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Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

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Subject:

10:45 AM *1A Resident Advisory Committee Considerations

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this presentation is to outline key considerations for the framework of the 1A Resident Advisory Committee. The Board of County Commissioners will be asked to provide guidance on the recommendations and determine the next steps moving forward.

Background and Discussion:

During the 2024 general election, Arapahoe County voters approved ballot measure 1A, which allows the County to remove spending limits imposed by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). This measure authorizes the County to collect, retain, and spend revenue that exceeds the limitations set by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. As part of the ballot language, a provision was included that mandates all spending of these excess revenues be transparently reported. Specifically, it requires that spending be included in the County's annual independent audit, which will be published on the county website, and that the spending be monitored and reviewed by a resident advisory committee.

In preparation for forming this oversight committee, an environmental scan was conducted to examine similar committees in neighboring jurisdictions. The scan focused on five school district bond oversight committees and one municipal capital improvement sales tax measure. The attached memo outlines common themes and best practices observed across these committees, providing valuable insights into Arapahoe County's approach.

Additionally, County staff have developed a set of considerations for the advisory committee's structure and framework. This includes a proposed timeline for establishing the committee and appointing its members.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Alternatives: The Board could decide not to move forward with recommendations.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☒ Be fiscally sustainable
- ☒ Provide essential and mandated service
- ☒ Be community focused

Staff Recommendation: Adopt proposals as presented.

Concurrence: N/A