

# November 8, 2016 - Proposals

## WASHTENAW COUNTY - 2 PROPOSALS

PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVYING OF .50 MILLS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO MAINTAIN, RECONSTRUCT, RESURFACE, OR PRESERVE ROADS, BIKE LANES, STREETS, AND PATHS

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one half of one mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation) for a period of four (4) years, beginning with the December 1, 2016 tax levy (which will generate estimated revenues of \$7,302,408 in the first year), to provide funding to the Washtenaw County Road Commission, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the various cities, villages, and townships of Washtenaw County to maintain, construct, resurface, reconstruct, or preserve roads, bike lanes, streets, and paths in Washtenaw County?

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING WASHTENAW COUNTY'S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF AND SERVICES FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY VETERANS, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ELIGIBLE INDIGENT VETERAN CLAIMS, AND TO FUND THE OPERATION OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provided in Article 9, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one tenth of one mill (\$.0.10 per \$1,000) of state equalized valuation of such property for eight (8) years beginning with the December 1, 2016 tax levy (which will generate estimated revenues of \$1,535,993 in the first year of the millage) for the purpose of funding Washtenaw County's obligation to provide financial relief and services for Washtenaw County veterans, including the payment of eligible indigent veteran claims, and to fund the administration of the Washtenaw County Department of Veterans Affairs?

## REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN - 1 PROPOSAL

### **A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to Levy an Assessment**

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment:

- at a rate of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value);
- for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035;
- that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and

· to be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act.

If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that \$160,907,285 will be collected in the first year.

Should this assessment be approved?

## **ANN ARBOR CITY - 1 PROPOSAL**

### **AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE TERM OF THE MAYOR TO FOUR YEARS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM TWO TO FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS**

It is proposed Sections 12.4, 13.2 and 13.4 of the Ann Arbor City Charter be amended and Section 13.1 be deleted to provide a four-year term for Mayor and four-year staggered terms for Council members. Currently the Mayor has a two-year term and Council members have two-year staggered terms. If approved by the voters, Mayor and Council members elected November 8, 2016 would serve a two-year term. Council members elected November 7, 2017 would serve a three-year term. Four year terms would commence with 2018 elections.

Shall this proposed amendment to the Ann Arbor City Charter be adopted?

## **AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP - 2 PROPOSALS**

### **AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND PROCEEDS**

Shall the expenditure of the remaining proceeds from the previous voted tax millage for an Environmental Protection Fund to protect the public safety and environment in Augusta Charter Township, which was levied from 1988-1992, be authorized for the purchase of land and buildings for a new Augusta Charter Township fire station and township hall? This proposal will not authorize any new or additional tax levies.

### **AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

#### **FIRE, RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATION MILLAGE**

Shall Augusta Charter Township impose an increase of up to 1 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 10 years, 2016 through 2025 inclusive, for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of a new fire, rescue and emergency medical services station within the Township, including the furnishing, equipping, financing, and

site preparation and improvements for such new station, which 1 mill increase will raise an estimated \$191,000 in the first year the millage is levied?

## **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI - 4 PROPOSALS**

### **PROPOSITION A**

(Fire Protection, Prevention, Rescue Services and Equipment Reserves)

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 3.125 (\$3.125 per \$1000), for a period of four (4) years from 2017-2020 both inclusive, for the purpose of providing revenues for fire protection, prevention, rescue services and equipment reserves? The first year of this levy shall generate estimated revenue of \$3,590,684.

### **PROPOSITION B**

(Police Protection)

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 5.95 (\$5.95 per \$1000), for a period of four (4) years from 2017-2020 both inclusive, for the purpose of providing revenues for law enforcement services, community policing/neighborhood watch and ordinance enforcement? The first year of this levy shall generate estimated revenue of \$6,836,663.

### **PROPOSITION C**

(Recreation, Bike Path, Sidewalk, Roads, Parks, General Operations Fund)

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 1.0059 (\$1.0059 per \$1000), for a period of four (4) years from 2017-2020 both inclusive, for the purpose of providing revenues for recreation/park facilities, bike paths, repair of sidewalks, roads and general operating purposes? The first year of this levy shall generate estimated revenue of \$1,155,798.

### **PROPOSITION D**

(Garbage, Refuse Collection, Recycling, Composting, Disposal of Solid Waste, Energy Conservation, Alternative Energy, Water Quality and Environmental Protection)

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 2.155 (\$2.155 per \$1000), for a period of four (4) years from 2017-2020 both inclusive, for the purpose of providing revenues for garbage, refuse collection, recycling, composting and disposal of solid waste? The first year of this levy shall generate estimated revenue of \$2,476,136.

## **Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency - 1 Proposal**

### **REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

*Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.*

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts:

Allen Park Public Schools; Crestwood School District; Dearborn City School District; Dearborn Heights School District #7; Detroit Public Schools Community District; Ecorse Public School District; Flat Rock Community Schools; School District of the City of Garden City; Gibraltar School District; Grosse Ile Township Schools; The Grosse Pointe Public School System; Hamtramck Public Schools; City of Harper Woods Schools; School District of the City of Highland Park; Huron School District; School District of the City of Lincoln Park; Livonia Public Schools; Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools; Northville Public Schools; Plymouth-Canton Community Schools; Redford Union School District; River Rouge School District; Riverview Community School District; Romulus Community Schools; Southgate Community School District; South Redford School District; Taylor School District; Trenton Public Schools; Van Buren Public Schools; Wayne-Westland Community School District; Westwood Community Schools; Woodhaven-Brownstown School District; Wyandotte City School District

## **Van Buren Public Schools - 1 Proposal**

### **OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSITION EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER HOMESTEAD PROPERTY**

This millage will (1) allow the school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18.0000 mills on all property except homestead property as required for the school district to continue to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance and (2) provide an additional 2.0000 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks to continue to allow the school district to receive the full foundation allowance permitted by the state.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property, except principal residence and other homestead property as defined by law, in Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be increased to 20.0000 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for eight (8) years, calendar years 2017 to 2024, inclusive? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18.0000 mills are levied in the 2017 calendar year will be approximately \$9,091,374 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. Revenues will be disbursed to Van Buren Public Schools for the purpose of providing funds for the operating expenses of the District.

## **Whitmore Lake Public Schools - 1 Proposal**

### **MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Whitmore Lake Public School District, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 3 years, 2016, 2017 and 2018, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2016 is approximately \$335,428?

## **Dexter District Library - 1 Proposal**

### **Library Millage Renewal**

Shall the Dexter District Library, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, be authorized to levy a renewal of the previously voted increase in the tax limitation, which expires in 2016, in an amount not to exceed .6866 mill (\$.6866 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Dexter District Library district for a period of six (6) years, 2017 to 2022, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Dexter District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2017 calendar year is approximately \$1,014,000. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Dexter Downtown Development Authority and the Scio Township Downtown Development Authority.