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COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 32-A

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APPROVED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2000.

Larry Buhr

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(S E A L)

Attest:

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TOWN OF LA JARA
CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE THE TOWN'S SALE TAX

Election date: November 7, 2000

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Helen J. Hutchins, La Jara Town Clerk
221 Broadway - P.O. Box 273
La Jara, CO 81140
Telephone: (719) 274-5363

Ballot title and text:

BALLOT QUESTION

"SHALL THE TOWN OF LA JARA'S SALES AND USE TAX BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT RATE OF 2.0% TO A RATE OF 3.0%, SUCH TAX TO BE IMPOSED UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS ON SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR THE FURNISHING OF SERVICES AND ON THE USE, STORAGE OR CONSUMPTION OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND VEHICLES WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE INCREASE TO BE USED WITHIN THE VARIOUS BUDGETS OF THE TOWN, AND SHALL THE TOWN OF LA JARA BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND ALL SUCH REVENUES FROM SUCH SALES AND USE TAX AND ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SUCH AMOUNTS TO CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGES?

YES NO

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year revenue and spending information

Year	Fiscal Year Revenue	Fiscal Year Spending
1996 (actual)	$217,101.00	$216,319.00
1997 (actual)	259,229.00	260,627.00
1998 (actual)	326,004.00	343,063.00
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*From January 1, 2000, to August 31, 2000, inclusive.

Estimated 2000 fiscal year revenue and spending without taking into account revenue increase brought about by an increase in sales tax:

Projected Budged Revenue for fisal year 2000 - $283,654.00
Projected Budget Spending for fiscal year 2000 - $283,654.00

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS "FOR" THE BALLOT QUESTION:

Unless the Town's revenues are increased, it is very likely that the Town will soon be in a deficit spending situation.

At least 70% of the Town's sewer system was built in the 1930's using clay tile pipe that deteriorates with the passage of time. The town has already experienced several sewer line collapses that required emergency and costly repairs. The Town must have a source of funds with which to make repairs and replacement when the need arises.

The Town's two main well are outfitted with very outdated electrical panels and relay switching equipment that are no longer dependable in the event of lightening strikes and power surges. Increased revenues are necessary for upgrading purposes.

If the drought continues and the water table continues dropping because of heavy agricultural pumping, the Town may have to lower its underground pumps in the wells, thereby necessitating heavier-duty electric and fuel-powered motors in order to pump water fom a greater depth.

Without an increase in revenues, the Town may not be able to provide for continued street paving, curb and gutter improvements, a mosquito control program, street lighting, park development and continued recreational programs for the youth, being forced instead to provide only the most basic and essential services such as fire and police protection and water and sewer service.

The Town could increase its revenues by imposing higher water and sewer rates, but such increases would impact only those who are being serviced by Town water and sewer service. At a 2% sales tax, in 1999, the Town collected $119,249.00. As an alternative, with an additional 1% increase in sales tax, it is projected that the Town's sale tax revenue would increase to approximately $178,860, an increase of about $59,600.00, not all of which would be paid solely by Town residents, but paid also by out-of-town shoppers.

Sales tax revenues are paid by anyone and everyone shopping in La Jara, whether residents or not.

The Town's revenues must increase in order to be considered favorably for the awarding of federal and state grants, most of which are based and awarded on a cost-sharing basis.

If the Town is to maintain its present employee and police force, wages and salaries must be increased from time to time in order to retain present employees who are also entitled to wages and salaries staying in line with increases in cost-of-livings expenses.

In order to keep our present employees, the Town must be willing to pay wages comparable to what they could otherwise earn working for other towns of comparable size that pay higher salaries and wages.

The Town must provide for the replacement, from time to time of all of its maintenance equipment, vehicles, and office equipment.

An increase of 1% in the Town's sale tax will not exceed sale taxes now being paid by resident of La Jara when shopping in the large stores and shopping centers of neighboring cities.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS "AGAINST" THE BALLOT QUESTION:

An increase in the sales tax is not necessary. Instead, the Town should try to reduce its spending by reducing the number of full-time employees, eliminate all part-time employees, eliminate bonuses paid to employees, and reducing the amount paid to paid professional engaged by the Town.

Contrary to statement made in the Statements above in favor of the Ballot Question, the fact still remains that the bulk of the increase in sales tax revenues will be paid by the residents of the Town of La Jara.

Does the Town really need to increase its revenues to provide for a more-than-a-one-man-police-force, tree trimming, curb and gutter improvements, street paving, Christmas treats for children and Christmas lighting decorations, mosquito control, youth recreational programs and parks? For many years, the residents of the town lived without these amenities and got along very nicely. If cases came down to cases, the residents could do without these things in the interest of not having to pay more in taxes.

MUNICIPIO DE LA JARA
CONDADO DE CONEJOS, COLORADO

NOTICIA DE ELECCION PARA AUMENTAR EL IMPUESTO
DE VENTAS DEL MUNICIPIO

Dia de la eleccion: Noviembre 7, 2000

Horas de la eleccion: 7:00 de la manana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde.

Direcion de la Ofecina de Elecciones Local

Spanish

y Numero de Telefono:

Helen J. Hutchins, Escribana del Municipio
221 Broadway - Cajon Postal 273
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LA BOLETA EN PREGUNTA

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_____ SI _____ NO

Historial Actual Y Coriente Estimacion
Del Ano Fiscal Ingresos y Gastos

ANO	INGRESOS DEL ANO FISCAL	GASTOS FISCAL DEL ANO
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Ingreso y gastos estimados del ano 2000 sin tomando en cuenta ingresos traidos por el aumento en el impuesto de ventas:

Presupuesto de Ingreso por el ano fiscal 2000 proyectado: - $283,654.00

Presupuesto del Gasto del Ano Fiscal 2000 proyectado: - $283,654.00

Comentarios Escritos Del Sumario Para La Boleta
En Pregunta:

Solamente que las entradas del municipio sean aumentadas, es muy provable que el municipio pronto estara en una situacion de deficit de gastos.

Por lo menos el 70% de el sistema de drenage del municipio fue construido en los 1930's usando pipas de barro que se deteriodan con el paso del tiempo. El municipio ya ha experimentado unos colapsos que requerieron reparos emergentes y costosos. El municipio tiene que tener un generador de fondos o ingresos para poder hacer reparaciones cuando la nececidad venga.

Las dos norias principales del municipio estan construidas con tableros electricos muy viejos y equipos de switches que ya no son dependibles en el evento de rayos o apagones de luz. La entrada de dinero es necesario para actualizar la renovacion de todo esto.

Si la seguia continua y se el nivel de la agua continua vajando por causa de los pomperos de agricultura, el municipio tendra que vajar mas las pompas que estan en la norias, en consecuencia de esto necesitando motores de trabajo pesado electricos y de combustible para pompear agua de mas grandes profundidades.

Sin aumentar los incresos, el municipio pueda que no pueda proever por mejoras de enpaimentado de los calles, cordones de la vanqueta, y fosad de drenage, programa de fumigacion de insectos, alumbrados de las calles, mejoras de parques y programas de recreacion continuas para la juventud, siendo forsado para lo mas proever lo mas basico y servicios esenciales como bomberos, protecion de policia, agua, y servicio de drenage.

El municipio puede aumentar sus ingresos imponiendo mas altas tarifas en el agua y drenage, pero dicho aumento impactara unica mente los que reciben servicio del municipio de agua y drenage. En 1999 a 2% de impuestos de ventas, el municipio colecto $119,249.00. Como un alternativo, con el aumento del 1% en el impuesto de ventas es proyectado que la entrada de impuestos de venta (sales tax) sera aumentado aproximadaments $178,860.00, un aumentacion de $59,600.00, no todo sera pagado solamente de los residentes del municipio, pero tambien pagado por los consumidores de fuera del municipio.

Impuestos de venta estan pagados por el que sea y por todos que consuman en La Jara, sean residentes del municipio de La Jara, o no.

La entradas tienen que estar aumentadas en orden para ser considerarados elejibles para recibir dinero del estado y federal, casi to los que estan basados y dado en una base de compartiendo de los costos.

Si el municipio es para mantener su empleados presentes y fuerza de policia, los

salario deben de ser aumentados de tiempo a tiempo en orden para retener los empleados presentes que estan entitulados a salarios estando en linia con aumento de costo de vida.

En orden para retener nuestros empleados presentes, el municipio debe de estar dispuesto para pagar salarios comparables a los que pudieran ganar trabajando por otros municipios de tamanio comparable que pagan mejores salarios.

El municipio tiene que proever por remplasar o cambiar, de tiempo a tiempo, su equipo de mantenimiento, vehiculos, y equipo de oficina.

Un aumènto de 1% del impuesto de ventas del municipio no excedara los impuestos que ahora estan pagando los residentes de La Jara cuando consumen en los centros de comercio de las ciudades vecinas.

Un Sumario Escrito De Los Comentarios
"En Contra" De La Boleta En Pregunta

Un aumento en los impuestos de ventas no es necesario. En ves, el municipio deve de tratar de reducir sus gastos por reduciendo el numero de trabajadores de tiempo completo, eliminar todo los trabajadores de no tiempo completo, eliminar bonos pegados a los empleados, y reducir la cantidad pagada a los profesionales contratados por el municipio.

Contrario a comentarios hechos en el comentario de arriba en favor de la boleta en pregunta, que lo diciio toda via permanece que la mayor parte de el aumento del ingreso de impuestos de venta sera pagada por los residentes del municipio de La Jara.

Veradaderamente el municipio nesecita aumentar su ingresos para proever para mas de un hombre en la fuerza de policia, podando arboles, mejoras de cordones de vanqueta y fosas de drenage, enpaimentado de calles, dulces de navidad para los ninos y decoraciones de luz de navidad, fumigacion de insectos, programas de recreacion para la juventud y parques? Por muchos anos, los residentes del pueblo iian vivido sin estas amenidades y pasaron muy bien. Si casos vineron a caso, los residentes pudieran estar sin estas cosas en el interes de no pagar mas impuestos (taxes).