

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE
FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election Date: November 3, 2020

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

Local Election Office:

Richelle Riley, Designated Election Official: Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 South Ward Street, Littleton, Colorado, 80127; 303.409.2100, elections@fhprd.org.

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT:

FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6E:

WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE CURRENTLY BEING LEVIED BY FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT FOR THE PAYMENT OF DEBT ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SHALL THE DISTRICT CONTINUE TO COLLECT SUCH 1.534 MILLS GENERATING UP TO \$1,962,073 IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IN 2021 AND SUCH ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO BE USED FOR PURPOSES INCLUDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES IN ORDER TO STABILIZE AND ENHANCE THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATED MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT TO ALL RESIDENTS, 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;
- PROVIDING AND IMPROVING EXISTING ACTIVE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES, PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS INCLUDING SENIORS, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN;
- ENHANCING WATER CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY BY REPLACING OR IMPROVING AGING SYSTEMS;

AND SHALL SUCH REVENUES CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING AS PROVIDED BY THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND COLORADO REVISED STATUTES; ALL DONE WITH OVERSIGHT BY AN ELECTED CITIZEN BOARD AND SUBJECT TO AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

2020 (estimated)	\$26,480,646*
2019 (actual)	\$32,192,566
2018 (actual)	\$26,849,180
2017 (actual)	\$27,788,300
2016 (actual)	\$26,495,224

*In 2020, the District has experienced a decrease in operating activities due to facility closures and operating restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This decrease has led to reduced salary and benefit costs for personnel, decreased levels of supplies and purchased services expenditures and a decrease in capital expenditures for the year reflecting the District's efforts to reduce the financial hardship related to the pandemic. The original 2020 Budget included \$33,744,680 of spending.

Overall percentage change from 2016 to 2020: -0.06%

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase: No tax increase is authorized; vote would extend current mill property tax.

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$28,787,502

Summary of Written Comments For Foothills Park & Recreation District Ballot Issue 6E:

This is not a new tax, merely an extension of a previous mill levy approved by voters to repay a bond that is now paid. Improvements to parks and facilities with the continued funds is a benefit to us all.

6E does not raise taxes and is a small price to continue to pay for the great things Foothills does for our community! The Foothills Board of Directors unanimously voted to include 6E on the ballot to assist with implementing important goals of the adopted Master Plan, including improvements to aging parks, trails and recreational facilities.

Foothills has been an important part of this community since 1959 and has many neighborhood and destination parks with playgrounds and amenities, walking and biking trails throughout the community, recreation centers and facilities with programs for all ages. We have enjoyed all this with family and friends – providing wonderful memories. I support this election because it allows Foothills to continue to be a leader in parks and recreation, and continue to be a valuable community partner for the future.

As an active community member who uses our Foothills facilities, I support this tax extension. We moved to the Foothills area specifically for all of the activities our parks and recs have to offer. I fully support the tax extension.

Vote Yes to continue enhancing the quality of life for our community! Our home values, lives, and sense of community are improved by a great parks and recreation district.

During this pandemic, Foothills' parks and trails became even more valuable to our family. We gained a new appreciation for the opportunities that are so close to home. These awesome amenities kept our family from bouncing off the walls while staying at home! We are more than happy to support continuing this mill levy, without raising taxes.

This mill levy continuation won't raise our taxes and will result in continued investment into our parks and rec centers. Investment in parks, sports fields, tennis, pickleball, basketball courts, trails and facilities will give us more opportunities to be active and healthy.

We will be voting yes! The approval of the mill levy extension, which is not an increase in taxes to district residents, is an invaluable measure to allow Foothills to continue providing all the programs and amenities

to our community. Foothills has been an important part of that community, and our family has greatly benefitted. This is a continued investment in keeping our community the great place to live that it is.

Taxes will not increase with the approval of this mill levy extension. It will ensure that Foothills has continued funding to address the needs identified in its Master Plan. Continuing to pay only \$4.57 per month on a \$500,000 home gives the District the ability to continue to provide much needed parks, facilities and programs for the children, adults, seniors and families of our community. This will also provide the District with leveraged funding to apply for additional grants.

Summary of Written Comments Against Foothills Park & Recreation District Ballot Issue 6E:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.