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Colorado Municipal League releases spring municipal election results

April 5, 2023, Denver, Colo. – Seven municipalities held elections in early April to elect city and town councilmembers. Voters in Colorado Springs, Denver, Durango, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction and Ward held elections for municipal leaders on April 4, and Georgetown held its regular election on April 3. Aspen held its regular election on March 7.

Colorado Springs will hold a runoff election on May 16 and Denver's runoff election will take place on June 6.

Mountain Village voters go to the polls in June. Ridgway canceled its election, as permitted by law, citing a lack of competitive races.

Voters also decided a handful of ballot questions. The following results are unofficial and subject to change:

Colorado Springs

Voters approved the extension of an existing 0.1% sales and use tax for trails, open space and parks, through 2045.

Denver

Denver had three questions on the ballot:

- Voters approved the removal of language concerning the Board of Adjustment from the charter and to instead require that the procedures for appeals, variances and exceptions from the zoning code be addressed in city ordinance;
- Voters approved a charter amendment to clarify city council's authority regarding zone districts and to require that zoning protests be initiated by Denver property owners; and
- Voters rejected a question that would have authorized the City to release the city-owned conservation easement on privately owned property known as the Park Hill Golf Course to allow for commercial and residential development.

Grand Junction

Voters decided two questions, both of which passed:

- to increase the sales and use tax rate to finance construction of a community recreation center; and
- to amend the charter to increase the authorized lease term for certain city property to a non-profit organization offering adaptive outdoor recreation for people with disabilities.

Special elections

On March 28, voters in Keystone authorized incorporation of the town and approved the creation of a charter commission that will be responsible for drafting a home rule charter to submit to voters for consideration at a later date.

Walsenburg will conduct a recall election on May 16.

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