

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

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Ballot Title and Text:

LOWER VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE A:

SHALL LOWER VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$669,328 IN 2019, AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM A TOTAL LEVY OF 8.313 MILLS (AN INCREASE OF 3.0 MILLS, RESULTING IN AN EXPECTED 2019 ANNUAL TAX INCREASE OF \$32.40 FOR A RESIDENCE WORTH \$100,000) FOR OPERATING AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING:

(1) CAPITAL ACQUISITION OF APPARATUS, EXPANSION AND UPGRADE OF THE LOMA STATION; AND

(2) MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO DISTRICT FACILITIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FIRE APPARATUS AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT; AND

(3) INCREASING CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS, TO INCLUDE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF PERSONNEL.

WITH THE DISTRICT'S ENTIRE OPERATING MILL LEVY RATE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT TO OFFSET REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2018 (estimated)	\$2,181,264
2017 (actual)	*\$2,376,220
2016 (actual)	\$2,421,405
2015 (actual)	\$2,729,357
2014 (actual)	\$3,943,121

*Estimated

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018: (44.68%)

Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018: \$(1,761,857)

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase: \$ 669,328

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$2,181,264

Summary of Written Comments For the Proposal:

I am a District resident who cares about the future of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District. While I am employed by the District as Fire Chief, I am writing this statement as a resident and taxpayer of the District, who cares about the future of our fire department. The District is seeking a mill levy tax increase on May 8, 2018 to get approval for a 3.00 mill increase. If approved by the voters, the cost for Lower Valley Fire District services will remain one of the lowest in Mesa County.

The Lower Valley Fire District currently covers 408 square miles by a combination of career, volunteer and reserve firefighters. The District has seen a 74% increase in total calls for service since the last increase in 2004. Tremendous growth in our district has put a strain on the Fire District's day-to-day operations.

This mill levy increase is critical for the replacement of existing aging equipment, hiring of additional personnel, upgrading of our Loma station and recruitment and retention of our current members.

The TOTAL cost increase of this issue would be approximately \$ 3.60 per month for a \$200,000.00.

Please Vote "YES" for this tax measure
Fire Chief and District Resident Frank Cavaliere

Summary of Written Comments Against the Proposal:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.