



November 8, 2016 Election	
Ballot Issue:	5F: Whether the Poudre River Public Library District May Keep and Spend All Revenues From the 3 Mill Property Tax Approved in 2006
Ballot Language	<p>MAY THE POUDDRE RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT F/K/A FORT COLLINS REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT KEEP ALL REVENUES FROM THE 3 MILL PROPERTY TAX LEVY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 2006 WITHOUT REFUNDING ANY AMOUNT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF EXCEEDING THE REVENUE ESTIMATES CONTAINED IN THE ELECTION NOTICE MAILED TO VOTERS IN 2006 AND CONTINUE TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE TAX REVENUE AT THE APPROVED 3 MILL AUTHORIZED IN 2006 WITHOUT INCREASE OR DECREASE?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ YES _____ NO</p>
Chamber Position	The Chamber is recommending a vote of support.
The Basics	<p>In 2006, voters approved the establishment of and funding for the Fort Collins Regional Library District (now called Poudre River Public Library District) with 63% in favor. The voters authorized the Library District to collect and spend \$5,779,377 in 2007. The Library District was authorized to assess a 3 mill tax levy after 2007 and “collect, retain and spend additional revenue along with all other revenues, notwithstanding any limitation or restriction on revenue or spending now contained in Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 20- 1-103 et seq., C.R.S. or any other law.”</p> <p>Local citizens and others have raised concerns about deBrucing waivers of TABOR’s revenue limitations were sufficient to avoid refunding its excess revenues relating to taxes without seeking additional voter approval. Unfortunately, as the Legislative Services opinion indicates, this question has not been answered by the Colorado appellate courts.</p> <p>Consequently, rather than litigate this issue, which could take years and would leave Poudre River Public Library District budgeting in a state of uncertainty, the Library District’s Board of Trustees is seeking clarity on the scope and application of the 2006 voter approval.</p>
Connection to	This is a Good Government issue. Business expects government to be

Business	predictable and efficient in providing services. Funding is a key issue.
Arguments for the Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District has been transparent on the use of their budget and the original language of the ballot suggests that they should be able to continue to use those dollars. • A court fight could be long and expensive, approving this measure settles the issue immediately.
Arguments Against the Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District has collect too much money and should return it to the voters.
Resources	http://www.poudrelibraries.org/download/pdf/ballot-issue5F-public-fact-sheet.pdf
Where We Stand	<p>GOOD GOVERNMENT BASIC PHILOSOPHY: The Chamber believes that business should expect government to be predictable, efficient in the delivery of services, reasonable in imposition of costs, be accessible and responsive, open and transparent, accurate and timely, be open to understanding the views of business, focus on basic services, be conscious of actions that impact business climate, be mindful of property rights and avoid mandates when possible.</p>