



LARIMER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

NOTICE OF ELECTION

**COORDINATED ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Tina Harris, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder

Elections Office
200 W Oak Street, Suite 5100
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Normal Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCAL BALLOT ISSUES

This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.

This Notice is mailed to each address with one or more active registered electors eligible to vote on this question.

The Larimer County Clerk and Recorder does not warrant, verify, or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot titles, issues, text, and summaries of comments as presented, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation in the materials presented.

For information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot issues, contact the respective Designated Election Official as indicated herein.

Ballot issues for the State will be mailed separately via the State's "Blue Book."

Further, this Notice does not contain ballot issues for those jurisdictions conducting separate elections. A separate Notice will be mailed to the appropriate voters within the jurisdictions conducting an election by mail or polling place. Voters may receive additional materials from other jurisdictions conducting independent elections.

A Coordinated Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM.

The election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballot materials will be mailed during the week of October 16, 2023, to every active, registered voter.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail (postage is 66 cents) or hand delivered to a designated ballot drop box location or a Voter Service and Polling Center.

After October 30, 2023, it is recommended that voters personally deliver their ballot to any of the drop box or Voter Service and Polling Center locations listed in the following pages of this Notice.

Ballots must be RECEIVED at the Larimer County Elections Office, a designated ballot drop box location or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Ballots received after 7 PM on Election Day will not be counted. **Postmarks do not count as a received date.**

Visit our website at vote.larimer.gov or call (970) 498-7820 to verify your ballot was received by the Larimer County Elections Office.

BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

(Open October 16 - November 7)

Drop off your voted ballot 24 hours a day at a ballot drop box location listed below. Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7 PM Election Night:

Bellvue Area

Ted's Place (Hwy 14/287), 92 Poudre Canyon Rd

Berthoud Area

Berthoud Community Library, 236 Welch Ave

Estes Park Area

Estes Park Municipal Building, 170 MacGregor Ave

Estes Park Vehicle Licensing Office, 1601 Brodie Ave

Fort Collins Area

Colorado State University, Lory Student Center

Elks Lodge, 1424 E Mulberry St

Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 4001 S Taft Hill Rd

Fort Collins Police Services, 2221 S Timberline Rd

Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr

Fort Collins Traffic Operations, 626 Linden St

Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields St

Larimer County Administrative Services, 200 W Oak St

Larimer County Human Services, 1501 Blue Spruce Dr

Northside Aztlan Community Center, 112 E Willow St

South Transit Center, 4915 Fossil Blvd

Laporte Area

Overland Foods, 3333 County Road 54G

Loveland Area

Loveland Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 5250 N Garfield Ave

Loveland Police & Courts, 810 E 10th St

Loveland Public Library, 300 N Adams Ave

Loveland Vehicle Licensing Office, 200 Peridot Ave

Red Feather Lakes Area

Red Feather Lakes Community Library, 71 Fire House Ln

Timnath Area

Timnath Public Works Building, 4800 Goodman St

Wellington Area

Wellington Public Library, 3800 Wilson Ave

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS (VSPC)

Drop off your voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change your address, register to vote, or vote on an ADA accessible voting machine at a Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC).

Visit any VSPC only during dates and times listed below.

VSPCs Open Beginning: Oct 30

Monday thru Friday, Oct 30 – Nov 3 (8 AM - 5 PM)

Saturday, Nov 4 (9 AM - 1 PM)

Monday, Nov 6 (8 AM - 5 PM)

Tuesday, Nov 7, Election Day (7 AM - 7 PM)

Colorado State University, Lory Student Center, Fort Collins

Larimer County Administrative Services, 200 W Oak St, Fort Collins

Loveland Police & Courts, 810 E 10th St, Loveland

VSPCs Open Beginning: Nov 6

Monday, Nov 6 (8 AM - 5 PM)

Tuesday, Nov 7, Election Day (7 AM - 7 PM)

Estes Valley Community Center, 660 Community Dr, Estes Park

Drake Centre, 802 W Drake Rd, Fort Collins

Front Range Community College, 4616 S Shields St, Fort Collins

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
LOVELAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: November 7, 2023
Election Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Local Election Office Address: Micki Mills, Designated Election Official,
Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland, P.C., 44 Cook St, Ste 620, Denver, CO 80206
Telephone Number: (303) 218-7206

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 6B

SHALL LOVELAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,900,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2024 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX OF UP TO 2.478 MILLS, FOR GENERAL OPERATING, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PURPOSES INCLUDING:

- PROVIDING STAFFING, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO ADDRESS WILDFIRES AND REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT,
- HIRING NEW FIREFIGHTERS,
- FUNDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING CENTER;

AND SHALL ALL EXPENDITURES BE MADE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE?

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2023 (Estimated)	\$ 6,964,638.00
2022	\$ 4,826,753.00
2021	\$ 4,607,190.00
2020	\$ 5,849,006.00
2019	\$ 3,675,543.00

Overall percentage change from 2019 to 2023 (estimated):	89.5%
Overall dollar change from 2019 to 2023 (estimated):	\$ 3,289,095.00
Estimated 2024 maximum tax increase authorized by the Ballot Issue:	\$ 1,900,000.00
Estimated 2024 fiscal year spending without proposed tax increase:	\$ 8,448,342.00

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 6B:

Please Vote Yes on Issue 6B on the November ballot to support the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (LFRA). This measure will support LFRA's efforts to keep our community safe and support our firefighters by reducing wildfire risk, hiring additional staff, and improving aging training facilities.

The Loveland Fire Rescue Authority combines leadership and funding from two different jurisdictions—the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Loveland. The rural coverage area stretches from the Big Thompson Canyon in the west to east of Interstate 25 and the Johnstown area.

The Loveland Rural Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6B is paired with Issue 2F in the City of Loveland, which also seeks a tax increase to fund the same priorities for the LFRA. It's critical that both Loveland Rural Fire Protection District and City of Loveland voters approve issues 6B and 2F so that LFRA can protect our communities and support its firefighters.

The LFRA serves more than 109,000 residents in the city and rural areas, which swells during the year with tourists and outdoor enthusiasts. As Loveland and the surrounding region experience significant growth, the employees, volunteers, and staff at LFRA continue to provide exceptional emergency response and fire mitigation and prevention services, however it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep up with the growing need. Since 2012 the full-time population of the region served has increased 18 percent and call volume has increased by 66 percent. With more people in our area, threats from fire and other emergencies are growing. The dedicated employees of LFRA are depended on and are continually asked to do more.

A strategic plan was completed by LFRA to identify and address numerous challenges: population growth, increased threats from wildfires, staffing for emergencies and prevention, and equipment and facility needs. Based on feedback from internal and external stakeholders, Issue 6B was developed to address necessary improvements to general operations including:

- Providing staffing, equipment and training to address wildfires and reduce wildfire risk;
- Hiring new firefighters to address staffing shortages; and
- Funding capital improvements across the LFRA, including the firefighter training center.

By continuing to invest in community fire protection, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority will be able to maintain the high levels of service experienced today. Issue 6B is a 2.478 mill levy for prevention, operations and training and would cost about \$84 per year—about \$7 per month—for a \$500,000 home value within the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District. If approved by voters, the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District mill levy will still be less than neighboring districts, including Wellington Fire Protection District, Berthoud Fire Protection District and Front Range Fire Rescue.

Voting Yes on Issue 6B will allow the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority to ensure that it continues to meet or exceed your expectations of service, that their staff and volunteers are kept safe through proper training and equipment, and that our community is prepared for the future. Please vote yes on Issue 6B.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 6B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

END OF BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE

As required by Colorado Statutes (C.R.S. 1-7-905), I hereby certify the ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the first name.

Tina Harris
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