

Sample

Official Ballot for 2026 General Election

Montezuma County, Colorado

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Precinct: 3065942007 - 1
Ballot Type: 1
Ballot Style: 007-01


Clerk and Recorder


Jena Griswold


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To vote for a named candidate, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Use blue or black ink.

To vote for an eligible write-in candidate, completely fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line and print the name of the candidate on the line. If a race does not contain a write-in line, you cannot vote for a write-in candidate.

To make a correction in a race with more than one candidate, draw a bold line through the oval and candidate name marked by mistake, then fill in the oval next to the correct name. To withdraw a vote for the only candidate in a race, you must request a replacement ballot.

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	State Offices	Judicial Retention Questions (Vote Yes or No)
United States Senator (Vote for One)	Attorney General (Vote for One)	Colorado Court of Appeals Judge
Republican Mark Baisley ☐	Republican Michael J. Allen ☐	Shall Judge Katharine E. Lum of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐
Democratic John Hickenlooper ☐	Democratic Jena Griswold ☐	Shall Judge Pax Moultrie of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐
Forward Bob Chew ☐	State Board of Education Member - Congressional District 3 (Vote for One)	Shall Judge Karl L. Schock of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐
Approval Voting Christopher Baum ☐	Republican Sherri M Wright ☐	Shall Judge Grant Sullivan of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐
Libertarian Blake Huber ☐	Democratic Barb Clementi ☐	District Court Judge - 22nd Judicial District
Unity Adam Withrow ☐		Shall Judge William Young Furse of the 22nd Judicial District be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐
Write-in ☐		
Representative to the 120th United States Congress - District 3 (Vote for One)	State Representative - District 59 (Vote for One)	
Democratic Dwayne L. Romero ☐	Democratic Katie Stewart ☐	
Republican Jeff Hurd ☐	Republican Naomi Riess ☐	
Libertarian Cory Robertson ☐		
Unaffiliated Clifton Brown ☐		
State Offices	Montezuma County Offices	Ballot Measures
Governor / Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One Pair)	County Commissioner District 1 (Vote for One)	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.
Republican Victor Marx / George Washington Markert ☐	Democratic Rebecca Busic ☐	
Democratic Phil Weiser / Lesley Dahlkemper ☐	Republican Rodney Cox ☐	State Ballot Measures
American Constitution Stephen T. Hamilton / James K Treibert ☐	County Clerk and Recorder (Vote for One)	Amendment 81 (CONSTITUTIONAL)
Libertarian Eric Mulder / Wayne Harlos ☐	Republican Jerri Frizzell ☐	Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution requiring law enforcement to not fly the department of homeland security when a person is charged with either a violent crime or any crime if the person has a prior felony conviction if law enforcement cannot determine that the person is lawfully present in the United States? YES / FOR ☐ NO / AGAINST ☐
Unity Jeff Peckman / T.J. Cole ☐	County Treasurer (Vote for One)	
Approval Voting Erik Underwood / Frank Atwood ☐	Republican Ellen Black ☐	Amendment 82 (CONSTITUTIONAL)
Unaffiliated Greg Lopez / Taralyn Romero ☐	County Assessor (Vote for One)	Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution creating new law granting the right for consumers to purchase natural gas for cooking or heating in homes or businesses and for distributors and utilities to sell natural gas to consumers? YES / FOR ☐ NO / AGAINST ☐
	Unaffiliated Leslie Kennedy-Bugg ☐	
	County Sheriff (Vote for One)	
	Republican Tyson Cox ☐	Amendment 83 (CONSTITUTIONAL)
Secretary of State (Vote for One)	County Surveyor (Vote for One)	Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution creating a constitutional right to hunt, fish, and harvest fish and wildlife by traditional methods, including all species of fish and wildlife managed by the state except non-game species, endangered species, or any species that is illegal to hunt under federal law, and, in connection therewith, establishing hunting and fishing as the preferred means of managing fish and wildlife populations; and preserving the right of the state to regulate hunting, fishing, and wildlife management if necessary for sound scientific wildlife conservation and management, public safety, or to preserve the future of hunting and fishing opportunities for all species? YES / FOR ☐ NO / AGAINST ☐
Democratic Amanda Gonzalez ☐	Unaffiliated Rita Caffey ☐	
Republican James Wiley ☐	County Coroner (Vote for One)	
Libertarian Sean Vadney ☐	Republican George Deavers ☐	
American Constitution Amanda Campbell ☐		
Forward Celeste Landry ☐	Judicial Retention Questions (Vote Yes or No)	
	Colorado Supreme Court Justice	
	Shall Justice William W. Hood, III of the Colorado Supreme Court be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐	
State Treasurer (Vote for One)	Colorado Court of Appeals Judge	
Democratic Jeff Bridges ☐	Shall Judge Rebecca Rankin Freyre of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐	
Republican Kevin Grantham ☐	Shall Judge Elizabeth L. Harris of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES ☐ NO ☐	
Libertarian Jodie Barr ☐		
Approval Voting Marilee Langner Sturgis ☐		

Style 1

House District

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County 1A City 2A

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State Ballot Measures

Amendment 84 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution requiring a voter to sign and include the last four digits of their social security number or their Colorado driver's license or identification card number on the outside of their mail ballot for any federal or state election, and, in connection therewith, allowing the voter to correct missing or incorrect information, including with alternative forms of identification; and prohibiting a county clerk and recorder from counting the mail ballot unless the problem is fixed?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Amendment 85 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning ballot question language, and, in connection therewith, requiring all state and local ballot questions to be written in plain language and at no more than an 8th grade reading level and prohibiting a state statute from requiring language that conflicts with these requirements in ballot questions for citizen-initiated measures?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Amendment 86 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning congressional redistricting, and, in connection therewith, reenacting the current process for congressional redistricting in the Colorado Constitution and prohibiting modifications to a final map unless at least three public meetings are held, the modifications do not have the effect of dividing communities of interest or purposefully favoring one political party, and are approved by the congressional redistricting commission and the Colorado Supreme Court?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Amendment 87 (CONSTITUTIONAL)

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED \$2.7 BILLION ANNUALLY, IN ORDER TO INCREASE OR IMPROVE LEVELS OF PUBLIC SERVICES, INCLUDING K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES, BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND A CHANGE TO THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES REPEALING EXISTING LAW AND CREATING NEW LAW TO REPLACE THE UNIFORM STATE INCOME TAX RATE WITH A GRADUATED INCOME TAX STRUCTURE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AMENDING THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS TO ELIMINATE THE CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ALL TAXABLE NET INCOME TO BE TAXED AT ONE RATE WITH NO ADDED TAX ON INCOME; ESTABLISHING VARIOUS INCOME TAX RATES BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF TAXABLE INCOME EARNED BY INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, TRUSTS, AND CORPORATIONS, WHILE MAINTAINING THE CURRENT 4.4% TAX ON INCOME FROM THE SALE OF A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE ESTIMATED CHANGE IN INCOME TAXES OWED BY INDIVIDUALS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE; AND AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO RETAIN AND SPEND ANY INCREASED REVENUE FROM THE NEW TAX STRUCTURE, AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, TO SUPPLEMENT CURRENT LEVELS OF FUNDING FOR K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS?

Change in Income Taxes Owed by Income Category

Income Categories	Current Average Income Tax Owed	Proposed Average Income Tax Owed	Proposed Change in Average Income Tax Owed if Passed + or -
\$25,000 or less	\$59	\$50	-\$9
\$25,001 - \$50,000	\$751	\$632	-\$119
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$1,877	\$1,666	-\$210
\$100,001 - \$200,000	\$4,126	\$3,828	-\$298
\$200,001 - \$500,000	\$9,344	\$9,019	-\$325
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$19,288	\$18,963	-\$325
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	\$29,432	\$34,195	+\$4,764
\$2,000,001 - \$5,000,000	\$41,196	\$55,110	+\$13,914

Income categories use adjusted gross income reported to the federal Internal Revenue Service.

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

State Ballot Measures

Proposition NN (STATUTORY)

Shall state investment in K-12 public education increase two percent each year for the next ten years, with investments used to increase teacher pay, improve teacher retention, lower class sizes, and increase access to career and technical courses, without raising taxes but instead funded by raising the annual limit on state fiscal year spending only by the amount spent on public K-12 education as a voter-approved revenue change, and requiring an annual publicly released, independent audit to show how the new investments are spent?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Proposition 132 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning criminal penalties for fentanyl and certain synthetic opioids, and, in connection therewith, increasing the felony classifications of drug-related crimes for distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale, or possession of fentanyl and certain synthetic opioids; creating mandated treatment for certain drug felony violations based on possession amount, and changing sentencing provisions to narrow or eliminate exemptions for crimes related to fentanyl and certain synthetic opioids and drug-related deaths?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Proposition 133 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes modifying existing law concerning human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude, and, in connection therewith, creating new law expanding human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude to include knowingly trading anything of monetary value to buy or sell sexual activity with a minor and increasing the penalty to be life in prison without parole or release?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Proposition 134 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes creating new law restricting participation in all K-12 and collegiate school sports based on the participant's sex as determined by certain aspects of their biological reproductive system, and, in connection therewith, requiring a school institution of higher education, or athletic association to designate each school or intramural athletic team or sport as male, female, or coeducational; only allowing participants to compete on the team or sport of their designated sex or to compete on a coeducational team; creating an exception to allow a female to participate on a male-designated team or sport if there is no female team available; prohibiting a government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association from entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking other adverse action against a school for maintaining separate teams or sports for females; and providing the commissioner of education with the authority to enforce the proposed initiative for K-12 school districts?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Proposition 135 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes modifying existing law by prohibiting surgery on a minor for the purpose of altering the minor's biological sex characteristics, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting any health-care professional or other person from knowingly performing, prescribing, administering, or providing any surgery to a minor for the purpose of altering the minor's biological sex characteristics and prohibiting the use of state or federal funds, Medicaid reimbursement, or insurance coverage to pay for this type of surgery?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Proposition 136 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes capping the state income tax rate at 4.4% of federal taxable income for individuals and corporations?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

State Ballot Measures

Proposition 137 (STATUTORY)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes creating new law to increase water and land conservation funding without raising taxes, and, in connection therewith, through a voter-approved revenue change, allowing the state to keep and spend a portion of revenue from the state sales tax on sporting goods and equipment to conserve and protect Colorado's water, land, and forests, prevent wildfires, support outdoor recreation training and activities, and reduce revenue spent on these conservation purposes if necessary to preserve funding for certain tax credits?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

County Ballot Measures

County Ballot Question 1A

Shall the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Surveyor, and Treasurer for Montezuma County be allowed, if elected by the registered electors of Montezuma County, to serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

Municipal Ballot Measures

City of Cortez Ballot Question 2A

SHALL CITY OF CORTEZ TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$900,000.00 IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2027 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE CITY LODGERS' TAX FROM 2% TO 6% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL THE LODGERS' TAX REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE CITY BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- INVESTING IN TOURISM MARKETING, INCLUDING ADVERTISING THE COMMUNITY;
- ATTRACTING AND FACILITATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING IMPROVING WALKABILITY, LANDSCAPING, STRUCTURES, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS; AND
- INVESTING IN ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES;

PROVIDED THAT THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE TAX INCREASE AS PROVIDED IN THIS QUESTION (INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR THE METHOD OF COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT, ANY EXEMPTIONS FROM THE TAX, AND OTHER DETAILS) AND MAY ADJUST THE RATE OF THE LODGERS' TAX FROM TIME TO TIME SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT EXCEED 6%, AND SHALL ALL AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM SUCH TAX AND THE EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES / FOR ☐

NO / AGAINST ☐

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