

# Two Perimeter Fence GID Questions Will Be On our November Ballot

*Submitted by the Joint HOA Perimeter Fence Committee*

With a unanimous 9-0 vote at the August 5<sup>th</sup> Centennial City Council meeting, the council authorized placing two questions on the November 5, 2019 Coordinated Election ballot for Willow Creek 1 & 2 voters to decide. Both questions relate to the organization of the WC 1 & 2 General Improvement District (GID). For several weeks leading up to this meeting, members of both the Joint Perimeter Fence Committee and the City of Centennial staff worked collaboratively to create ballot language that both conforms to that required by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) and also satisfies both the City's legal staff and the Committee's representatives. Like all ballot questions involving taxes, various requirements make the wording of these two GID questions challenging to read and comprehend. Both questions are now posted on the websites of the two HOAs. To summarize:

**Question 1** asks voters to approve increases in property taxes for a Maintenance and Operations/Mill Levy and to authorize the creation of the Willow Creek 1 & 2 GID. This will raise approximately \$33,000 each year for these functions.

**Question 2** seeks voter approval for the GID to issue debt to pay for the costs to replace the neighborhood's aging cedar fence with one made of masonry and to impose taxes to repay the debt.

The second question is contingent on the passage of the first question. If the GID is not formed, the second question will be null and void. However, if the second question does not pass but the first one does, the GID may still be formed, but it would have limited or no revenues (since there will be no reason to impose a mill levy) to conduct any work. Due to the limitations under TABOR, this is a potential outcome for any new GID.