DISTRICT COURT, DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO			
4000 Justice Way Ste. 2009			
Castle Rock, CO 80109			
IN THE MATTER OF: E-470 POTOMAC			
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲		
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BETITION FOR ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF			

### PETITION FOR ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF DISSOLUTION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT

COMES NOW the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Division of Local Government ("the Division"), by and through the Colorado Attorney General and undersigned counsel, and petitions the Court to certify the Division's Declaration of Dissolution of the E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District. As grounds for this petition, the Division states as follows:

- 1. The E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District ("the District") is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision organized pursuant to the provisions of article 1 of title 32, C.R.S.
- 2. Colorado law requires that Title 32 special districts file certified copies of their annual budgets with the Office of the Division of Local Government of the Department of Local Affairs and hold or properly cancel elections. *See* C.R.S. §§ 29-1-116; 32-1-801 to -835.
- 3. The Division has not received a copy of the District's budget for the past two consecutive years, nor has the Division received a certification of the District's election results from the most recent regular election.
- 4. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-710(2)(a), the Division is authorized to declare a special district dissolved if the district has failed to demonstrate to the Division that the district has performed its statutory or service responsibilities or will proceed to perform such responsibilities. And pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-710(2)(b), there is a presumption of such failure if the district has failed to hold or properly cancel an election, no board has been appointed as required by C.R.S. § 32-1-905(2.5), and there will be no interruption of services being provided by the district.

- 5. The Division contends that administrative dissolution of the District pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-710 was appropriate because the District had failed to hold or properly cancel an election, had not provided or attempted to provide any of the services or facilities for which the District was organized for two consecutive years, and did not respond to the Division's letter notifying the District of the Division's intent to administratively dissolve it.
- Pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-710(1), the Division notified the District by first-class certified mail of the Division's intent to certify the District dissolved. Copies of the Notice and certified mail receipt numbered 7019-2280-0002-0184-2930 are attached hereto as Exhibit 1, at pages 4-5. More than thirty days have passed since the Division notified the District of its intent to certify the District dissolved.
- 7. The Division has declared the District dissolved. The Division's Declaration of Dissolution is filed with this Court contemporaneously with this Petition as **Exhibit 1**, at pages 1-3.
- 8. In accordance with C.R.S. § 32-1-710(3), the Division has provided notice of its application to this Court for judicial certification of the Division's Declaration of Dissolution by sending true and complete copies of this Petition and Exhibit 1 to the interested parties listed on the attached Certificate of Service by first-class U.S. mail.

The Division respectfully petitions the Court for judicial certification of the dissolution of the E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District and for entry of an Order disposing of any of the assets of the District in accordance with C.R.S. § 32-1-708. Consistent with C.R.S. § 32-1-801(3), the Division respectfully requests that the Court "make a determination on the division's declaration within thirty days after the declaration has been submitted."

Dated this 30th day of May, 2024.

PHILIP J. WEISER Attorney General

s/ LeeAnn Morrill

LEEANN MORRILL First Assistant Attorney General Public Officials Unit State Services Section Attorneys for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Governments \*Counsel of Record

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 30th day of May, 2024, I served the foregoing *Petition for Order and Certification of Dissolution of Special District* and *Declaration of Dissolution* on each of the interested parties listed below as required by C.R.S. § 32-1-710(3), by causing true and complete copies of the same to be deposited in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid at Denver, Colorado and/or electronically via Colorado Courts E- Filing, addressed as follows:

E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District 8390 E. Crescent Pkwy Suite 300 Greenwood Village, CO 80111-2814 Douglas County Assessor 301 Wilcox St. Castle Rock, CO 80104

Douglas County Clerk and Recorder 301 Wilcox St. Castle Rock, CO 80104

Tom George Spencer Fane LLP 1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 2000 Denver, CO 80203 Douglas County Board of Commissioners 100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO 80104

s/ Xan Serocki

## DECLARATION OF DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to § 32-1-710, the Director of the Division of Local Government (the "Division") declares as follows:

1. The E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District (the "District") is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the state organized in 1998, pursuant to the provisions of Article 1 of Title 32, C.R.S., the "Special District Act."

2. Colorado law requires the Division to notify a district of the Division's intent to certify a district dissolved if, inter alia, "[t]he district has not provided or attempted to provide any of the services or facilities for which the district was organized for two consecutive years" and "the district has no financial obligations." Subparagraph 32-1- 710(1)(a)(IV) and Paragraph (1)(b), respectively.

3. According to the Division's records and research, the District:

- The District did not hold or properly cancel the May 3, 2022, regular election
- The District did not hold or properly cancel the May 2, 2023, regular election
- The District has not filed a budget since 2020
- The District has not filed financial statements with the Office of the State Auditor since 2020
- The District has no outstanding financial obligations

4. The Division notified the District of the Division's intent to certify the District dissolved by certified mail, return receipt number 7019-2280-0002-0184-2930 on October 19, 2023, to the last available address the District supplied to the Division per requirements of § 32-1-104(2) and published in the inventory of local government entities maintained pursuant to § 24-32-116 (see Exhibit A and Exhibit B).

5. More than 30 days have passed since the Division notified the District of its intent to certify the District dissolved.

6. The Division received the certified mail return receipt on October 28, 2023 (see Exhibit A).

7. The District's former attorney has communicated to the Division that the District has not provided any of the services or facilities for which the District was organized for at least two consecutive years (see Exhibit C).

8. Based upon review of the most recent available submission of the District's financial statements to the Office of the State Auditor, the District has been found to have no outstanding financial obligations as recognized by the Division. Additionally, the District did not respond to the Division's request within the notice of intent to dissolve.

9. There has been no evidence provided to the Division which indicates dissolution of the District will result in interruption of services to the area encompassed by the District.

Therefore, according to the authority of the Division of Local Government to dissolve special districts by administrative action pursuant § 32-1-710, C.R.S., the Division hereby declares E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District to be dissolved.

Furthermore, the Division hereby requests that the Colorado Attorney General file a Petition for Order and Certification of Dissolution of E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District with the District Court, Douglas County, Colorado; and if the Court determines the District to be qualified for administrative dissolution as required by law, the Court enter an Order and Certification of Dissolution dissolving the District and direct said Order and Certification of Dissolution be filed by the Clerk of the Court with the county or counties in which the District is located and with the Division in accordance with § 32-1-707(5) C.R.S.

Dated this Wednesday, March 06, 2024

Dave Bowman, Interim Division Director Division of Local Government Colorado Department of Local Affairs

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the day of March 6, 2024, I served the within *DECLARATION OF DISSOLUTION* to the parties herein by depositing a true and complete copy of same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid at Denver, Colorado, addressed to each of the following:

Douglas County Board of Commissioners 100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO 80104

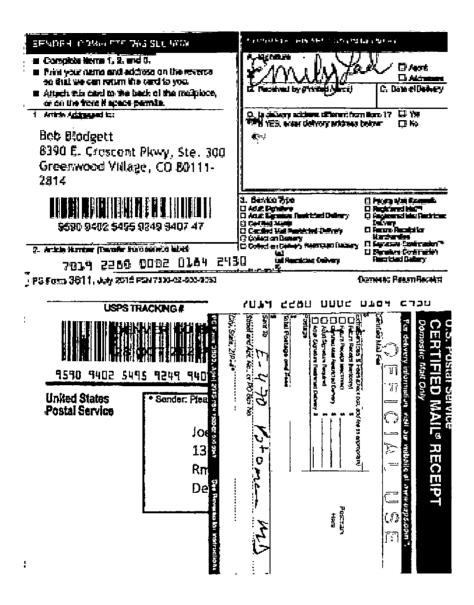
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Joe McConnell Local Government Services Division of Local Government Department of Local Affairs



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Title	District Manager
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McConnell - DOLA, Joe <joe.mcconnell@state.co.us>

# Fwd: E-470 Potomac - letter from DOLA

1 message

Gonzales - DOLA, Mia <mia.gonzales@state.co.us> To: Joe McConnell - DOLA <joe.mcconnell@state.co.us> Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 6:42 AM

Hi Joe,

For our meeting this morning.

Mia Gonzales Budget Program Administrator Local Government Services



COLORADO Department of Local Affairs Division of Local Government

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------ Forwarded message ------From: **George, Tom** <tgeorge@spencerfane.com> Date: Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 11:11 AM Subject: RE: E-470 Potomac - letter from DOLA To: Soendker, Janece <Janece.Soendker@claconnect.com>, mia.gonzales@state.co.us <mia.gonzales@state.co.us>

Hi Mia,

Janece Soendker forwarded me your email. We were the most recent legal counsel to the District.

At the District's February 26, 2019 meeting, the Board voted to cease all District operations, including ending its third party consultant engagements (manager, accountant, legal), so that the District could be administratively dissolved. Thereafter, all of the Board members resigned.

The District has not to our knowledge done anything since that February 26, 2019 meeting and has not had any Board members or consultants since that time. It has not had any revenues or expenditures or other activity whatsoever. Consistent with statute, it is our understanding that the District should be administratively dissolved.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Exhibit 1

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Thanks, Tom

> Tom George Attorney Spencer Fane LLP

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From: Gonzales - DOLA, Mia <mia.gonzales@state.co.us> Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 12:41 PM To: Soendker, Janece <Janece.Soendker@claconnect.com> Cc: Margaret Vigil - DOLA <margaret.vigil@state.co.us> Subject: [External] Re: Letter regarding E-470 Potomac Metro District

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Hello Janece,

The Division will need documentation of its dissolution. Would you please forward those documents to my colleague, Maggie Vigil, copied to this email. Maggie will be able to process its dissolution and change the District's (LGID 18114) status in our database so that they do not continue to receive these notices.

Thank you,

**Mia Gonzales** 

**Budget Program Administrator** 

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On Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 12:34 PM Soendker, Janece

Hi Mia,

We received the attached letter regarding the budget for E-470 Potomac Metro District.

E-470 Potomac was dissolved in 2019. The last budget filed by the district was 2019.

Janece

Janece Soendker Controller \_\_\_\_\_ Business Operations (BizOps) CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)

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October 19, 2023,

Bob Blodgett 8390 E. Crescent Pkwy Suite 300 Greenwood Village, CO 80111-2814

Mr. Blodgett/to whom it may concern,

This notice concerns E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District, LGID No. 18114.

In accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 32-1-710, the Division of Local Government (the "Division") is notifying the District of its intent to declare E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District (the "District") dissolved.

Based upon the information available to the Division, it appears:

- The District did not hold or properly cancel the May 3, 2022, regular election
- The District did not hold or properly cancel the May 2, 2023, regular election
- The District has not filed a budget since 2020
- The District has not filed financial statements with the Office of the State Auditor since 2020
- The District has no outstanding financial obligations

If any of the information in this correspondence is incorrect, please contact the Division no later than thirty (30) days from receipt of this certified notice. Following this period, the Division will make a Declaration of Dissolution and move to request an order of dissolution from the applicable district court.

Sincerely,

Joe McConnell Division of Local Government joe.mcconnell@state.co.us (303) 864-7739

Cc: Douglas County BOCC, Todd Leopold (Division)



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The Court, having received and considered the Division of Local Government's Declaration of Dissolution and Petition for Order and Certification of Dissolution of Special District and, having either received no objection to the Petition, or finding any objections without merit, hereby finds and orders as follows:

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Division of Local Government ("the Division") has declared E-470 Potomac Metropolitan District ("the District") administratively dissolved and filed a Declaration of Dissolution and Petition for Order and Certification of Declaration of Dissolution of Special District with this Court pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-710(2).

Upon review of the Division's Petition and Declaration of Dissolution, the Court finds that the District has failed to demonstrate that it has performed or will proceed to perform its statutory and/or service responsibilities and is therefore found to be inactive.

Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that:

- 1. The Division's petition is **GRANTED** and the Division's Declaration of Dissolution is hereby certified. The District's assets, if any, shall be disposed of pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-708.
- 2. The Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Order of Dissolution with the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder and with the Division.

**DONE** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

District Court Judge

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