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Washtenaw County - 1 Proposal

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW Proposal A Natural Areas Millage Renewal

To renew the millage expiring after the December 1, 2010 levy, shall the limitation on taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible property in Washtenaw County be increased as provided in Section 6, Article 9 of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one fourth of a mill, reduced by the Headlee Amendment to 0.2409 (\$0.2409 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) on the taxable value of such property for a period of ten years beginning with the levy made on December 1, 2011 (which will generate estimated revenues of \$3,492,000 in the first year) for the purpose of purchasing natural areas in order to preserve them, paying the costs of operating a land preservation program and paying the costs of maintaining the land purchased?

Ypsilanti City - 2 Proposals

CITY OF YPSILANTI CHARTER AMENDMENT – PUBLIC TRANSIT

An amendment to Section 6.01 of Article VI, Taxation, of the City Charter to restore the tax levy of 0.9789 mills for Public Transit purposes

This amendment authorizes, in any year a millage is NOT otherwise levied for countywide or regional public transit, or when needed to supplement a countywide or regional millage approved by City Council, a tax of 0.9789 mills solely for public transit purposes. Approval increases the tax levy by 0.9789 mills as new additional millage in excess of the legal limitation, restoring the authorized Charter millage to 20 mills, since reduced by the Headlee amendment. It is estimated if levied, 0.9789 mills would raise approximately \$281,429 in 2011.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL REVISION OF THE CITY CHARTER**

Shall a Charter Commission be established with the purpose of writing a general revision of the Ypsilanti City Charter for submission or approval of the voters in accordance with the provisions of Michigan Law?

Augusta Township - 1 Proposal

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA
Proposal
(Police Protection)**

Shall the Charter Township of Augusta be authorized to levy and increase the limitations of the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Charter Township of Augusta, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided by Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan, 1965, from 0.0 to 1.8 mills (\$1.80 per \$1,000), for a period of five (5) years from 2010 through 2014 both inclusive for the purpose of providing revenue for law enforcement services? The first year of this levy will generate an estimated revenue of \$375,926.

Bridgewater Township - 3 Proposals

**TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER
PROPOSED RENEWAL FOR POLICE SERVICES**

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Bridgewater Township, of 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for two (2) years, 2011 through 2012 inclusive, to maintain the township's contracted police services, raising an estimated one hundred seven thousand dollars (\$107,000) in the first year the millage is levied?

**TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER
PROPOSED MILLAGE FOR FIRE SERVICES**

Shall Bridgewater Township impose an increase of up to 0.75 mil (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for two (2) years, 2011 through 2012 inclusive, to maintain the township's contracted fire services, which 0.75 mil increase will raise an estimated \$65,000 in the first year the millage is levied?

**TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER
PROPOSED RENEWAL AND INCREASE OF MILLAGE FOR ROADS**

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Bridgewater Township, of 1.0 mil (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.9826 mills (\$0.9826 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1.0 mil (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for five (5) years, 2011 through 2015 inclusive, for road improvements and maintenance of roads in Bridgewater Township, raising an estimated \$85,600 in the first year the millage is levied?

Manchester Township - 1 Proposal

**TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER
EXTRA VOTED OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Manchester Township, of 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of Taxable value), reduced to 0.2474 mills (\$0.2474 per \$1,000 of Taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of Taxable value) and levied of 5 years, for the period of 2010 through 2014 inclusive, for General Township Operating Purposes within Manchester Township, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$46,415?

Northfield Township - 1 Proposal

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTHFIELD
POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL B**

This proposal will allow the Township to continue to levy that portion of 1.50 mills previously approved by electors to fund police protection in Northfield Township which is scheduled to expire with the 2010 levy. This millage has been reduced by operation of the Headlee amendment to 1.4603 mills.

As a renewal of previously authorized millage which will expire with the 2010 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Northfield, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, be increased by 1.4603 mills (\$1.4603 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2011 to 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for police protection in Northfield Township? It is estimated that 1.4603 mills would raise approximately \$480,646.30 when first levied in 2011.

Salem Township - 5 Proposals

RECALL

Statement of Reason:

1. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Robert Heyl voted to approve the motion to evict the Contract Post Office from Township property within 30 days.
2. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Robert Heyl voted to authorize the Township attorney to pursue all legal remedies necessary to evict the Contract Post Office if, within 30 days of being issued the "Notice to Quit", the Contract Post Office has not vacated Township property.
3. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees Supervisor Robert Heyl voted to dissolve the Township's Fire Administrative Board.

Justification of Conduct:

1. The Salem Contract Post Office is a privately owned, for profit business.
2. I do not believe any private enterprise should be subsidized with Governmental funds (i.e. Your Money).
3. The Contract Post Office has not had a lease in over 9 years. I simply voted to ask the Contract Post Office to relocate.
4. The Fire Administrative Board's actions could have created huge liability for the Township which is why I voted to dissolve them.
5. I believe a "go between" entity was unnecessary and having the Fire Chief report directly to the Township Board was more efficient.
6. I do not want to eliminate the Fire Department. With proper procedures and accountability in place, their service to Township residents will be enhanced and costs to the Township controlled.

Shall Robert Heyl be recalled from the office of Salem Township Supervisor?

RECALL

Statement of Reason:

1. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Treasurer Paul J. Uherek voted to approve the motion to evict the Contract Post Office from Township property within 30 days.
2. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Treasurer Paul J. Uherek voted to authorize the Township attorney to pursue all legal remedies necessary to evict the Contract Post Office if, within 30 days of being issued the "Notice to Quit", the Contract Post Office has not vacated Township property.
3. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees Treasurer Paul J. Uherek voted to dissolve the Township's Fire Administrative Board.

Justification of Conduct:

1. I voted to evict the Contract Postal Unit because the people of Salem Township should in no way subsidize the sole proprietor, Linda Hamilton.
2. Salem Township is not responsible for providing space to a for profit sole proprietor business. The Contract Postal Unit is not a federally run Post Office facility.
3. The Salem Fire Department should not be accountable to a Fire Administration Board. The Salem Fire Department should be held directly accountable to the officials who were elected by the people of Salem Township.

Shall Paul J. Uherek be recalled from the office of Salem Township Treasurer?

RECALL

Statement of Reason:

1. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Wayne W. Wallazy voted to approve the motion to evict the Contract Post Office from Township within 30 days.
2. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Wayne W. Wallazy voted to authorize the Township attorney to pursue all legal remedies necessary to evict the Contract Post Office if, within 30 days of being issued the "Notice to Quit", the Contract Post Office has not vacated Township property.
3. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Wayne W. Wallazy voted to dissolve the Township's Fire Administrative Board.

Justification of Conduct:

1. I do not support building a new Township complex. My conservative values have always taught me whenever possible make due with what you have. I feel just because Salem has the money, does not mean we have to spend it. I felt if the Salem Contract Post Office would relocate from the Rider House (part of our Township complex) to elsewhere in the Hamlet, this would allow for this much needed space to be used for Township business.
2. It was my intent to allow for reasonable extensions until the Contract Post Office relocated.
3. I support the Salem Township Fire Department. In fact, on 2-9-10, I brought a motion to the Board that was unanimously approved. This motion authorized the Township's insurance company to survey (at no cost to the Township) the Salem Fire Department. The intent of this survey was to provide information that could potentially aid in limiting the liability to Salem Township, optimize the fire service and provide a safe working environment for our firefighters.

The Township Board acted within it's authority to terminate the Fire Administrative Board. This will now allow for direct communication between the Board and the Fire Department.

Shall Wayne W. Wallazy be recalled from the office of Salem Township Trustee?

RECALL

Statement of Reason:

1. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Clerk David Trent voted no on the motion to evict the Contract Post Office from Township property.
2. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Clerk David Trent voted no on the motion to authorize the Township attorney to pursue all legal remedies necessary to evict the Contract Post Office if, within 30 days of being issued the "Notice to Quit", the Contract Post Office has not vacated Township property.
3. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Clerk David Trent voted no on the motion to dissolve the Township's Fire Administrative Board.

Justification of Conduct:

I voted against the motions that were approved by a 4-3 majority vote of the Board. The 30 day deadline for the Notice to Quit to evict the Contract Post Office from the Rider House was totally unrealistic and was made without considering the following issues: potential interruption of mail service, impact on citizens who would

be forced to travel to downtown Northville to pick up their mail, loss of the Salem zip code, and inadequate lead time for residents and businesses to change their mailing address. Additionally, there was no transition plan for working with the Contract Post Office or Northville Postmaster for a possible new location with allowances to meet Planning Commission criteria and zoning requirements. The Contract Post Office provides a valuable service for Hamlet residents, business owners, and citizens in general. Aside from the tremendous convenience afforded by its existence, its departure would have a detrimental impact on the community.

The dissolving of the Fire Administrative Board was haphazardly conceived with no transition plan developed to insure that the Board of Trustees could facilitate the policy issues that had been encountered by the FAB since the beginning of the year.

Shall David Trent be recalled from the office of Salem Township Clerk?

RECALL

Statement of Reason:

1. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Brien Witkowski voted no on the motion to evict the Contract Post Office from Township property.
2. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Brien Witkowski voted no on the motion to authorize the Township attorney to pursue all legal remedies necessary to evict the Contract Post Office if, within 30 days of being issued the "Notice to Quit", the Contract Post Office has not vacated Township property.
3. At the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Brien Witkowski voted no on the motion to dissolve the Township's Fire Administrative Board.

Justification of Conduct:

This recall attempt is a political ploy funded by individuals with a personal and political vendetta designed to tear apart our community at a time when we should be working together. The recall against me was initiated by individuals who wanted to confuse the voters at the polls by using similar language to a legitimate recall. As outlined below, I voted against the two motions presented to the board.

I voted to keep our only post office open to serve our community. With no local post office, residents will be forced to drive miles to buy stamps or mail a package. Losing our post office will eliminate our ZIP code and take away part of our community's identity.

I stood shoulder-to-shoulder with local firefighters in support of Salem Township's Fire Administrative Board (FAB) to protect essential emergency services for our residents. The Fire Department issued a letter to the community thanking me for protecting the FAB, which provides transparency and accountability, and ensures our firefighters had the resources they need to keep us safe.

I have spent the past 10 years fighting to protect public safety, keep costs low for residents, and ensure government transparency and accountability.

Shall Brien Witkowski be recalled from the office of Salem Township Trustee?

Ypsilanti Township - 1 Proposal

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PROPOSITION 1
(Police Protection)
New

Shall the Charter Township of Ypsilanti be authorized to levy and increase the limitations of the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided by Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan, 1963, from 0.0 to 1.5 (\$1.50 per \$1000), for a period of three (3) years from 2010-2012 both inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing revenues for law enforcement services? The first year of this levy shall generate estimated revenue of \$2,032,028.

The new police services millage would generate revenues to replace police services revenues lost, due to decrease in property values. The revenue generated by this millage will be used specifically to provide law enforcement services and for no other purpose.

Columbia School District - 1 Proposal

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Columbia School District, Jackson, Lenawee, Washtenaw and Hillsdale Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; developing and improving sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, playgrounds and athletic facilities; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2011 is 0.46 mill (\$0.46 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed ten (10) years for any single series of bonds. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.14 mills (\$1.14 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Dexter District Library - 1 Proposal

DEXTER DISTRICT LIBRARY
LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the Dexter District Library, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, renew the previously voted increase in the tax limitation that expires in 2010 in an amount not to exceed .6925 mill (\$.6925 on each \$1,000 dollars

of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Dexter District Library District for a period of six (6) years, 2011 to 2016, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law; and shall the Dexter District Library levy such millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the Dexter District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Library in the 2011 calendar year is approximately \$685,000? A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Dexter Downtown Development Authority and the Scio Township Downtown Development Authority.

Ypsilanti District Library - 1 Proposal

YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

If approved, this proposal shall restore the full amount of the original authorized millage rate that was reduced as required by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution and provide for additional new funding.

Shall the Ypsilanti District Library, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, levy an amount not to exceed .38 mill (\$.38 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Ypsilanti District Library District in perpetuity beginning in the year 2011, for the purpose of providing funds for all District Library purposes authorized by law; and shall the District Library levy such new additional millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Library in the 2011 calendar year is approximately \$769,000? A portion of the revenue collected will be required to be distributed to the City of Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority, the City of Ypsilanti Depot Town Downtown Development Authority, the City's School Pictures Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Ypsilanti Charter Township Local Development Finance Authority.