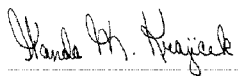



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**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO  
REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
APRIL 8, 2003**

  
Wanda M. Krajcek, City Clerk  
Fort Collins, Colorado

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice like this  (Use any No. 2 pencil or black pen. DO NOT USE A RED PEN.)**

<p><b>MAYOR</b> Two -Year Term (Vote for <b>ONE</b>)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LeRoy Gomez <input type="radio"/> Susan Kirkpatrick <input type="radio"/> Ray Martinez <input type="radio"/> _____</p>	<p><b>COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4</b> Four -Year Term (Vote for <b>ONE</b>)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Glen Colton <input type="radio"/> Kurt Kastein <input type="radio"/> _____</p>	<p><b>BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2</b></p> <p><b>A CITY-INITIATED MEASURE PROPOSING A 1% CONSTRUCTION TAX TO FUND CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b></p> <p>SHALL CITY OF FORT COLLINS TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$2.5 MILLION FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX ON THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY AT THE RATE OF 1% OF THE COST OF SUCH CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION, EXCEPT FOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>RESIDENTIAL REMODELING PROJECTS THAT DO NOT CREATE ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS;</li><li>COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REMODELING PROJECTS THAT DO NOT ADD SQUARE FOOTAGE; AND</li><li>"AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS" AS DEFINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.</li></ul> <p>COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2003, AND CONTINUING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, WITH THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING SUCH TAX FOR ANOTHER TEN (10) YEARS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY BEFORE THE END OF THE INITIAL TEN-YEAR PERIOD, AND WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH NEW TAX, TOGETHER WITH INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, TO BE USED TO PAY FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL NO LESS THAN ONCE EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SHOWN ON A TWENTY (20) YEAR TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN, WITH THE FIRST PHASE OF SUCH PLAN TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:</p> <p>HARMONY ROAD, COLLEGE TO SENECA COLLEGE/HARMONY INTERSECTION SHIELDS/HARMONY INTERSECTION TIMBERLINE ROAD, PROSPECT TO DRAKE TIMBERLINE/PROSPECT INTERSECTION MASON TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR LEMAY AVE., LINCOLN TO CONIFER RIGHT OF WAY COLLEGE/DRAKE INTERSECTION TAFT/ELIZABETH INTERSECTION SHIELDS/ELIZABETH INTERSECTION</p> <p>WITH EACH SUCH PROJECT TO BE CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT LOCAL, STATE AND/OR FEDERAL FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND WITH THE SCOPE, COST AND SCHEDULING OF EACH PROJECT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AND SHALL THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND ALL OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH NEW TAX AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE LIMITATION ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p><b>BALLOT ISSUE NO. 1</b></p> <p><b>A CITY-INITIATED MEASURE PROPOSING A 0.25% INCREASE IN THE CITY'S SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b></p> <p>SHALL CITY OF FORT COLLINS TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$6.75 MILLION FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF THE CITY'S SALES AND USE TAX OF 0.25% (25¢ ON A \$100 PURCHASE), ON ALL TAXABLE ITEMS, WITHOUT TAXING FOOD, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2003, AND CONTINUING THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013, WITH THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING SUCH TAX FOR ANOTHER TEN (10) YEARS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY BEFORE THE END OF THE INITIAL TEN-YEAR PERIOD, AND WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX RATE INCREASE, TOGETHER WITH INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, TO BE USED TO PAY FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL NO LESS THAN ONCE EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SHOWN ON A TWENTY (20) YEAR TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN, WITH THE FIRST PHASE OF SUCH PLAN TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:</p> <p>HARMONY ROAD, COLLEGE TO SENECA COLLEGE/HARMONY INTERSECTION SHIELDS/HARMONY INTERSECTION TIMBERLINE ROAD, PROSPECT TO DRAKE TIMBERLINE/PROSPECT INTERSECTION MASON TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR LEMAY AVE., LINCOLN TO CONIFER RIGHT OF WAY COLLEGE/DRAKE INTERSECTION TAFT/ELIZABETH INTERSECTION SHIELDS/ELIZABETH INTERSECTION</p> <p>WITH EACH SUCH PROJECT TO BE CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT LOCAL, STATE AND/OR FEDERAL FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND WITH THE SCOPE, COST AND SCHEDULING OF EACH PROJECT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AND SHALL THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND EXPEND ALL OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX RATE INCREASE AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE LIMITATION ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>		

**REVIEW YOUR BALLOT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED YOUR CHOICES**  
Voted ballot must be returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2003.