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MUNICIPAL SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

April 3, 2019, Denver, CO – Eight municipal elections were held around the state yesterday to elect city councilmembers and town board trustees. Voters in Colorado Springs, Craig, Durango, Fort Collins, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, and Ward had their regularly scheduled elections, while Aspen held a runoff election to decide between two finalists in the mayoral race, after holding its regular election on March 5.

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

Tax and Bond Issues

Durango voters approved a sales and use tax increase for street improvements. In Glenwood Springs, two measures to fund road improvements, a sales and use tax increase and a bond issue for up to \$16 million in debt, failed.

Fort Collins voters approved an extension of the “Keep Fort Collins Great” sales and use tax to be split between general operations and public safety purposes.

Grand Junction had three sales and use tax questions on the ballot. The tax to fund police, fire, and emergency medical services passed, while the tax to fund road improvements and the tax to fund the construction of a community center, which included authorization to increase debt by up to \$79 million, both failed.

Other Issues

Fort Collins voters rejected a citizen-initiated charter amendment that would have increased compensation for the mayor and city councilmembers to be equal to the area median household income.

Voters in Colorado Springs defeated a measure that would have amended the city charter to allow collective bargaining for firefighters.

Grand Junction voters considered two charter amendments: the first, concerning the process for cable television franchise renewal, passed, while the second, which would have increased the authorized terms for lease of public property, failed.

Grand Junction voters also approved the sale of certain public property.

Upcoming municipal elections include special elections in Larkspur on April 16, in Castle Pines on May 14, and in Eaton on June 18, as well as Denver’s regular election on May 7 and Mountain Village’s regular election on June 25.

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