

## **2019-12-10 LAC Report**

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update

December 10, 2019

### **Plastic Bag Ban Update**

- A large crowd filled Durango City Hall on November 19th to protest against single use plastic bags and encourage the use of reusable cloth bags.
- Leaders of the proposal have been collecting petition signatures and may ask the City Council this spring to consider an ordinance to ban single use plastic bags.

### **Durango City Manager Hiring Update**

- City Councilors on November 19th selected the search firm Slavin Management Consulting to find candidates for a new Durango City Manager.
- During the interviewing process Bob Slavin told the Council they could expect about 10 to 15 vetted, qualified candidates to come out of the search process.

### **La Plata County Commissioners Election**

- There are 2 candidates for District 3, the seat being vacated by Julie Westendorff -
  - Charles Minkler (Unaffiliated)
    - Total contributions \$225, no expenditures
  - Matthew Salka (Democrat)
    - Total Contributions \$1203, Expenditures \$112
- There are 2 candidates for District 2, the seat being vacated by Gwen Lachelt -
  - Marsha Porter-Norton (Democrat)
    - Total Contributions \$12,239, Expenditures \$6,056.20
  - John “Jack” Turner (Unaffiliated)

- Total Contributions \$3157, Expenditures \$231

### **Southern Ute Election Update**

- Southern Ute Tribal 2019 Run-Off Election will be held on Friday, December 13th from 7am to 7 pm at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio. Four candidates are competing for two seats on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. The candidates are former chairman James Olguin, former council member Ramona Eagle, incumbent Adam Red, and tribal employee Marjorie Barry. More information is available at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/2019/11/04/southern-ute-tribal-2019-run-off-election/>
- Newly elected Tribal Council members will be sworn in Dec 16 at 10 am in Tribal Council Chambers

### **Town of Ignacio Election Update**

- Three Town of Ignacio Trustee seats are up for election on April 7, 2020.
- Nomination packets are available from Town Hall on or after January 7, 2020.
- In order to qualify as a candidate, you must: be eighteen (18) years of age by April 7, 2020; have resided in the Town of Ignacio for the 12 months immediately preceding April 7, 2020; be a registered elector in Precinct 24; complete the nomination petition and obtain a minimum of ten (10) valid signatures of registered electors from within the Town.
- These petitions must be turned into the Town Clerk by end of business day on January 27, 2020.

### **Bayfield Planning Commission Opening**

- The Board of Trustees for the Town of Bayfield is seeking a qualified resident to volunteer to fill a vacant seat on the Planning Commission.
- Qualifications for the seat include residency in the Town of Bayfield. There is typically one meeting per month, on the second Tuesday of each month. The appointment is for a four (4) year term.
- For consideration, letters of interest are due at Town Hall by 5:00 PM, December 30, 2019. Letters should be addressed to Mayor Matt Salka, Town of Bayfield, 1199 Bayfield Parkway, PO Box 80, Bayfield, CO 81122. Please contact Town Hall at (970) 884-9544 with any questions.

### **La Plata County 2020 Budget Update**

- The proposed 2020 La Plata County budget is now available for public review, after being presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Oct. 8. The Board held a hearing on the budget Dec 10 at 10 am. View the budget here:  
[http://co.laplata.co.us/government/news/what\\_s\\_new/proposed\\_2020\\_budget\\_available\\_for\\_review](http://co.laplata.co.us/government/news/what_s_new/proposed_2020_budget_available_for_review)

### **Durango Financial Report for Sept 2019**

- September sales tax collections showed an increase over September 2018. Collections were up 7.1%. These collections represent sales in August for monthly filers. Use tax collections were up 4.0% over September 2018. Lodgers tax increased 16.6% over September 2018.
- See the full report here:  
<https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/16259/September-2019>

### **Durango Sales and Use Tax History Report through Oct 2019**

- <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/16282/Oct-2019-Tax-History?bidId=>

### **Meetings attended October 8 - November 12**

11/12 - 10 am BOCC meeting	11/26 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
11/12 - 2 pm Durango Council Special Meeting	11/26 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session CANCELLED
11/12 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	11/27 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
11/13 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	11/28 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELLED
11/14 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELLED	12/3 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED
11/18 - 2:30 pm Durango Council/BOCC Study Session	12/3 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
11/19 - 10 am BOCC CANCELLED	12/4 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
11/19 - 12:30 BOCC Discussion Time	12/5 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
11/19 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	12/9 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
11/19 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	12/10 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting
11/21 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	

11/25 - 6 pm Durango Planning  
Commission CANCELLED