



Certified Ballot Language
November 2, 2021 Coordinated Election

City of Westminster Mayor
(Vote for not more than 1)

Nancy McNally
Anita Seitz

City of Westminster Council Members
(Vote for not more than 4)

Bruce Baker
Sarah Nurmela
David DeMott
Karen Kalavity
Obi Ezeadi
Kathryn Skulley
Kristine Ireland
Kathleen Dodaro
Jon L. Voelz

Ballot Questions

Shall the Westminster City Charter, Subsection (d) of Section 3.2 entitled **Elective Officers and Terms of Office**, Section 3.5 entitled **Special Elections**, Section 3.18 entitled **Recall**, be amended to bring these sections into compliance with the requirements of state and federal law, including specifying that an elected officer shall be sworn in after certification of the results of the election, extending election deadlines to allow sufficient time for compliance with the State of Colorado Uniform Military Overseas Voters Act, and the Federal Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, and merging recall elections with general and special elections if within 120 days?

_____ FOR _____ AGAINST

Shall the Westminster City Charter, Subsection (d) of Section 5.1 entitled **Eligibility for Office and Employment in City**, be amended to provide for background checks by third-parties approved by the Westminster Police Department, in addition to the Westminster Police Department itself, in order to bring the charter into compliance with Colorado Bureau of Investigations and NCIC policies and requirements which prevent the City of Westminster Police Department from conducting such checks?

_____ FOR _____ AGAINST

Shall the Westminster City Charter be amended to replace exclusively masculine pronouns with gender neutral pronouns?

_____ FOR _____ AGAINST

Shall the Westminster City Council establish a commission to explore potential future charter amendments providing for the election of some or all city councillors from geographic wards within the City, rather than at-large?

YES__ NO__

Shall the City of Westminster, Colorado allow the operation of marijuana businesses in the city and amend the Westminster Municipal Code by the addition of new sections permitting, subject to regulations to be adopted by ordinances of the city, certain activities relating to marijuana, and by so doing repeal the sections 5-10-2, 5-10-3, or other sections of the Westminster Municipal Code, to the extent that they are inconsistent with such authorization, allowance of such operations being subject to and expressly contingent upon voter approval of the measure on the November 2, 2021 City of Westminster ballot authorizing additional taxation of marijuana businesses in Westminster, and contingent and only effective upon enactment of appropriate regulations by the City Council?

YES__ NO__

Ballot Issues:

SHALL CITY TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$2 MILLION ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX OF 5% ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS SOLD WITHIN THE CITY, WITH THE TAX REVENUES BEING USED TO FUND THE ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS ON THE RETAIL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, OTHER COSTS RELATED TO ENFORCEMENT OF MARIJUANA LAWS, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH MARIJUANA CONSUMPTION INCLUDING PREVENTION OF UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION, AND OTHER CITY EXPENSES, AND WITH THE RESULTING TAX REVENUE BEING ALLOWED TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW?

YES__ NO__

SHALL THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER TAXES BE INCREASED 5.0 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE RATE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES AND USE TAX LEVIED ON THE CITY BY FIFTEEN-HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SHALL THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER DEBT BE INCREASED 25 MILLION DOLLARS WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF 34 MILLION DOLLARS (MAXIMUM TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST) WITH ALL PROCEEDS OF DEBT AND TAXES TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF WESTMINSTER RESIDENTS, TO INCLUDE:

- MAINTAINING THE CURRENT LEVEL AND QUALITY OF RESPONSE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCIES AND FIRES, INCLUDING POLICE, FIRE, AND MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES,
- PROVIDING NECESSARY SAFETY GEAR, EQUIPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES, AND FACILITIES FOR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS,
- ENSURING ADEQUATE POLICE OFFICERS, CO-RESPONDERS, AND FIREFIGHTERS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO INCREASED EMERGENCY CALLS, AND
- IMPROVING TRAINING AND INCREASING MENTAL HEALTH CO- RESPONDERS TO SAFELY HANDLE EMERGENCY CALLS,

WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE, AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT, SUCH TAXES, ANY GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME THEREFROM BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SPENDING AND THE REVENUE LIMITATIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES__ NO__

SHALL THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER DEBT BE INCREASED 15 MILLION DOLLARS WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF 20.2 MILLION DOLLARS (MAXIMUM TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST) AND WITHOUT ANY TAX RATE INCREASES, SHALL THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER EXTEND THE CURRENT EXPIRATION OF THE ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS SALES AND USE TAX UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2041, FOR PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- PROTECTING WATER QUALITY BY CONSERVING NATURAL AREAS ALONG CREEKS,

- PROTECTING, ACQUIRING, IMPROVING, REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING ALL CITY PARKS, TRAILS, WILDLIFE HABITAT, OPEN SPACE, PARKLAND, AND RECREATIONAL AND OTHER FACILITIES, AND
- PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE RECREATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULTS AND SENIORS;

WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE, AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT, SUCH TAXES, ANY GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FOR PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS, AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME THEREFROM BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SPENDING AND THE REVENUE LIMITATIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES__

NO__