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Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

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Subject:

2:15 PM *1A Resident Advisory Committee Appointments

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this drop-in is for the Board of County Commissioners to review and provide recommendations for member appointments to the 1A Resident Advisory Committee.

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, published on the county website, and that the spending be monitored and reviewed by a resident advisory committee.

The Board of County Commissioners finalized the desired qualifications and characteristics for the committee during the February 18, 2025, study session. The committee will consist of ten members, including at least one representative from each commissioner district to ensure geographic diversity. The remaining members will be selected by the board's consensus to ensure a diverse range of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Members will serve staggered three-year terms and may serve up to two terms. Eligible applicants must be

residents of Arapahoe County and may come from various sectors, including the nonprofit community, local businesses, or as community representatives or external partners. However, employees of the county and their immediate family members, as well as current or former elected officials and their immediate family members, were not eligible for consideration. Individuals currently serving on other County boards or committees were also deemed ineligible.

The application solicitation process began on February 25 and remained open through April 14. Outreach was conducted through established channels, including partnerships with local economic development and nonprofit organizations, social media platforms, and media coverage from local news outlets. In total, 35 applications were received and interviewed.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Alternatives: The Board could decide not to make recommendations for appointment.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

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

Staff Recommendation: Staff is seeking input on final recommendations ahead of ratification during the April 22, 2025, business meeting.

Concurrence: N/A