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Colorado Municipal League releases spring municipal election results

April 7, 2021, Denver, CO – Municipal elections for city and town councilmembers were held yesterday in Colorado Springs, Durango, Fort Collins, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, and Ward.

Voters also had their say on several ballot questions. The following results are unofficial and subject to change.

Tax issues

Durango voters approved a lodging tax increase.

Municipalities have passed 61% of tax questions since voter approval was first required in 1993.

Marijuana

Grand Junction voters approved two marijuana-related questions — one to lift the moratorium on marijuana businesses, and a second authorizing both a sales and use tax and an excise tax on marijuana.

Charter amendments

Four of the five charter amendments on the Fort Collins ballot passed. Voters approved amendments pertaining to organizational matters of council, city council appropriations, publication of the annual independent audit, and updating obsolete language. The amendment that failed would have removed the stated prohibition on campaign contributions and expenditures from the charter to instead provide that campaign contribution prohibitions, requirements, and limitations be established by ordinance.

Colorado Springs voters approved a request to allow ballot titles for tax or bonded debt increases to exceed thirty words.

Other issues

Grand Junction voters approved a question modifying conditions placed on the development of certain property. In Fort Collins, a citizen-initiated question related to the rezoning of the former Hughes Stadium property passed.

Fort Collins voters also approved a ban on large grocers from providing disposable plastic bags and a fee on the use of disposable paper bags.

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