

1A Resident Advisory Committee Considerations

In 2024, Arapahoe County voters approved ballot measure 1A to remove spending limits under TABOR and authorize the County to collect, retain, and spend revenue that exceeds Article X, Section 20 limitations. Arapahoe County included a provision in the ballot language to "provide all spending of such revenues be reported in the County's annual independent audit published on the county website and monitored and reviewed by a resident advisory committee."

Below is an updated proposal incorporating the feedback from the Feb. 4, 2025, study session.

Purpose: Accountability and transparency of 1A funds.

Committee Structure:

- Membership:
 - 9/10 members
 - At least one from every district (geographic diversity)
 - Commissioners' choice
 - Remaining 4-5 to address the various characteristics and qualifications to achieve the desired diversity.
 - Commissioners' consensus
 - Term length: staggered 3-year terms
 - Term limit: two terms
 - Officers: Chair/Vice Chair (help set agendas with staff, run meeting)
 - If deep meeting facilitation required, seek third-party or staff support.
- Time Commitment:
 - A minimum of quarterly meetings, with initial monthly meetings for orientation and training
 - Semi-annual reviews with the Board.
- Background
 - Resident of Arapahoe County
 - External partners
 - Community representative
 - Business leaders
 - Nonprofit members
 - Current/past elected officials and current members of other County boards and committees are currently ineligible for consideration.
- Desired Traits/Qualifications
 - Understanding of how the government works and is funded
 - Diversity in geography, demographics, thought, and age
 - General knowledge of finance, accounting, and budgeting

- Respectful
- Collaborative
- Consensus builders
- Collegial
- Listeners
- Active participants
- Civically engaged
- Proposed Committee Roles and Responsibilities
 - Serve as a recommending body, employing consensus-based decision-making.
 - Serve as a conduit between the County and stakeholders.
 - Ensure understanding of the Board's strategic plan and essential services related to 1A.
 - Affirm 1A funds are being utilized in accordance with the stated purpose.
 - Review and monitor 1A revenue and expense projections/actuals, understand the balance between capital and operational expenditures.
 - Conduct formal reviews semi-annually with the Board.
- Appointment Process
 - Standard online application, including resume
 - Specific application questions
 - Interviews with full board
- Potential Specific Questions
 - Describe your experience or background knowledge in budget management or local government.
 - Do you have any special area of knowledge that would be helpful to the committee?
 - The committee's primary purpose is to review and monitor the County's expenditures of 1A funds. Can you tell us what you think your role will entail?
 - Why do you think you would be a good fit?
- Timeline & Next Steps
 - January
 - Environmental scan and analysis
 - Identify committee parameters
 - February
 - Present options and considerations to the Board; obtain approval
 - Begin the recruitment process
 - Schedule interviews
 - March
 - Appoint committee members