

# CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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Michael B. Hancock Mayor

March 18, 2019

Honorable Jolon Clark Denver City Council President City and County Building, Room 451 Denver, CO 80202

Dear Council President:

In keeping with the provisions of Section 20-93 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (the "DRMC"), I am hereby notifying you of the Department of Finance's intent to issue City and County of Denver General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019A-B in a par amount not to exceed \$139 million. The Series 2019A Bonds will fund approximately \$82 million of Elevate Denver bond projects identified as part of the 2017 GO Bond authorization approved by Denver voters in November 2017. The Series 2019B Bonds in a par amount up to \$57 million will refund existing Series 2009A Better Denver and Zoo GO Bonds to achieve interest cost savings.

The Bonds will be issued as tax-exempt, fixed-rate obligations with a term not to exceed 10 years.

The Bonds will be a General Obligation of the City, secured by the full faith and credit of the City, and are payable from general ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property within the City.

The accompanying *Attachment A* contains a more detailed description of the financing as required by Section 20-93(b) of the DRMC.

Sincerely,

Brendan J. Hanlon Manager of Finance

Attachment

C: Honorable Tim O'Brien, Auditor Debra Johnson, Clerk and Recorder Jonathan Griffin, City Council Liaison

#### Attachment A

# DESCRIPTION OF THE SERIES 2019A-B GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN A PAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139 MILLION

## I. <u>The Proposed Financing</u>

The Department of Finance intends to issue City and County of Denver General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019A-B in a par amount not to exceed \$139 million. The 2019A Bonds will fund approximately \$82 million of Elevate Denver bond projects identified as part of the 2017 GO Bond authorization approved by Denver voters in November 2017. The 2019B Bonds in a par amount up to \$57 million will refund existing Series 2009A Better Denver and Zoo GO Bonds to achieve interest cost savings. There will be no change to the original maturity of the Series 2009A Bonds, and based on current market conditions, the refunding is expected to generate approximately \$4.5 million or 8.2% of net present value savings.

The Series 2019A-B Bonds will be issued as fixed-rate, tax-exempt obligations with a term not to exceed 10 years and an interest rate not to exceed 4.5%. The final interest rate and par amount will be determined on the day of pricing and costs associated with the transaction will be paid for by the proceeds of the bonds.

#### Security for the Bonds

The Bonds will be a General Obligation of the City, secured by the full faith and credit of the City, and are payable from general ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property within the City without limitation as to rate and in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, except to the extent other legally available funds are applied for such purpose.

#### II. The Sale Process

The Bonds will be sold in a competitive sale process. The City uses the financial advisory services of Hilltop Securities for City financings.

## III. <u>The Proposed Timetable of Events</u>

Major events are contained in the tentative transaction timetable below:

Date	Event
March 18, 2019	Reading of the 20-93 Notice at Council
March 26, 2019	Finance & Governance Committee
April 2, 2019	Mayor Council
April 8, 2019	First Council reading of the Ordinance
April 15, 2019	Second Council reading of the Ordinance
April 23, 2019	Price Transaction (Tentative)
May 6, 2019	Close Transaction (Tentative)

#### IV. <u>Counsel</u>

Butler Snow LLP and The Holt Group LLC serve as Co-Bond Counsel on the Bonds. Firms were selected through a competitive process conducted through the City Attorney's Office.

### V. <u>Other Information</u>

I know of no event at this time that will affect the financing as described herein. In keeping with the intent of the 20-93 of the DRMC, the President of Council will be notified promptly of any material change to the financing. I do not anticipate formally communicating technical changes of an immaterial nature or minor changes in the timetable.