

## 2021-02-09 LAC Report

Notebook: 2021 Reports & Updates  
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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update for February 9, 2021

### COVID Update

- As of February 6, La Plata County is now listed at Level Blue on the COVID-19 dial dashboard (<https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>). Archuleta and Dolores Counties are also at Level Blue. Montezuma and San Juan Counties are Level Yellow.
- SJBPB has launched an online form for residents to receive COVID-19 vaccine notifications on vaccine availability. It is not a vaccine sign-up form, but rather a way to receive the latest vaccine information. Sign up for vaccination alerts here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5WzjQP0UH2ukxvnrC83zg0shkYCpuOh8muKHmHiMMGHonKg/viewform>
- Both Archuleta and La Plata counties are currently vaccinating individuals in the 1A phase, which includes high-priority healthcare workers and staff/residents of long-term care facilities, plus some categories of people in the 1B phase including first responders, moderate-risk healthcare workers, and people 70 years and older.
- More information on Colorado phases for vaccines is available here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/vaccine-for-coloradans>
- More information on New Mexico phases for vaccines is available here: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-vaccine/>

### Durango COVID Relief

- The city of Durango is offering up to three months of utility bill credits (water, sewer, trash and recycling) to businesses and residents financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Residents must meet income requirements to qualify for the credits. Businesses and nonprofits must:
  - Have experienced 25 percent revenue loss between March and December 2020
  - Be substantially impacted by COVID-19 as a result of required closures or capacity limits
  - Be owned, operated or headquartered in Durango (not a franchise or chain)
  - Not be delinquent in sales tax submissions (businesses on a payment or deferment plan are not delinquent)
  - Operate legally under local, state and federal laws

Applications for residents and businesses will be accepted through March 21, 2021. Funding is limited; credits will be offered until funding is exhausted. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.DurangoGov.org/DBRE>

### Durango Financial Update

- Sales tax collections were up 9.5% for the month of November as compared to 2019. Year to date, Sales tax is down -.2%
- Lodgers tax collections were down -6.9% in November compared to 2019. Year to date, Lodgers tax is down -30.9%.
- See the November monthly tax report here: <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/19133/November-2020-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-PDF>

### La Plata County Financial Update

- **Sales tax collections for October** show an increase of 16.77% in comparison to the same period in 2019. Year to date, Sales tax has increased 14.47% over the same period in 2019.
- **Sales tax collections for November** show an increase of 22.63% in comparison to the same period in 2019. Year to date, Sales tax has increased 15.49% over the same period in 2019.
- **Sales tax collections for December** show an increase of 15.13% in comparison to the same period in 2019. Year to date, Sales tax has increased 5.13% over the same period in 2019.
- **Lodger's tax collections for Quarter 1 & 2** show an increase of 9.50% from the same period in 2019. Year to date for 2020 is a decrease of -4.89%, over the same period in 2019.
- **Lodger's tax collections for Quarter 3** show an increase of 40.87% from the same period in 2019. Year to date for 2020 is an increase of 16.74%, over the same period in 2019.

### Durango Strategic Plan

- The City of Durango has been in discussions related to the preparation of a Strategic Plan for 2021.
- City Council updated the city's Vision and [Mission](#) statements and reviewed [Council Goals](#).
- Top issues raised include affordable/attainable/workforce housing, resource management, and infrastructure.
- A draft Strategic Plan is expected to come before Council in March for approval.

### Durango City Council Election

- Three of five seats on Durango City Council are up for grabs for the April 6 election.
- Nomination petitions are due to the City Clerk by 3:00 p.m. on February 12. As of Friday, February 6, candidates that have gathered enough signatures to be on the ballot include Lisa McCorry, Melissa Youssef (Incumbent), Frank Lockwood, Harrison Wendt, Seth Furtney, and Jessika Buell.

### Durango Lodgers Tax

- Voters will decide in April whether to raise Durango's Lodgers Tax from 2% to 5.25%.
- If approved, 55% of the proceeds would fund sustainable tourism marketing, 20% would fund transportation and transit services, 14% would fund arts and cultural events, programs and facilities, and 11% would be used for any of the above purposes or other purposes related to the impacts of tourism.

### Ignacio Building Permits for 2020

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**Durango Projects Approved**

- 150 East 33rd Street Minor Subdivision & 3215 East 2nd Avenue Minor Subdivision was approved on January 25.

**Meetings attended January 12 - February 9**

1/12 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting	1/26 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session
1/12 - 1 pm Durango Special Study Session	1/26 - 6 pm Durango Council Special Meeting
1/12 - 4 pm Durango Special Study Session	1/27 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
1/13 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	1/28 - 3 pm BOCC Study Session
1/13- 1 pm Durango Special Study Session	2/1 - 2 pm Evernote Tech Support Meeting
1/14 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	2/2 - 8:30 am Durango Council Special Study Session
1/19 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	2/2 - 1 pm Durango Council Special Study Session
1/20- 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	2/2 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
1/25 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission	2/3 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
1/26 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting	2/4 - 11 am DAAR Government Affairs Meeting
	2/9 - 9 am LAC Meeting