

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS CONCERNING THE
ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONDUCT OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021
COORDINATED ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas (the "County") and the Douglas County School District RE-1 (the "Jurisdiction") desire to enter into an agreement concerning the Administration and Conduct in Elections; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to enter into such an agreement with the Jurisdiction in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the intergovernmental agreement attached hereto; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO, that the agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County and the Jurisdiction, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2021, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

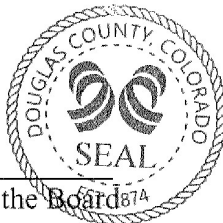
**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

BY:


ABE LAYDON, Chair

ATTEST:


KRISTIN RANDETT, Clerk to the Board



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

AND

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

REGARDING THE CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021
COORDINATED ELECTION**

**MERLIN KLOTZ
DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
ELECTIONS DIVISION
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80109**



THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, State of Colorado, on behalf of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Douglas County School District RE-1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Jurisdiction") collectively as the "Parties"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Election Code of 1992 (Articles 1 to 13 of Title 1, C.R.S.), governmental entities are encouraged to cooperate and consolidate elections in order to reduce taxpayer expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1-7-116, C.R.S. if more than one political subdivision holds an election on the same day in November and the eligible electors for each such election are the same or the boundaries overlap, the County Clerk and Recorder is the Coordinated Election Official and, pursuant to section 1-5-401, C.R.S. shall conduct the elections on behalf of all political subdivisions utilizing the mail ballot procedures set forth in article 7.5 of title 1; and

WHEREAS, the County and Jurisdiction have determined that section 1-7-116, C.R.S. applies and it is in the best interest of the taxpayers and the electors to enter into this Agreement to conduct the Coordinated Election on November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, such agreements are authorized pursuant to Article XIV, Section 18 of the Colorado Constitution, and sections 1-7-116 and 29-1-203, C.R.S.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the promises herein contained, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree this election shall be conducted as a coordinated election in accordance with the Uniform Election Code of 1992 (Articles 1-13 of Title 1, C.R.S.) or any other Title of C.R.S. governing participating Jurisdiction's election matters, as well as the Colorado Constitution, and the State of Colorado Secretary of State (SOS) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the "Code"). The election participants will execute agreements with Douglas County for this purpose and may include municipalities, school districts, and special districts within the Douglas County limits and the State of Colorado.

**SECTION I.
PURPOSE AND GENERAL MATTERS**

1.01 DEFINITIONS:

- A. **"Coordinated Election Official"** (hereinafter "CEO") means the County Clerk and Recorder who acts as the "coordinated election official", as defined within the Code and Rules.
- B. **"Contact Officer"** means the person who acts as the primary liaison or contact between the Jurisdiction and the CEO. The Contact Officer shall be that person under the authority of the CEO who will have primary responsibility for the coordination of the election for the Jurisdiction and the procedures to be completed by the County Clerk hereunder.
- C. **Canvass Board** is appointed by the major political parties before the election. The canvass is the audit function of the election and the process of reconciling the number of ballots counted to the number of voters who voted. The Canvass Board

will meet no later than the 22nd day after the election to certify the abstract of votes cast.

- D. **“Designated Election Official”** (hereinafter “DEO”), means the person identified by the Jurisdiction to act as the primary liaison between the Jurisdiction and the Contact Officer and who will have primary responsibility for the conduct of election procedures to be handled by the Jurisdiction, as specified within the Code.
- E. **Logic & Accuracy Test** The county must conduct a Logic and Accuracy Test on its voting equipment at least 21 days before the election. Voting devices must be tested before they are used in an election. One registered elector from each major political party is required to serve on the Logic and Accuracy Testing Board.
- F. **Risk Limiting Audit** This audit provides strong statistical evidence that the election outcome is correct. The number of ballots required to conduct an RLA will vary based on the smallest margin of the contest selected by the Secretary of State and the risk limit. The smaller the margin, the more ballots to audit. The smaller the risk limit, the more ballots to audit. The Audit Board is appointed by the major political parties and must complete its report no later than 5:00 p.m. one business day before the canvass deadline. At least one member of each major political party’s Canvass Board will serve as an observer of the audit.
- G. **TABOR** (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) is a constitutional measure that requires voter approval for tax increases.

1.02 JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All parties shall familiarize themselves with all statutory and regulatory requirements impacting coordinated elections and TABOR notices and shall adhere to all applicable provisions of the Code which are necessary or appropriate to the performance of the duties required.
- B. Nothing herein shall be deemed to relieve the CEO or the Jurisdiction from their official responsibilities for the conduct of the election, including any of their respective responsibilities under the Fair Campaign Practices Act or any local ordinances concerning fair campaign practices.

1.03 JURISDICTION

The Jurisdiction encompasses territory within Douglas County. This Agreement shall apply only to that portion of the Jurisdiction within Douglas County. Where the Jurisdiction is entirely contained within Douglas County, the Contact Officer has jurisdiction in establishing ballot order and number in accordance with CRS 1-5-407(5). When the Jurisdiction is split among more than one county, the Contact Officer will coordinate with other counties to agree upon ballot order and numbering, per Colorado SOS Election Rule 4.2.

SECTION II. COUNTY/JURISDICTION RESPONSIBILITIES

The County and the Jurisdiction shall each perform their respective duties and/or functions within the context of this Agreement:

2.01 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Assist the DEO on any matter related to the election to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the election (such information shall not include legal advice) by designating a Contact Officer with the specific duty of assisting with the election of the Jurisdiction and acting as the primary liaison between the County and Jurisdiction.
- B. Provide an Address Confirmation Form (Appendix A) accompanied by an Address Library Report and Jurisdiction Boundary Map that defines Jurisdictional boundaries in terms of residential street ranges based on County Assessor records. The Address Library Report will include the address report from the Secretary of State voter registration system, which defines street addresses within the Jurisdiction.
- C. Verify errors, omissions, and/or corrections identified by the Jurisdiction against County Assessor data, and where appropriate, modify street ranges to accurately define the eligible electors within the Jurisdiction.
- D. Contract for the mail ballot packets (ballot(s), voter instructions, and return envelope) and remit payment directly to the vendor.
- E. Provide ballot printing layouts compliant with the Code for proofreading and signature approval by the Jurisdiction prior to final ballot printing.
- F. Mail the ballot packets as required by the Code.
- G. Provide a certified list of the Jurisdiction's registered voters, as requested.
- H. Conduct all associated tasks relating to election judges including, but not limited to, eligibility, placement, training, and oversight.
- I. Conduct all functions of the Canvass Board to include a canvass of the votes and certification of the results. Additionally, provide the Jurisdiction a copy of all election statements required under the Code.
- J. Prepare and conduct the Logic and Accuracy Test.
- K. Publish and post the required legal notices. pursuant to § 1-5-205(1), C.R.S.
- L. Refer members of the public and press to the DEO regarding specific questions about ballot measures or candidates.

- M. Provide all necessary equipment, system programming, and personnel for ballot tabulation.
- N. Conduct and oversee the process of counting ballots and reporting results.
- O. Conduct a recount of the ballots cast if required by law, requested by the Jurisdiction, or requested by an interested party as allowed by the Code.
- P. Prepare and conduct the Risk Limiting Audit before certifying election results.
- Q. Provide the Jurisdiction an invoice for all expenses incurred under this Agreement.
- R. Archive and maintain all election records as required by the Code.

2.02 JURISDICTION RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Identify a DEO who shall familiarize themselves with all statutory and regulatory requirements impacting the Jurisdiction.
- B. Identify immediately to the Contact Officer if Jurisdiction is shared by additional county(ies).
- C. Provide a copy of the Ordinance or Resolution stating that the Jurisdiction has adopted the exclusive use of the Code for the conduct of the election and that the Jurisdiction will participate in the coordinated election in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- D. Confirm sufficient funds are available and appropriated in Jurisdiction's approved budget to pay election expenses. The Jurisdiction recognizes that the County cannot accurately predict the exact cost for the election, but represents to the County that it will pay its calculated prorated share and has appropriated sufficient funds to do so.
- E. Return this Intergovernmental Agreement with the signature page completed on or before the seventieth (70) day prior to the election per the Code.
- F. May appoint one representative to participate in the Canvass Board. If there is not a representative appointed, an employee of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder will be appointed on the Jurisdiction's behalf by the Contact Officer.
- G. May appoint one representative to participate in the Logic and Accuracy Test. If there is not a representative appointed, an employee of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder will be appointed on the Jurisdiction's behalf by the Contact Officer.
- H. May choose to appoint an observer for the Risk Limiting Audit. If there is not a representative appointed, an employee of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder will be appointed on the Jurisdiction's behalf by the Contact Officer.
- I. Certify Jurisdictional boundaries by completing and returning the Address Confirmation Form or the Jurisdiction Boundary Map (Appendix A)

- J. Review all petition information, if applicable, and verify the information against the registration records, and, where applicable, the county assessor's records as per § 1-4-908, C.R.S. After review, the DEO shall notify the candidate of the number of valid signatures and whether the petition appears to be sufficient or insufficient. Upon determining that the petition is sufficient, and after the time for protest has passed, the DEO shall certify the candidate to the ballot, and notify the Contact Officer.
- K. The DEO shall refer correspondence and calls relating to the election outside of the DEO's expertise to the Contact Officer for response.
- L. Determine the ballot title and text. Certify, if applicable, the candidate, how many selections a voter should make (e.g., Vote for One), whether there is a certified write-in candidate, the list of ballot issues and/or ballot questions electronically (with receipt confirmed by the Contact Officer) in a plain text format, on or before the sixtieth (60) day, no later than 5:00 pm. The ballot content must be certified in the order in which it will appear on the ballot and must include specific instructions (e.g., Vote for One, etc.). The certified list of candidates and ballot measures shall be final, and the Contact Officer will not be responsible for making any changes after the certification, except those prescribed by statute. The Contact Officer will not accept text that includes, but is not limited to, bold, italic, underline, bullets, numbering, tables, strikethrough or indentations. The use of all capital letters is reserved for TABOR issues only, per the Code.
- M. Provide either directly by the DEO or by the candidate on behest of the DEO, the phonetic pronunciation of each candidate's name to assist in the preparation of the audio ballot at the time ballot content is certified to the County. Record a voice message at (303) 663-6279 and include the candidate name, jurisdiction, and title of office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election.
- N. Indicate whether question(s) are a referred measure or an initiative from a citizen petition. The Jurisdiction understands and agrees that any untimely ballot content submitted may result in candidates, issues, or questions not being on the ballot for the coordinated election.
- O. Proofread the layout and the text of the Jurisdiction's portion of the official ballots and TABOR notice (if applicable) and provide written confirmation (electronic format) of acceptance before the printing of the ballots. **Approval or requested changes must be received within two (2) hours of receiving the layout and text from the county.** This may require availability outside of normal business hours. Such acceptance is final, and no changes will be made after written notice (electronic format) is given to the Contact Officer. Failure to respond by the deadline will be considered acceptance "as is". A penalty for delay or rework of the ballot or TABOR notice will result in an additional fee to the Jurisdiction for all associated costs with fixing or correcting Jurisdictional errors.
- P. Perform the following tasks (as applicable) where Jurisdictional property owners are eligible to vote:

- a. Notify Contact Officer of the Title under which the political subdivision is formed and specifically which property owners are eligible to vote in the election.
 - b. Provide a certified list of eligible property owners, as determined by the Jurisdiction, who:
 - i. Own property within the Jurisdiction, appear on the State of Colorado list of registered voters and reside at an address that is not within the boundaries of Douglas County (“Out of County” property owners); or,
 - ii. Own property within the Jurisdiction, appear on the Douglas County list of registered voters, reside at an address that may not match the property address as shown on the County Assessor’s list, but is within the boundaries of Douglas County (“In County” property owners).
 - c. Coordinate directly with the Douglas County Assessor’s Office (303-660-7450), or visit their website to obtain the list of all recorded owners of taxable real and personal property at <https://apps.douglas.co.us/assessor/advanced-search/>.
 - d. Exclude non-person entities and persons not living in the state of Colorado; any individuals not registered to vote; any person who resides in the district, as they will already receive a mail ballot.
 - e. Submit the lists as an electronic copy using Microsoft Excel format. The spreadsheet shall contain no more than one (1) eligible elector’s name per line. Each line shall consist of the following separated fields: Last name, first name, middle name, mailing address, city, state, zip, parcel number, phone number, if available, and voter identification number. All files provided to the Contact Officer are to be clearly named.
- Q. Publish and post any required legal notices for the Jurisdiction’s ballot content, other than the notice required by § 1-5-205, C.R.S, which Douglas County will publish. A copy of such published legal notice shall be submitted to the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder, Recording Division for its records.
- R. Provide phone support on Election Day from 7:00am – 7:00pm. Designated contact person for Jurisdiction must be provided upon execution of this Agreement. Emergency contact information must also be provided for this purpose.
- S. Notify the Contact Officer within 24 hours of the completion of the final ballot tabulation whether a recount is required or desired. The Jurisdiction shall reimburse the County for the full cost of the recount. If other Jurisdictions are included in the recount, the cost will be pro-rated among the participating Jurisdictions as per § 1-10.5-101, C.R.S. Refer to SOS Rule 10.9.5 for Jurisdictions in more than one County.
- T. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such invoice, the Jurisdiction shall remit total payment to the County.
- U. Pay any additional or unique election costs resulting from Jurisdiction delays, mistakes, recounts, and/or special preparations or cancellations relating to the Jurisdiction’s participation in the coordinated election. Charges are \$1.00 per registered voter, with a minimum charge of \$1,000, not including publication cost, excess linear ballot column

inches cost (\$2,000 for Coordinated over 5"), and TABOR Notice costs with a minimum charge of \$500 (if applicable).

Illustrative Pro-Rated Costs Table:

Current Registration Total (Active & Inactive)	% of Total Participants Registration	TABOR registered Voters	TABOR % of total Registration	Current Registration Total X \$1.00	OR \$1k minimum, whichever is greater	AND \$2k ea. add. column inch over 5	TABOR Notice Cost x % registration or \$500 minimum	Public Notice Divided equally by participating entities	Requested Report Fees (\$25/report)	Estimated Minimum Cost
43,000	17.38%	21,000	46.5%	\$64,500	\$0.00	\$6,000	\$13,953.49	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$ 84,518.49
98,000	39.62%	45,000	99.67%	\$147,000	\$0.00	\$2,000	\$29,900.33	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$178,965.33
7,500	3.03%	0	0.00	\$11,250	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$ 11,290.00
300	0.12%	150	0.33%	\$450	\$1,000	\$0	\$500.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$ 1,990.00

If costs of TABOR Notice were \$30,000 and other public notices were \$60.

SECTION III. CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

3.01 CANCELLATION OF ELECTION BY THE JURISDICTION.

In the event the Jurisdiction resolves to cancel the election, notice shall be provided to the Contact Officer immediately. The Jurisdiction shall be liable for the full actual costs of the activities relating to the election incurred both before and after the Contact Officer's receipt of such notice. The Jurisdiction shall provide and post notice by publication as defined in the Code. In the event that the Jurisdiction resolves to cancel the election after the last day for the DEO to certify the ballot order and content to the Contact Officer, the text provided by the Jurisdiction cannot be removed from the ballot and/or the TABOR Notice.

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**SECTION IV.
MISCELLANEOUS**

4.01 NOTICES.

Any and all notices required to be given by this Agreement are deemed to have been received and to be effective: (1) three days after they have been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested; (2) immediately upon hand delivery; 3) or by email to the address of a Party as set forth below or to such Party or addresses as may hereafter be designated in writing:

To County: Merlin Klotz
Douglas County Clerk and Recorder
Elections Division
125 Stephanie Place
Castle Rock, Colorado 80109

Email: Elections@Douglas.co.us

To Jurisdiction: Sandy Maresh, Designated Election Official
(Enter Contact and address Douglas County School District RE-1
information) 620 Wilcox Street
Castle Rock CO 80104
Office: 303-387-0258
Email: smmaresh@dcsdk12.org

4.02 TERM OF AGREEMENT.

The term of this Agreement shall continue until all statutory requirements concerning the conduct of the coordinated election are fulfilled.

4.03 AMENDMENT.

This Agreement may be amended only in writing and following the same formality as the execution of the initial Agreement.

4.04 INTEGRATION.

The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement constitutes the sole Agreement between them relating to the subject matter hereof and that no Party is relying upon any oral representation made by another Party or employee, agent or officer of that Party.

4.05 CONFLICT OF AGREEMENT WITH LAW, IMPAIRMENT.

In the event that any provision in this Agreement conflicts with the Code or other statute, this Agreement shall be modified to conform to such law. No resolution of either party to this Agreement shall impair the rights of the CEO or the Jurisdiction hereunder without the consent of the other party to this Agreement.

4.06 TIME OF ESSENCE.

Time is of the essence for this Agreement. The time requirements of the Code shall apply to completion of the tasks required by this Agreement. Failure to comply with the

terms of this Agreement and/or the deadlines or the Code may result in consequences up to and including termination of this Agreement.

4.07 GOOD FAITH.

The parties shall implement this Agreement in good faith, including acting in good faith in all matters that require joint or general action.

4.08 NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT.

The Parties hereto understand and agree that they, their commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents, and employees, are relying on, and do not waive or intend to waive by any provisions of this Agreement, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (the "CGIA"), §§ 24-10-101 to 120, C.R.S., or otherwise available to the County or the Jurisdiction. To the extent the CGIA imposes varying obligations or contains different waivers for cities and counties, both the Jurisdiction and the County agree that they will remain liable for their independent obligations under the CGIA, and neither party shall be the agent of the other or liable for the obligations of the other.

4.09 NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.

The enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and all rights of action relating to such enforcement shall be strictly reserved to the County and the Jurisdiction, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other or third person under such Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement to be effective on the latest date noted below.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO (Board signature required only if coordination cost will exceed \$25,000)

COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL:

By Board of County Commissioners Chairperson

By Clerk and Recorder

Date

Date

Attest Deputy Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FISCAL CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Director of Finance

County Attorney

Jurisdiction Signatures: Douglas County School District RE-1

By: David Ray

By: Mary Klimesh

Title: David Ray, Board of Education President

Title: Mary Kay Klimesh, General Legal Counsel

Date: August 12, 2021

Date: August 12, 2021

Attest Elizabeth Hanson

Title: Elizabeth Hanson, Board of Education Secretary

Date: August 12, 2021

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**Appendix A
Address Confirmation Form**

JURISDICTION NAME: Douglas County School District RE-1

The address ranges identified in the **Address Library Report**, provided in addition to the IGA, represent all current addresses within your Jurisdiction according to our Voter Registration System address report. *The Douglas County Elections Office only maintains residential addresses – not business or commercial addresses.* We are sending you the **Address Library Report** to confirm that the address ranges are complete and accurate. These addresses will be used to identify eligible electors within the Jurisdiction. It is the Jurisdiction’s responsibility to know all current addresses within its boundaries.

Please verify that the **Address Library Report** includes all residential addresses within your Jurisdiction. If there is an error, please note it on the table below. If there are no errors, omissions, and/or corrections, it is still essential to sign, date, and return this form to the Douglas County Elections Office. Thank you.

PROPOSED DISTRICTS: Provide a certified legal description, map, and street listing (including street ranges).

Section 1

Enter information in table, if applicable. If more space is needed, please create a separate document.

Street Name	Dir.	Street Type	Low/High Range	Odd/Even	Zip Code	Notes
<i>Example Main</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>St.</i>	<i>101/603</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>80104</i>	

Section 2


Enter other counties shared by Jurisdiction.

County Name(s): Elbert County, Colorado

Not Applicable

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I have reviewed the Jurisdiction's Address Library Report provided by the Douglas County Elections Office and certify it to be a true and accurate description of the address ranges defining boundaries of the Jurisdiction, except for any discrepancies, which are noted on this form.



Signature

7/26/2021

Date

Attachment: DCSO IGA (Consolidated) (7059 : Resolution approving an IGA for Douglas County School District RE-1 - 2021 Coordinated