

EXHIBIT A (BALLOT LANGUAGE)

SHALL EL PASO COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY \$17 MILLION ANNUALLY TO DIRECTLY FUND THE URGENT PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF TERRY MAKETA, THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL SERVING ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITIES, TOWNS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF EL PASO COUNTY, AS CRITICAL TO PERFORMING HIS STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS TO ALL EL PASO COUNTY RESIDENTS, BY INCREASING THE COUNTY'S SALES AND USE TAX RATE BY TWENTY-THREE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE CENT (\$0.0023) PER DOLLAR PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 29, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES; WHICH NEEDS ARE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN THE AREAS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE, WITH ALL REVENUES GENERATED TO BE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING AND USED FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE:

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS
 - HIRING, EMPLOYING, TRAINING AND EQUIPPING ADDITIONAL PATROL DEPUTIES, INVESTIGATORS AND CIVILIAN SUPPORT STAFF
 - CONDUCTING FIRE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
 - REPLACING OBSOLETE AND FAILING COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
 - PURCHASING AMMUNITION, FUEL AND OTHER OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

2. CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEEDS
 - HIRING, EMPLOYING, TRAINING AND EQUIPPING ADDITIONAL DETENTION DEPUTIES, CIVILIAN SUPPORT STAFF AND COURT TRANSPORT PERSONNEL
 - CONDUCTING CRIMINAL EXTRADITION
 - REPLACING AGING VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND VIDEO VISITATION SYSTEMS AT THE COUNTY JAIL
 - PURCHASING OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
 - ADDRESSING ADDITIONAL SECURITY, SAFETY, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AT THE COUNTY JAIL

3. EMERGENCY RESPONSE NEEDS
 - HIRING, EMPLOYING, TRAINING AND EQUIPPING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND OPERATIONS STAFF AND FUNDING EMERGENCY RESPONSES
 - CONSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLE RESPONSE CENTER
 - PURCHASING A WILDLAND FIRE TRUCK AND ADDITIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT

WITH THE SHERIFF REQUIRED TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE CITIZENS OF EL PASO COUNTY ALL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RESULTING FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE; AND A CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ALL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RESULTING FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE; WITH ALL REVENUES GENERATED AND THE EARNINGS ON SUCH REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT EACH YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO COLLECT AND SPEND OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; WITH SUCH SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE BEING COLLECTED, ADMINISTERED AND ENFORCED PURSUANT TO EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NO. 12-309; WITH SALES OF GROCERY FOOD ITEMS, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, FUELD FOR RESIDENTIAL UTILITIES AND OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES IDENTIFIED IN RESOLUTION NO. 12-309 BEING EXEMPT FROM SUCH SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE; WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SHERIFF CAN AT ANY TIME RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS A REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF SUCH SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE; AND WITH AN EIGHT-YEAR SUNSET PROVISION, SUCH SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE TERMINATING WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION ON JANUARY 1, 2021?