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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS RECENTLY HELD

April 8, 2015 Denver, CO –Eight cities and towns held regular elections this month: **Colorado Springs, Craig, Durango, Fort Collins, Glenwood Springs, Georgetown, Grand Junction, and Ward.**

Sales tax extension questions in **Durango** and **Fort Collins** both passed, earmarked for a variety of public improvements including streets, parks, and open space.

Georgetown's voters approved a one-cent sales tax increase for street improvements.

Grand Junction has now become the ninth city in the state to have its voters approve a question on broadband, in this case calling upon the city to explore a third-party partnership. The yes vote was over 70%, and this approval percentage matches almost exactly the trend in the other cities where these questions have been approved during the past few years. Three counties have also received approval on similar questions. CCI and CML will be forming a task force of affected county and municipal officials to begin discussing and coordinating around these local responses.

Voters in **Grand Junction** defeated a \$14.5 million debt question for transportation improvements related to the "Westside Beltway."

Wade Troxell, currently a **Fort Collins** Councilmember, was elected to the post of Mayor. Incumbent Gerry Horak was re-elected, and former mayor Ray Martinez was elected to the council.

In **Colorado Springs**, there will be a run-off election for Mayor between former Attorney General John Suthers and previous Mayor and Councilmember and CML Board Member Mary Lou Makepeace. Several new councilmembers were elected including the voters returning incumbent Merv Bennett. There were two charter amendments; one of them clarifying the council's authority to hire a staff administrator appears to have been narrowly approved. A recall of Councilmember Helen Collins was defeated.

In **Craig**, incumbent Councilmember Ray Beck, was elected to the position of Mayor. In Durango, incumbents Mayor Sweetie Marbury and Councilmember Dick White were returned to office.

In **Grand Junction**, incumbent Councilmembers Barbara Traylor-Smith, Bennett Boeschstein, and Duncan McArthur were all re-elected.

Five additional cities and towns will have regular or special elections in May or June: **Aspen** (regular-May), **Denver** (regular-May), **Gunnison** (regular-May), **Lyons** (special-May, rezoning initiative) **Mountain Village** (regular-June), and **Silverton** (special, May-town board vacancy).

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