriculum. Other cost-saving measures include transitioning to a single health insurance provider for employees. This transition has resulted in approximately \$5 million in annual cost savings for the district.

The district's recent record of accelerating academic achievement creates a compelling case for additional investment:

- Academic growth in reading, writing and math is the highest it's been in three years.
- Every one of our comprehensive high schools exceeded the state's graduation rate.
- The strong performance of students throughout the district on this year's ACT raised the district's average composite score by .2 and improved the district's ACT composite for high school juniors to its highest level.

A citizen's oversight committee will be appointed to ensure funds generated by 3I, and its companion measure 3J, are spent how voters intended.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3I:

The Adams 12 school district has the highest school property taxes in the State of Colorado. Our taxes are more than 1 and ½ times higher than the state average. The Adams 12 mil levy is over 68 mils while the state average is less than 40 mils. This means a typical home east of Sheridan near 136th (in our District) pays over \$400 more property tax each year than does a similar home just west of Sheridan at 136th (in the Boulder district). One of the reasons for this situation is the unfairness in the school funding system. Instead of challenging the system and fighting for our District, our School Board members and District leadership have turned to the taxpayers to increase our taxes. The only way to make our School Board members and District leadership fight for Adams 12 is to say "No" to the tax increases.

Another reason for Adams 12 having the highest school property taxes in the state is the continued inaction by the District to lobby our State Representatives and Senators to fix the state school funding system. The unfairness of the system has been raised in previous bond and mil levy elections, but after the elections the District has failed to take steps necessary to support our students, teachers and taxpayers. Only a “No” vote on the bond and mil levy proposals will force the District to find the courage to fight for a long term solution to our funding situation.

Each year the District has nearly \$5,000,000 shifted away from our students and teachers. This money is shifted to economic development schemes by cities within the District. The majority of these schemes have not been approved by a vote of the people. Our District leaders have done nothing to stop this bleeding of taxes from the District. A “No” vote might push our leaders to defend our tax resources.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 3J:

The Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to place Issue 3J on the November ballot and ask voters to approve a bond package of \$220 million that will allow the district to provide much needed capital improvements. Due to lower interest rates and careful stewardship of your tax dollars by the Adams 12 Five Star School District, 3J **will not** create a new tax or increase your current tax rate.

This much needed investment will help the district by:

- Extending the useful life of school buildings by making critical repairs and renovations;
- Building two new schools in the northern part of the district to address overcrowding in existing schools;
- Building additions at three elementary schools to eliminate mobile classrooms;
- Updating school buildings to improve safety and security;
- Modernizing, updating and equipping classrooms to support 21st century learning;
- Increasing space to offer more students access to career and technical education opportunities.
- Issue 3J **will not increase the tax rate** due to lower interest rates and careful stewardship of your tax dollars by the Adams 12 Five Star School District.

Issue 3J and its companion issue 3I are the result of more than six months of community engagement including written surveys, town hall style meetings and citizen outreach. After hundreds of conversations with people across the district, a citizens group brought forward their recommendations to the Adams 12 School Board. Issues 3I and 3J are the result of those recommendations.

Issue 3J will provide one-time funding to address the district's deferred maintenance needs such as leaking roofs, antiquated HVAC systems, and outdated technology, as well as provide learning space enhancements to classrooms across the district. The bond also calls for building two new schools in the northern part of the district to address overcrowding in existing schools, and building additions at three elementary schools to eliminate mobile classrooms. 3J also includes additional space to offer more students access to career and technical education opportunities.

Every community will benefit from Issue 3J. More than half of the funds generated by 3J will be spent on existing schools. The bond also includes additional space to offer more students access to career and technical education opportunities.

We know strong schools build strong communities. Investing in facilities we already own as well as reducing overcrowding in our classrooms is good use of taxpayer dollars. Even if you don't have children in school this election is important. A school system with a tradition of excellence keeps neighborhoods strong and property values high. That benefits everyone.

Issues 3I and 3J will cost Adams 12 homeowners \$5.58 per month per \$100,000 of home value. This is a great value for all Adams 12 citizens!

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 3J:

Part of the funds from the bond issues will be used to subsidize residential building in the District. The new students added into the system will make all of our funding problems even worse. There is total hypocrisy in the fact that cities charge a full measure for water tap, sewer tap and park fees to pay development's fair share of capital costs but the District cannot charge fees to cover the capital costs for schools. For example, in Westminster a single family home must pay over \$26,000 for water/sewer taps, \$1,800 for parks but schools get less than \$900 in fees. It is plain that this current system is a subsidy for developers and growth. Our District leaders have been too timid to fight for the District's fair share. A "No" vote says that growth should pay the fair capital costs it imposes on the District.

Passage of these measures will not solve the District's funding problems. Our problems will be "kicked down the road". We need to remember that the passage of extra taxes in 2000, 2004, and 2008 did not address the fundamental unfairness in the system. Indeed, our leaders would have bought these tax increases earlier if the recession had not slowed growth in the District. A "No" vote will push the District to find the courage to address our fundamental problems and work toward solutions that will better serve our students, teachers, taxpayers and the State of Colorado.

Our district has a huge disadvantage when compared to our neighboring districts. Denver schools have 2 and ½ times the assessed value/tax base per student than do we. Boulder schools have 3 times the assessed value! To build and maintain schools costs the same anywhere in the Front Range. This reality makes it many times as hard for us to properly fund our schools. We must stop meekly accepting this unfairness. Our leaders must fight for our District.

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
ADAMS, BOULDER, BROOMFIELD,
JEFFERSON AND WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO**

Election Date: November 4, 2014

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

Local Election Office:

Designated Election Official: David A. Ramos, Fire Chief, North Metro Fire Rescue District, 101 Spader Way, Broomfield, CO 80020, Telephone (303) 452-9910.

Ballot Title and Text:

NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 4A

SHALL NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$5.1 MILLION ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE OF UP TO 3.5 MILLS, COMMENCING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2015, AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RATE, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS OR DEBT SERVICE, NOT TO EXCEED 13.226 MILLS, TO BE USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER BUDGET EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- AVOIDING CUTS IN EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MAINTAINING 911 RESPONSE TIMES;
- IMPROVING 911 RESPONSE TIMES IN DEFICIENT AREAS;
- PROVIDING FIREFIGHTERS ESSENTIAL SAFETY GEAR AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS AIR PACKS AND RADIOS;
- REPLACING AGING EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES; AND
- REPAIRING FIRE STATIONS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL SAFETY HAZARDS AND EXTEND THEIR USEFUL LIFE;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, OFFSET AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW AND AS A PERMANENT WAIVER OF THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH UNDER SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S.?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Spending</u>
2010 (actual)	\$22,779,015
2011 (actual)	\$18,153,653
2012 (actual)	\$18,785,095
2013 (actual)	\$20,587,230
2014 (estimated)	\$20,268,266

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2010 through 2014: (11.0%)

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2010 through 2014: (\$2,510,749)

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated 2015 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 4A: \$19,910,547

Estimated 2015 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 4A: \$5,100,000

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A:

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons FOR the issue:

Passage of Issue 4A will allow North Metro Fire Rescue District to avoid cuts in emergency services and maintain 911 response times.

A growing community with growing emergency needs

North Metro Fire Rescue District’s population has grown substantially over the past decade, and 911 call volume has increased at a significantly higher rate. Additionally, emergencies have grown more complex due to an increase in large-scale events. Resource intensive incidents such as weather-related disasters, mass shootings and hazardous material events all increase the preparation and response demands critical to protecting a larger, diverse community.

A problem of declining revenue and increasing costs

Despite growth, the fire district's revenue has not kept pace with expenses in recent years. This is due to the overall decline in property valuations, the increasing rate of inflation and cost of goods, and the much higher rate of inflation associated with fire service equipment and emergency response vehicles. Currently, North Metro Fire operates under a general mill levy of 9.726 – much lower than similar Denver metro fire districts, which average a general mill levy of 15.310. Under its current mill levy, North Metro Fire can no longer maintain its level of emergency services and balance its budget, much less extend services as the community grows.

An unavoidable consequence

North Metro Fire has tried to operate as cost efficiently as possible, deferring and cutting costs where possible. Without additional funding, North Metro Fire will need to reduce the number of firefighters and equipment used daily to respond to 911 calls. This would result in longer response times for residents and businesses.

Additionally, the District will be challenged to provide our local firefighters essential safety gear and communications equipment, such as air packs and radios. The District also lacks funding to replace aging emergency response vehicles and repair fire stations to address critical safety hazards and extend their useful life.

A vote to maintain emergency services and response times

By voting 'yes' North Metro Fire will be able to maintain its current level of emergency service and response times, and ensure the community's protection as it grows.

The estimated monthly tax impact is \$2.32 per \$100,000 of a home's market value – a modest investment with significant benefits to our community. And for seniors who qualify for the Homestead Exemption, the tax impact is even lower.

When it comes to emergency responses, every second counts. Issue 4A deserves our support.

Vote YES on 4A.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A:

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST the issue:

North Metro Fire District carries a debt load of \$29,000,000. A new administrative building in Broomfield, and a new training center north of 160th Ave. are responsible for the bulk of this debt. Both of these facilities are grandiose and in the case of the administrative building, larger than many municipal city halls. The training center is also state of the art, but despite past ballot question assurances, underutilized.

This ballot question asks for more tax revenue to fund current operational needs. Voters should give careful consideration before voting on this tax increase. Throwing additional taxpayer money at operational deficits shouldn't be the solution. For the taxpayer, this 3.5 mill levy will equate to \$27.84 increase per 100K of home valuation annually. For example, for a home valued at 200K, a \$55.68 annual increase, and for 300K valuation, \$83.52. This increase far exceeds the 1.5% COLA increase for Social Security last year, creating a burden for many residents of the district.

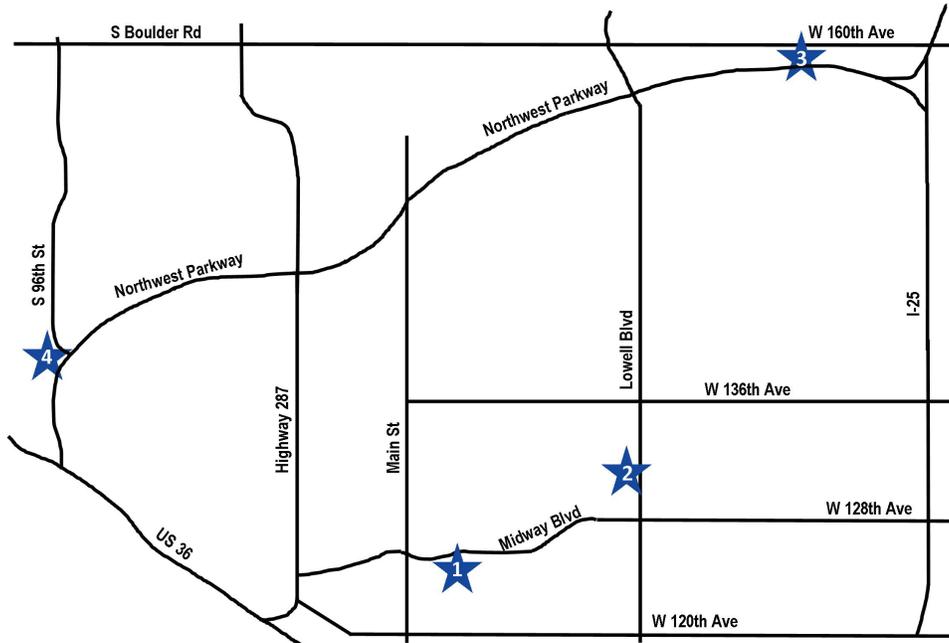
The District uses inflation and decreased home values caused by the recent recession as the cause of the current deficits. They claim both cause increases in operating cost deficits. In reality, home values are recovering, and the District has recognized this recovery, but the extent and speed of that recovery has not been given ample study over time. This steady recovery should reflect increased revenues attributed to rising home values and new construction in the district, thus making this mill levy increase unnecessary. The language of the ballot question itself addresses this potential for changing revenues in subsequent years.

The District chose to initiate medical transport at a time when the budget was in jeopardy due to the excessive debt load they carry coupled with diminished revenues. This was a fiscal decision whose timing was less than responsible. Fire responses only account for 2.5% of calls. Medical calls and the associated billing are not revenue generating, and currently only collect 50% of billed services. The District defends this practice, but is not a model used in many communities throughout the metro area. Taxpayers should not be financing medical transport, more cost effectively accomplished by ambulance services.

Other fire districts (North Washington and South Adams County) have accomplished mergers to achieve better efficiencies and control of costs. With multiple fire districts at the perimeters of the district, there should be administrative conversations about those possibilities rather than asking the voters once again to fund operational spending.

Vote no on Ballot question 4A.

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER LOCATIONS



- 1 - GEORGE DI CIERO CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING—One DesCombes Dr.
- 2 - PAUL DERDA RECREATION CENTER—13201 Lowell Blvd.
- 3 - NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE STATION 66—1750 W 160th Ave.
- 4 - NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE STATION 67—13875 S 96th St.

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