

**2. Ballot Question 2A, Home Rule Charter, if adopted, will change how the town operates and governs, how would you recommend that citizens vote? Why?**

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**ELLEN BODENHEMIER:** I have voted Yes on Home Rule, Ballot Question 2A.

Home Rule will allow us to bring Broadband to Eagle, create a code of conduct for the town board and mayor position(s), allow ordinances to be enacted quicker and gain more local control over sales tax revenues. It will not impose taxes on voters without ballot, tax payer approval per TABOR. It was a well constructed Charter that will be beneficial to our town.

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**MAREN CERIMELE:** I support the Home Rule initiative as it will allow Eagle to govern more efficiently under control of the local citizens rather than following state statutes. Home rule will allow Eagle to make strategic decisions based on the priorities of the town. One benefit is that it allows the town to collect and audit sales and use taxes which streamlines tax procedures and guarantees that local tax dollars remain in the community to support local initiatives.

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**KYLE HOILAND:** I recommend that citizens vote FOR Home Rule. In serving on the Home Rule Charter Commission (with a well-balanced cross section of our citizens, I might add) I learned about our current structure and realized that Home Rule is not much different than our current structure, except that it does allow our town to “self-manage” more without the over-sight of the state. In drafting the Home Rule Charter, we in fact did not stray to far from statutory rule, and have maintained the same structure as before (Mayor and 6 council members). For more information on the Home Rule Charter, I recommend visiting the Town’s website and reading the meeting minutes and the revisions to each draft. I would add that it was a very transparent process, with public meetings and notices issued and various articles & letters in the Vail Daily, as well as online information on the Town’s website. As a Commissioner, I also reached out to citizens directly by phone, email and casual conversations about the process and requested input from citizens on what they would like to see in the Home Rule Charter. This experience would also translate to being a Trustee, being available to our citizens and seeking their input on major Town decisions.

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**DAVID GABOURY:** Last fall I was elected to and had the privilege to serve on the Town’s Home Rule Charter Commission, comprised of 9 community members. I fully support the adoption of our Home Rule Charter. It sets the foundation for more government efficiency, more revenue generating options and more control over land use, which provide long-term benefits to the community. Eagle would gain more local autonomy and would join the more than 93% of Colorado municipal residents that live in a Home Rule community.

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**CHARLIE GUNDLACH:** Citizens should adopt Home Rule. Home Rule opens the door for more opportunity for the town. It's an exciting way for the town to gain more freedom, leverage, and control of the legislative decisions for the Town. I'm all for it.

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**ADAM PALMER:** A large majority (93%) of Colorado municipalities have chosen to be Home Rule as opposed to statutorily controlled as it provides for more local control to support strategic priorities for the Town and its residents. I recommend that voters adopt the Home Rule Charter for the following reasons:

- Moves Town elections to coincide with other elections in November, potentially supporting a higher voter participation, and can better align with other local / regional / statewide initiatives or campaigns.
  - Provides better clarification and process for executive sessions and referendum petitions.
  - Provides clarity regarding roles and responsibilities of town council, the mayor, and town manager.
  - Declares that expenditures will not be bound by the Gallagher amendment.
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**W MIKEL "PAPPY" KERST:** I am in SUPPORT of Home Rule and recommend others to vote in favor. "The best government is that which is closest to the people." One of the most notable provisions adopted by the Charter includes the tax protections from TABOR. The Charter prohibits the Town from having the power to raise taxes, add news taxes, or refund a tax surplus without the approval of the voters.

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**YVONNE SCHWARTZ:** I recommend we support the Home Rule Charter. 93% of Colorado Towns operate under Home Rule. It will allow us to make changes to our town and expedite projects much faster than our current system. Home Rule would allow us to govern our own town instead of waiting for State approval for everything. This means opportunities to change our land use, opportunities to change election dates, change speed limits, audit sales tax enforcement separate from the state of Colorado. There are a variety of documents available online (including the Charter) that I suggest voters take a moment to review.