

YES 1A

- ON -

KEEP JEFFCO SAFE



WHAT IS BALLOT ISSUE 1A?

- A bi-partisan initiative placed on the November 2019 ballot by a unanimous vote of Jeffco Commissioners.
- Asks voters to “de-bruce” Jeffco, i.e. to temporarily suspend the county’s TABOR revenue cap, which would allow the county to invest all tax revenues to support critical needs in public safety, road and bridge maintenance and other critical county services.
- Includes a ‘sunset provision’ in 7 years, at which time the county must decide whether to ask voters to extend permission.
- Allows the county to apply for millions of dollars of state matching funds to support community safety and infrastructure — without those state grants counting against the county’s TABOR cap as they currently do.

1A IS NOT:

- 1A will not eliminate TABOR. It temporarily suspends the county’s TABOR revenue cap – while still keeping the requirement that voters approve any future tax increase.
- 1A does not allow for unlimited spending. County Commissioners can’t increase the authorized mill levy without voter approval. In addition, there’s a sunset after seven years.
- It’s not a huge tax increase. For 2020, this represents an increase to the total county tax bill of about 2.7%

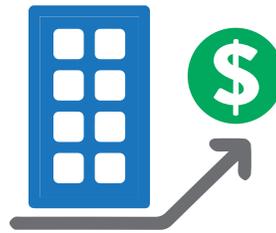
HOW MUCH WILL 1A COST?

The 2020 impact of 1A is quite modest, as shown below:



Median Home Value
~\$429,300

**\$4.50/
MONTH**



Per \$100,000
of Business
Property Value

**\$9.00/
MONTH**

Costs in future years will depend on county budget needs and assessed property valuations. Commissioners will work closely with the community, elected officials and county staff to identify the annual cost of public safety, roads and other essential county services. They will continue to look for efficiencies, be wise stewards of taxpayer dollars and collect only the amount needed each year.

YES ON 1A WILL:

- Support critical services
- Ensure Jeffco stays competitive
- Enable Jeffco to access more state grants to fund safety, highway maintenance and other county programs
- Support responsible stewardship
- Preserve and protect our quality of life

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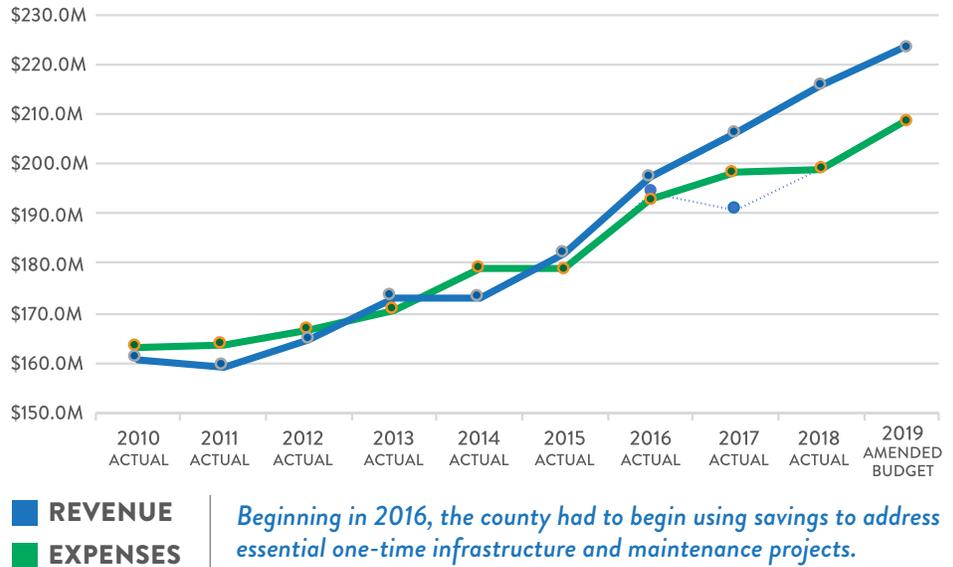
The Problem:

Jefferson County is facing a budget challenge

Jefferson County is a great place to live, work and play. Like the rest of the metro area, Jefferson County is growing. We've seen increases in population, crime, traffic, development and housing – as well as increases in social issues, such as homelessness and the opioid epidemic.

County expenses have outpaced revenues for the last few years. Since 2014, the county has had to dip into savings to maintain services. That's no longer an option. Beginning next year, we'll have to make painful cuts to balance the budget.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES



PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS:

 **\$5.4M**

from Public Safety

- Eliminate 288 jail beds
- Eliminate Emergency Manager position
- Cuts to District Attorney's Office

 **\$10.1M**

from County Services

- Increased risk to Election integrity
- Cuts to wildfire mitigation efforts
- Cuts to roads and bridges

 **\$0.6M**

from Health & Well-Being

- Cuts to CSU Extension
- Cuts to restaurant food - safety programs
- Cuts to natural resource/ invasive species management

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- Only 24% of your tax dollars go to support County services. The rest goes to the school district, special districts, cities and urban renewal. While other taxing authorities have been authorized to increase their revenues, the County has not.
- 80% of Colorado counties have already received voters' permission to waive the TABOR limitation and reinvest those dollars in public safety, road and bridge repairs and other essential services.
- While other Counties have been investing in infrastructure, fighting crime, accessing state grant money and preserving and improving the quality of life for their residents, Jeffco has been reducing its mill levy – and in turn, funding from property taxes – to avoid hitting the TABOR cap.
- This has caused Jeffco to draw on reserves to help fund essential services – and that's no longer sustainable.