

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
OF A NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT ISSUE
FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Foothills Park & Recreation District (“District”) serves 93,000 residents in unincorporated Jefferson County while managing over 2,400 acres; and

WHEREAS, the District includes the Ridge Recreation Center & Pools, Edge Ice Arena, Lilley Gulch Recreation Center & Pool, Peak Community & Wellness Center, Foothills Sports Arena, Foothills Fieldhouse, Foothills Golf Course Complex, Meadows Golf Club and thousands of classes, programs and events.

The District also features 68 park sites including:

- Clement Park, Schaefer Athletic Complex, Easton Regional Park, Fehringer Ranch Park
- 43 neighborhood and community parks with four outdoor swimming pools and 21 greenbelts
- 6 regional trail corridors for public use, which combined with park trails, total more than 31 miles; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the District placed a TABOR question on the ballot asking the voters of the community (sub district A, which does not include the 6th avenue west area) to consider a general obligation bond of up to \$22 million, and a total repayment cost of \$41 million over 20 years to fund a variety of improvements including the construction of Ridge Recreation Center, various trails projects, neighborhood park development, Lilley Gulch renovations, construction of Deer Creek and Weaver Hollow pools and other projects. The ballot measure was successful with an affirmative percentage of 58.49% and the projects were completed over several years starting in 2001; and

WHEREAS, with the expiration of the debt in 2020, the opportunity presents itself to place a TABOR question on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 Coordinated Election to request consideration by the voters in the District to continue the currently existing mill levy associated with the general obligation debt pursuant to the ballot language adopted by the Board of Directors at the August 25, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District would continue to collect 1.534 mills only from households in sub-district A, generating up to \$1,962,073 in property tax revenue in 2021 and such additional amounts generated annually thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District has determined that this continued revenue will be used for general fund purposes throughout the District, including capital improvements and operational priorities directly related to:

- Maintaining, conserving and improving parks, open spaces, and natural areas throughout the District
- Improving, connecting and extending recreational trails for walkers, hikers, and bikers
- Repairing and improving aging recreation and district facilities to provide updated services for seniors, families and children
- Improving water conservation and energy efficiency by replacing aging systems

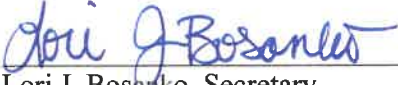
- Providing more active recreation opportunities for all residents and patrons

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Foothills Park & Recreation District that the Board expresses its support for the Ballot Issue continuing the District's current existing mill levy of 1.534 mills within sub-district A associated with the general obligation debt beginning in 2021 and annually thereafter for capital improvements and operational priorities contained in this Resolution, and endorses the factual statements contained in this Resolution for dissemination to its public.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Tim W. James, Chair



Lori J. Bosanko, Secretary