

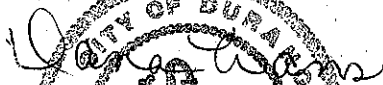


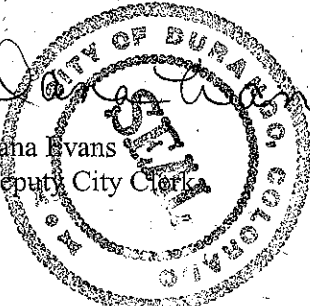
STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF LA PLATA) ss.
CITY OF DURANGO)

I, Dana Evans, duly appointed Deputy City Clerk of the City of Durango, La Plata County, Colorado, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the TABOR Notice to be sent to each registered voting household for the City of Durango.

In addition, to the certified copy, I have submitted an electronic version to the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder Linda Daley.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Durango this 26th day of September 2006.


Dana Evans
Deputy City Clerk

The official seal of the City of Durango, Colorado. It is a circular seal with the text "CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO" around the perimeter. In the center, there is a smaller circular emblem with a mountain and a sun. The seal is stamped in black ink.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

City of Durango
La Plata County, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2006
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Clerk and Recorder
La Plata County, Colorado
1060 E. 2nd Avenue, Room #134
Durango, Colorado 81301
Telephone: (970) 382-6296

Ballot Title and Text:

Referred Measure 2A:

A QUESTION TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE CITY DEBT (WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES) TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, COMPLETION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW LIBRARY FACILITY.

SHALL CITY OF DURANGO DEBT BE INCREASED \$15,890,000 WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF \$26,305,900 WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAXES OR TAX RATE INCREASES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A SITE FOR A NEW LIBRARY FACILITY, CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING AND EQUIPPING SUCH LIBRARY FACILITY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

THE CITY MAY PLEDGE TO THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY ON APRIL 5, 2005 OR ANY OTHER LEGALLY AVAILABLE REVENUES OF THE CITY, AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL;

THE DEBT MAY BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH SERIES, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND AS THE CITY MAY

DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE PERCENT;

THE CITY IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE DEBT TO REFUND THE DEBT AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH REFUNDING DEBT, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER DEBT INCURRED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO THIS AUTHORIZATION, IS ISSUED ON TERMS WHICH DO NOT EXCEED THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AND TOTAL REPAYMENT COSTS AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION; AND

THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH BOND PROCEEDS MAY BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER REVENUE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THE LAWS OF THE STATE?

Total City Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2006 (estimated)	\$ 34,059,864
2005 (actual)	\$ 32,727,993
2004 (actual)	\$ 27,794,233
2003 (actual)	\$ 26,547,172
2002 (actual)	\$ 23,841,689
Overall percentage change from 2002 to 2006	42.8 %
Overall dollar change from 2002 to 2006	\$ 10,218,175

Information on City's Proposed Debt

Referred Measure 2A:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 15,890,000
Maximum Annual City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 1,450,000
Total City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 26,305,900

Information on City's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$ 11,015,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 1,213,250
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$ 15,295,629

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Referred Measure 2A:

In April 2005, city voters approved a one-half cent increase in the local sales tax. One quarter cent of the increase is dedicated to parks, trails and open space acquisition. The other one quarter cent is dedicated for city capital improvements, including a new public library. The one half cent increase is for a 20 year period. The city has been collecting funds generated by the sales tax since July 2005. Colorado's Constitution requires the city to gain voter approval to sell bonds in the amount of \$15,890,000 necessary to finance the purchase of the former Mercy hospital campus and the construction of the library, pledging revenues from the sales tax to repay the bonds. Referred Measure 2A is not a tax increase; it grants the city permission to sell the bonds. A simple analogy is like buying a home; most people do not have cash in hand to pay the total sales price. So they take out a mortgage loan and pay for the house over a specified time period.

From early to mid 2006, numerous public meetings were held seeking input into the scope and design of a new library building. Over 1000 comments and suggestions were received. The proposed library design reflects those community desires. A two story building of approximately 42,000 square feet will be located on the former hospital site overlooking the Animas River. As proposed, this 21st Century library will feature:

- Space for enhanced collections of all types
- Dedicated areas for children and young adults
- The latest technology throughout the building
- A children's story time area and outdoor patio
- A quiet interior reading room and outdoor reading gardens
- Flexible program space which may also be used for public meetings
- A design which enhances public access and permits staff to work efficiently
- A Southwest History area
- Group study rooms
- Community gathering spaces
- A small retail space for Friends of the Library
- A coffee cart
- Public art
- Future expansion capability
- ADA access from the Animas River Trail
- Parking for cars, bikes and strollers
- Convenient in-lobby and drive-up book drops
- Sustainable design features appropriate for our geographic location and long-term operating efficiencies

Compare this to the present century-old, antiquated, cramped 15,000 square foot building, where for years the book collection has not been able to grow, and where there is inadequate space for young adult collections and activities, extremely limited space for children's story time and other programs, limited seating, and only a few on-street paid parking spaces. Durango needs and deserves a quality new library for the 21st Century.

The library is a vital educational, recreational and quality of life resource for Durango and the entire region. City voters approved the funding for a new library with the approval of the sales tax increase in 2005. Now, please join in authorizing the city to sell the bonds necessary to build our new public library.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Referred Measure 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.