PVFPD Board Passes Resolution in support of Fort Collins Ballot Measure.

Full Text of Resolution Below:

POUDRE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS BALLOT MEASURE TO CONTINUE THE VOTER APPROVED SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District (District) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing special district pursuant to Title 32, Article 1, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the District is part of a partnership with the City of Fort Collins (City) to provide fire, rescue and other emergency services through the Poudre Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, since 1982 the Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) has provided such services to the communities of Fort Collins, Timnath, LaPorte, Bellvue, Horsetooth, and Redstone Canyon through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA, Amended and Restated 2014) and in accordance with the provisions of Section 29-1-203(4), CRS as a Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, as a provision of the IGA, the District and the City have agreed to a specific Revenue Allocation Formula (RAF) for the funding of fire and emergency services within PFA’s entire jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a key piece of this revenue is the funding provided to the City from a voter approved sales and use tax known as “Keep Fort Collins Great” (KFCG); and
WHEREAS, the amount of the current KFCG tax is 0.85% of sales and use tax, with 11% of the total revenue earmarked to fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the KFCG tax is set to expire on December 31, 2020, unless it is renewed by the voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors has determined that this funding source has proven to be an essential part of the funding of the partnership between the City and the District to provide fire and emergency services within the PFA jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District has provided feedback to the City Council of Fort Collins as it has considered the method it wishes to employ to renew the voter approved sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2019, City Council approved a ballot measure to submit such renewal to the voters on the City’s April 2, 2019, Regular Municipal Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the language of the ballot measure includes the following provisions to ensure that the City and the District continue to meet their commitments to each other for funding through the Intergovernmental Agreement forming the PFA:

“…The remaining tax rate of .60% shall not expire and its revenues shall be used to help sustain public safety service levels, to fund municipal operations and maintenance, and for any other public purposes, except 15.6% of these revenues shall be used to fund the fire protection and emergency services being provided by the Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) under the City’s existing agreement with the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District (District), or in such other amount as the City and District may agree, but absent an agreement between them for PFA’s services, these revenues may be used as determined by City Council.”

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act expressly authorizes the District to adopt and distribute in normal fashion a Resolution regarding any ballot issue of import to the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District as follows:
1. The Board hereby expresses its strongest possible support for Ballot Measure #1 of the City of Fort Collins, appearing on the April 2, 2019 Regular Municipal Election.

2. The Board further confirms that adequate and appropriately shared funding for emergency response services is essential to fire protection and emergency services, and to provide for the safety of PFA firefighters and the health and safety of all current and future residents and visitors of the PFA jurisdiction.

3. The Board urges electors of the City of Fort Collins to VOTE YES on the City of Fort Collins Ballot Issue #1 at the April 2, 2019 election.

ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2019.