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Estes Park Health Board of Directors approves May 2 ballot measure

Ballot measure does not raise taxes

On Thursday, March 2, the Estes Park Health Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve Resolution 23-01 which approves a ballot measure to be voted upon by registered voters in the Park Hospital District May 2.

The ballot measure – which would not raise taxes -- would authorize the Board to enter into a multiple year financial obligation that would be part of any affiliation agreement.

Estes Park Health is in discussions with other healthcare organizations about enhanced affiliation. Approval of this ballot measure in May would enable these discussions to move forward to agreement.

“We believe increased affiliation with a larger healthcare organization will occur at some point in the future,” said Estes Park Health Board Chairman David Batey. “Estes Park Health leadership is taking an active role in negotiating a future affiliation that accomplishes our goals. We remain committed to providing excellent health care services that will address our community’s health care needs for years into the future.”

Ballot Language

The ballot language is as follows:

“Without imposing any new tax or increasing any tax rate, shall Park Hospital District, doing business as Estes Park Health, be authorized to enter into one or more agreements, constituting a multiple fiscal year financial obligation within the meaning of Article X, Section 20(4)(b) of the Colorado Constitution, with one or more nonprofit healthcare providers concerning the ownership, operation, and maintenance of all or any portion of the District’s hospital and other healthcare and related facilities and assets, including the lease or other conveyance from the District of real and personal property, and to pledge all or any portion of the District’s revenues pursuant to such agreements?”

EPH Board of Directors election is also May 2

Six people are running for three seats on the Estes Park Health Board of Directors on the May 2 ballot.

Incumbent Board members Steve Alper and Bill Pinkham are running for re-election.

Four other people from the community are also on the ballot to win one of the four-year terms on the board. Those self-nominated candidates include Cory Workman, John Meissner, Todd Nardi and Brigitte Foust.

For more information about the ballot issue, log on to [May 2023 Board Election - Estes Park Health \(eph.org\)](https://www.eph.org).

About Estes Park Health

Estes Park Health is comprised of skilled, compassionate caregivers. We are a critical resource in our mountain community, providing the full spectrum of care for our friends, neighbors and visitors, from pediatrics to geriatrics. With a persistent dedication to patient-focused care, we continue to score high on key measures in patient satisfaction surveys. Estes Park Health was founded in 1975 as the Elizabeth Knutsson Memorial Hospital per a tax subsidy voted on by the citizens of Estes Park. Today, more 18,000 patients—residents and visitors alike—see our healthcare teams for both outpatient and inpatient services.

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