

**RESOLUTION NO. 42**  
**Series of 2018**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO BALLOT QUESTION 1A**  
**– OPEN SPACE MILL LEVY EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Vail (the "Town"), in the County of Eagle and State of Colorado is a home rule municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town Charter (the "Charter");

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Council of the Town (the "Council") have been duly elected and qualified;

WHEREAS, Eagle County (the "County") submitted and had approved by the electors of Eagle County on November 5, 2002, a question to increase property taxes by one and one-half (1.5) mills for the purpose of acquiring, maintaining, or permanently preserving open space in Eagle County (the "Open Space Mill Levy");

WHEREAS, without raising taxes, the County desires to extend to the existing Open Space Mill Levy for an additional fifteen (15) years from the current expiration of 2025 to 2040 to provide on-going funding for the Open Space Program;

WHEREAS, extension of the Open Space Mill Levy will allow the Open Space Program to plan for future open space acquisitions, improvements, short and long-term maintenance, restoration and stewardship of its open space lands;

WHEREAS, the ability to plan for the future of the Open Space Program is important as Eagle County's population is expected to increase, creating increased pressure and demands on its existing open space properties;

WHEREAS, recent polling shows that eighty-one percent (81%) of voters polled support an extension of the Open Space Mill Levy with conserving wildlife habit and scenic beauty of Eagle County, maintaining a good quality of life and protecting lands along our rivers and streams as key motivating factors for this support;

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution requires voter approval for, among other things, the extension of any expiring tax;

WHEREAS, the additional revenue attributable to the Open Space Mill Levy, including interest and earnings, if approved by Eagle County electors, would be credited to the existing special fund in the County treasury known as the Open Space Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VAIL, COLORADO THAT:

Section 1. The Council hereby endorses County ballot question to authorize without raising taxes the extension of the existing 1.5 mill levy related to the Eagle County Open Space Program for fifteen years from the current expiration.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Vail held this 16th day of October, 2018.

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Dave Chapin, Town Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patty McKenny, Town Clerk