




SAMPLE BALLOT

Official Ballot for 2024 General Election
Mesa County, Colorado
Tuesday, November 5, 2024


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<p>To vote for a named candidate, or for or against a ballot measure, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Use blue or black ink.</p>	<p>If a race includes a write-in line, you may vote for a write-in candidate by completely filling in the oval to the right of the line and printing at least the last name of an eligible write-in candidate on the line.</p>	<p>To make a correction, draw a bold line through the oval and candidate name or ballot measure selection marked by mistake, then fill in the oval next to the correct name. If you voted for the only candidate in a race and want to withdraw that vote, you must request a replacement ballot.</p>

WARNING: Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an eligible elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with a ballot is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment, or to a fine, or both. Section 1-7.5-107(3)(b), C.R.S.

Federal Offices	County Offices	State Ballot Measures
<p>Presidential Electors (Vote for One Pair)</p> <p>Democratic Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Republican Donald J. Trump / JD Vance <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Approval Voting Blake Huber / Andrea Denault <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Libertarian Chase Russell Oliver / Mike ter Maat <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Green Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware <input type="radio"/></p> <p>American Constitution Randall Terry / Stephen E Broden <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Unity Cornel West / Melina Abdullah <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Unaffiliated Robert F. Kennedy Jr. / Nicole Shanahan <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-In <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Mesa County Commissioner - District 1 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Republican Cody Davis <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Democratic Tom Acker <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-In <input type="text"/></p> <p>Mesa County Commissioner - District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Republican JJ Fletcher <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Judicial Retention Questions (Vote YES or NO)</p> <p>Colorado Supreme Court Justice</p> <p>Shall Justice Maria E. Berkenkotter of the Colorado Supreme Court be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Shall Justice Brian D. Boatright of the Colorado Supreme Court be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Shall Justice Monica M. Márquez of the Colorado Supreme Court be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Colorado Court of Appeals Judge</p> <p>Shall Judge Stephanie Dunn of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Shall Judge Jerry N. Jones of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Shall Judge W. Eric Kuhn of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Shall Judge Gilbert M. Román of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Shall Judge Timothy J. Schutz of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>County Court Judge - Mesa</p> <p>Shall Judge Michael Joseph Grattan III of the Mesa County Court be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Amendment H (CONSTITUTIONAL)</p> <p>Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning judicial discipline, and, in connection therewith, establishing an independent judicial discipline adjudicative board, setting standards for judicial review of a discipline case, and clarifying when discipline proceedings become public? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Amendment I (CONSTITUTIONAL)</p> <p>Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning creating an exception to the right to bail for cases of murder in the first degree when proof is evident or presumption is great? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Amendment J (CONSTITUTIONAL)</p> <p>Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution removing the ban on same-sex marriage? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Amendment K (CONSTITUTIONAL)</p> <p>Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the modification of certain deadlines in connection with specified elections? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Amendment 79 (CONSTITUTIONAL)</p> <p>Shall there be a change to the Colorado constitution recognizing the right to abortion, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the state and local governments from denying, impeding, or discriminating against the exercise of that right, allowing abortion to be a covered service under health insurance plans for Colorado state and local government employees and for enrollees in state and local governmental insurance programs? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Amendment 80 (CONSTITUTIONAL)</p> <p>Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution establishing the right to school choice for children in kindergarten through 12th grade, and, in connection therewith, declaring that school choice includes neighborhood, charter, and private schools; home schooling; open enrollment options; and future innovations in education? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Proposition JJ (STATUTORY)</p> <p>Without raising taxes, may the state keep and spend all sports betting tax revenue above voter-approved limits to fund water conservation and protection projects instead of refunding revenue to casinos? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Proposition KK (STATUTORY)</p> <p>SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$39,000,000 ANNUALLY TO FUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND AT-RISK YOUTH, SCHOOL SAFETY AND GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES BY AUTHORIZING A TAX ON GUN DEALERS, GUN MANUFACTURERS, AND AMMUNITION VENDORS AT THE RATE OF 6.5% OF THE NET TAXABLE SALES FROM THE RETAIL SALE OF ANY GUN, GUN PRECURSOR PART, OR AMMUNITION, WITH THE STATE KEEPING AND SPENDING ALL OF THE NEW TAX REVENUE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Proposition 127 (STATUTORY)</p> <p>Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning a prohibition on the hunting of mountain lions, lynx, and bobcats, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the intentional killing, wounding, pursuing, entrapment, or discharging or releasing of a deadly weapon at a mountain lion, lynx, or bobcat; creating eight exceptions to this prohibition including for the protection of human life, property, and livestock; establishing a violation of this prohibition as a class 1 misdemeanor; and increasing fines and limiting wildlife license privileges for persons convicted of this crime? YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Representative to the 119th United States Congress - District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Democratic Adam Frisch <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Republican Jeff Hurd <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Libertarian James Wiley <input type="radio"/> <small>(Signed declaration to limit service to no more than 3 terms)</small></p> <p>Unity Adam Withrow <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>State Offices</p> <p>State Board of Education Member - Congressional District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Republican Sherri M Wright <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Democratic Ellen Angeles <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Regent of the University of Colorado - At Large (Vote for One)</p> <p>Republican Eric Rinard <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Democratic Elliott Hood <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Approval Voting Thomas Reasoner <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Unity T.J. Cole <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Regent of the University of Colorado - Congressional District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Republican Ray Scott <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Democratic Robert B. Logan <input type="radio"/></p> <p>State Representative - District 54 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Republican Matt Soper <input type="radio"/></p> <p>District Attorney - 21st Judicial District (Vote for One)</p> <p>Republican Dan Rubinstein <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Ballot Measures</p> <p>Ballot questions referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and ballot questions initiated by the people are listed numerically. A ballot question listed as an "amendment" proposes a change to the Colorado constitution, and a ballot question listed as a "proposition" proposes a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes. A "yes/for" vote on any ballot question is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "no/against" vote on any ballot question is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.</p>

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State Ballot Measures	Municipal Ballot Measures	School District Ballot Measures
<p>Proposition 128 (STATUTORY)</p> <p>Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning parole eligibility for an offender convicted of certain crimes, and, in connection therewith, requiring an offender who is convicted of second degree murder, first degree assault, class 2 felony kidnapping, sexual assault, first degree arson, first degree burglary, or aggravated robbery committed on or after January 1, 2025, to serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before being eligible for parole, and requiring an offender convicted of any such crime committed on or after January 1, 2025, who was previously convicted of any two crimes of violence, not just those crimes enumerated in this measure, to serve the full sentence imposed before beginning to serve parole?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Town of Palisade Ballot Issue 2A</p> <p>SHALL TOWN OF PALISADE TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$1,391,756.00 ANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE TOWN'S SALES TAX RATE FROM 2.0% TO 4.0%. SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMIT SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW; AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH INCREASED 2.0% SALES TAX BE COLLECTED AND SPENT TO FUND CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, INCLUDING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRST RESPONDERS, FIRE, EMS, POLICE, AND SAFETY PERSONNEL, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND RETAIN OR EXPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON FOR SUCH PURPOSES, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE LIMITATION ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Mesa County Valley School District 51 Ballot Issue 4B</p> <p>WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL TAX OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6.5 MILLION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2017, TO BE UTILIZED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS; UPDATING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND EDUCATOR TRAINING; EXTENDING THE LIFE OF BUILDINGS WITH FUNDING FOR PRIORITY MAINTENANCE; ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS; AND SHALL SUCH MILL LEVY BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY PURSUANT TO, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Proposition 129 (STATUTORY)</p> <p>Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes creating a new veterinary professional associate profession, and, in connection therewith, establishing qualifications including a master's degree in veterinary clinical care or the equivalent as determined by the state board of veterinary medicine to be a veterinary professional associate; requiring registration with the state board; allowing a registered veterinary professional associate to practice veterinary medicine under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian; and making it a misdemeanor to practice as a veterinary professional associate without an active registration?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>School District Ballot Measures</p> <p>Mesa County Valley School District 51 Ballot Issue 4A</p> <p>WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 DEBT BE INCREASED \$190 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$410 MILLION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF: ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL, SUCH AS ADDING AND RENOVATING CLASSROOMS TO REPLACE PORTABLE TRAILERS AND CONNECTING THE CAMPUS FACILITIES AS ONE SECURE BUILDING; ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING ADDING A SECURE ENTRY VESTIBULE, REPLACING OLDER CLASSROOMS, AND CONNECTING THE CAMPUS STRUCTURES AS ONE SECURE BUILDING; ADDRESS HIGH PRIORITY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AT ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS, SUCH AS ROOF REPLACEMENTS, ADA UPGRADES, AND FIRE SPRINKLERS; PROVIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AT ALL SCHOOLS SUCH AS FENCING, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND ADDED DOOR SECURITY; SPECIAL EDUCATION RENOVATIONS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO CREATE ADEQUATE SPACES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS AND INTERVENTION INSTRUCTION; LEARNING ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS SUCH AS NEW FURNITURE AND UPGRADED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY; AND TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE REMAINING AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE, FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING OR IMPROVING CAPITAL ASSETS CONTEMPLATED IN THE DISTRICT'S LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLAN; AND SHALL THE TAXES AUTHORIZED AT THE DISTRICT'S BOND ELECTIONS IN 2004, 2017 AND 2021 BE EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE USED TO PAY THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT THIS ELECTION IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT SUCH PRIOR ELECTIONS; SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3%, AND BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE IMPOSED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND ANY BONDS ISSUED TO REFINANCE SUCH BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Proposition 130 (STATUTORY)</p> <p>Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning state funding for peace officer training and support, and, in connection therewith, directing the legislature to appropriate 350 million dollars to the peace officer training and support fund for municipal and county law enforcement agencies to hire and retain peace officers; allowing the fund to be used for pay, bonuses, initial and continuing education and training, and a death benefit for a peace officer, police, fire and first responder killed in the line of duty; and requiring the funding to supplement existing appropriations?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>County Ballot Measures</p> <p>Mesa County Ballot Issue 1A</p> <p>WITHOUT RAISING TAXES SHALL MESA COUNTY DEBT BE INCREASED \$60,000,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$173,438,202 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND IMPROVING AN INTERCHANGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. INTERSTATE 70 AND COUNTY ROAD 29 AND THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 29 TO PATTERSON ROAD (THEREBY COMPLETING THE FINAL LEG OF THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION LOOP); SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE FROM THE COUNTY'S EXISTING SALES TAX, WHICH BONDS MAY BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6% PER YEAR, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, CONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS AND ANY REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH BONDS, AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON, BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE COUNTY AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Mesa County Ballot Issue 1B</p> <p>WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR), SHALL MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUE THAT EXCEEDS THE COUNTY'S 2023 TABOR REVENUE LIMIT (SUCH EXCESS BEING EQUAL TO \$11,492,270), SUCH MONEYS TO BE USED FOR COUNTY ROADS INCLUDING RESURFACING, FILLING POTHOLES, AND REINFORCING BRIDGES, AND, SHALL THE COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RESET ITS TABOR BASE TO INCLUDE THE FOREGOING EXCESS AMOUNT BEGINNING IN 2024 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, PLUS INFLATION AND LOCAL GROWTH, AS PERMITTED BY TABOR?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES/FOR <input type="radio"/> NO/AGAINST <input type="radio"/></p>

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