

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KENT AND NORTHERN PORTAGE COUNTY
VOTERS' GUIDE PART III
ISSUES
NOVEMBER 3, 2009 GENERAL ELECTION**

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**ISSUE 1: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TO ISSUE
BONDS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO VETERANS
OF THE PERSIAN GULF, AFGHANISTAN, AND IRAQ CONFLICTS
(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)**

To adopt Section 2r of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, this proposed amendment shall take effect immediately.

League Explanation of Issue 1: This ballot issue proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide compensation to veterans serving during the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts. The amendment is similar to the bond issues passed by the voters to compensate veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam conflict. It will provide the state with the authority to issue up to \$200 million of bonds. The Ohio treasurer has estimated that only \$106 million of the bond proceeds might actually be needed. All bonds must be issued by December 31, 2013. Repayment of these bonds would be a general obligation of the state backed by the taxing power of the state. Revenue from these bonds would be used to provide additional compensation as follows:

- Payment may be made to Ohio residents who have served on active duty in the United States armed forces between August 2, 1990 and March 3, 1991, which was the duration of the Persian Gulf conflict; between October 7, 2001 and the end of the United States' involvement in Afghanistan; and between March 19, 2003 and the end of the United States' involvement in Iraq.
- Veterans who served domestically or in foreign service in locations other than the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, or Iraq may receive \$50 for each month served up to a maximum of \$500.
- Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, or Iraq may receive \$100 for each month served up to a maximum of \$1000, or may receive \$1000 if medically discharged due to combat-related disabilities.
- If a person died as a result of injuries sustained in Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, or Iraq service, that person's family may receive \$5000.
- If a person is missing in action or held in enemy captivity, that person's family may receive \$5000.

The Legislative Services Commission estimates that issuing \$200 million of obligations could increase the state's annual debt service expense by up to \$18 million. The voters must approve this bonding authority because the Ohio constitution does not permit an appropriation being made for a period longer than two years.

Issue 1 continued:

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. Passing the amendment by vote of the people shows that Ohioans appreciate Ohio veterans.
2. The payments will ease veterans' transition back into civilian life.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. Tax monies will be diverted to paying principle and interest, and this may limit the availability of state revenue for other state programs during a period of financial crisis.
2. Future taxpayers will be responsible for the debt incurred for these payments. The payments should be paid for by revenues available in the current biennium.

**ISSUE 2: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
TO CREATE THE OHIO LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS BOARD
(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)**

To enact Section 1 of Article XIV of the Ohio Constitution

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, this proposed amendment will be effective immediately.

League Explanation of Issue 2:

- This proposed constitutional amendment would create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in Ohio.
- The bipartisan board would consist of thirteen members:
 - The director of the state department that regulates agriculture
 - Ten members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, including:
 - One member representing family farms
 - One member knowledgeable about food safety
 - Two members representing statewide organizations that represent farmers
 - One member who is a veterinarian
 - The State Veterinarian in the state department that regulates agriculture
 - The dean of the agriculture department of a college or university in Ohio
 - Two members of the public representing Ohio consumers
 - One member representing a county humane society
 - One member appointed by the Speaker of the House who shall be a family farmer
 - One member appointed by the President of the Senate who shall be a family farmer
- The Board would have authority to establish standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in Ohio, subject only to the authority of the General Assembly.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. The board represents a balance of interests.
2. The board would establish standards governing the care and well being of livestock and poultry in Ohio.
3. Ohioans can have greater confidence in the safety of locally produced food.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. The board should be created by statute rather than by amendment to the Ohio Constitution.
2. Creating another regulatory board utilizes revenues best spent on basic services to Ohioans.
3. The amendment could prevent certain animal care reform proposed by national animal rights organizations.

**ISSUE 3: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
TO AUTHORIZE A CASINO IN CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS,
CINCINNATI, AND TOLEDO, OHIO
(Proposed by Initiative Petition)**

To add a new Section 6a to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect 30 days after the election.

League Explanation of Issue 3: This amendment would authorize four casinos, one each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo, located on particular parcels of land owned by private individuals.

1. The operator would be required to pay a tax of 33% annually on gross casino receipts. "Gross casino receipts" excludes payments to winners. The tax revenue would be allocated in the following ways:

- 51% to the 88 counties on a pro rata basis, with 50% of the county's distribution going to the county's most populated city if it had a population of greater than 80,000 as of the 2000 United States census.
- 34% to public school districts in proportion to their public school district populations.
- 5% to the host city where the casino that generated the revenue is located.
- 3% to fund the Ohio Casino Control Commission.
- 3% to a fund supporting purses, breeding programs and operations at existing horse racetracks.
- 2% to fund a state law enforcement training program.
- 2% to fund treatment of problem gambling and substance abuse.

2. The Ohio Casino Control Commission would license and regulate casino operators, management companies, key employees and all gaming. The commission would have 7 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

3. Each casino operator must make a minimum initial investment of \$250 million.

4. The initial license fee of \$50 million for each casino will fund state economic development programs.

5. Each casino could operate 24 hours a day. Each casino may have a maximum of 5000 slot machines. Each casino may conduct any type of card or table games, slot machines or electronic gaming devices permitted by states adjacent to Ohio, except bingo, and horse racing where the pari-mutuel system of wagering is conducted.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. Thirty-eight states—including West Virginia, Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania—have casino gambling.
2. By authorizing casinos in Ohio, the profits could benefit our state rather than other states.
3. Counties, public school districts, and many cities will receive tax revenue generated by the casinos, and each can decide how to best spend its money.
4. The casinos will create 34,000 new jobs in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo.
5. The casinos will stimulate the economy by adding restaurants, hotels and ancillary businesses.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. The Ohio general revenue fund, which supports basic services for Ohioans, will get \$0 from the gross casino receipts tax.
2. Ohio lottery profits, currently dedicated to education, may decrease because people will gamble at the casinos instead of playing the lottery.
3. Ohioans may spend money at the casinos they would have spent at other existing Ohio businesses such as restaurants, movies, or sports events, adversely impacting those businesses.
4. The number of gambling addicts in Ohio would increase, and the tax receipts dedicated to providing treatment for addicts could be insufficient.

Issue 3 continued:

5. The proposed amendment could be construed to mean that all games allowed at the casinos can be played only at the casinos, eliminating church-festival poker games and casino nights sponsored by charitable groups.

Websites

In support of the proposed amendment: Cops for Casinos <http://copsforcasinos.com/>

In opposition to the proposed amendment: Vote NO Casinos Committee, TruthPAC www.truthpac.org/

ISSUE #4 PORTAGE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 0.75 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$1.6 million annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Portage County Commissioners. Renewal Issue 4 supports Children Services by covering the cost of a 24-hour CARES hotline which accepts reports of child abuse and neglect. This line also receives calls from families in need of some form of intervention. Services paid for by the levy include parenting classes, drug/alcohol assessments, in-home therapeutic services or out of home placements for children.

ISSUE #5 PORTAGE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 0.4 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$1.1 million annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Portage County Commissioners. Services from the Portage County Health District have been cut to state mandated minimums and surrounding Health Departments have already assumed some of our programs. The funds from the 0.4 mill levy are essential to restore Public Health mandated and unmandated programs and administrative services. Funds from Issue #5 will help protect the health and safety of the citizens of Portage County.

ISSUE #6 PORTAGE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 0.5 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$1.3 million annually for ten years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: The levy is for current expenses. If passed, the District Library would be able to restore hours of operation to all six branches (Aurora, Brimfield, Garrettsville, Randolph, Streetsboro, and Windham) and resume the suspended programs for children and adults. Funds would also be used to restore the materials budget to purchase new books and movies and to support online research and downloads for mobile units.

ISSUE #7 RAVENNA CITY WARD 1, PRECINCT B LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Tamarkin Co. dba Ravenna Valu King, a holder of a D-6 liquor permit and a potential operator of a state liquor agency store. This Local Option for Ravenna Valu King located at 832 W. Main St., Ravenna, OH, would allow the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor by a state liquor agency store on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight. Effective upon passage and certification.

ISSUE #8 RAVENNA CITY WARD 2, PRECINCT C LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks #1076, Inc. dba BPOE Lodge #1076 Ravenna, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit. This Local Option for BPOE Lodge #1076 Ravenna located at 776 N. Freedom St., Ravenna, Ohio, would allow the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight. Effective upon passage and certification.

ISSUE #9 KENT CITY RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 1.16 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$303,000 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Kent City Council. The money would be used for current expenses.

ISSUE #10 KENT CITY REPLACEMENT TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 0.5 mill replacement levy that would generate approximately \$180,000 annually for a continuing period of time beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Kent City Council. The money would be used for recreational purposes.

ISSUE #11 AURORA CITY ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 1.1 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$671,000 annually for eleven years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Aurora City Council. The 1.1 mill levy for Sanitary Sewer capital debt payments will be used to assist in the retirement of sewer obligations incurred in the late 1990s to upgrade the system. This 1.1 mill levy will result in no additional taxes to residents as a 1.1 mill levy for previous sewer capital improvements is set to expire in 2009.

ISSUE #12 AURORA CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

EXPLANATION: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Aurora Section 3.13—Emergency Ordinances and Resolutions. This charter amendment would prohibit the use of an emergency ordinance for the purchase or sale of real property at a price of \$100,000 or more.

ISSUE #13 AURORA CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

EXPLANATION: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Aurora Section 14.05 Master Plan Review by City Council. If passed the Master Plan would become a guideline instead of a mandate.

ISSUE #14 AURORA CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

EXPLANATION: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Aurora Section 17.02 "Referendum" of the Charter of the City of Aurora requiring Council calling for a special election to submit a referendum petition to the electors under certain circumstances. Summary of changes: Establishes rules for submitting a referendum amendment to the electorate.

ISSUE #15 AURORA CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

EXPLANATION: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Aurora Section 21.06 "Conflict of Interest" of the Charter of the City of Aurora, deleting, for the purpose of clarifying, the phrase "who is not an officer, official or employee of the City" from the second sentence of the charter.

ISSUE #16 STREETSBORO CITY WARD 1, PRECINCT C LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by WalMart Stores East LP dba WalMart Neighborhood 2313, a holder of a D-6 liquor permit. This Local Option for Walmart Neighborhood 2313 located at 905 Singletary Dr., Streetsboro, OH, would allow the sale of wine and mixed beverages on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight. Effective upon passage and certification.

ISSUE #17 BRADY LAKE VILLAGE RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 4.0 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$19,000 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Brady Lake Village Council. The money will be used to make payments on the ballfield.

ISSUE #18 GARRETTSVILLE VILLAGE AGGREGATE RETAIL ELECTRIC LOADS

EXPLANATION: If passed, Issue 18 will permit Garrettsville Village to have the authority to aggregate retail electric loads located in the village, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of electric commodity and other services, such aggregation to occur automatically, except where any person affirmatively elects not to be enrolled by a stated procedure.

ISSUE #19 HIRAM VILLAGE RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 2.0 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$19,000 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Hiram Village Council. The money would be used for ambulance and emergency medical services.

ISSUE #20 MOGADORE VILLAGE INCOME TAX INCREASE (SUMMIT CO. OVERLAP)

AMOUNT: An increase from 2% to 2.25% in the income tax rate that would generate approximately \$250,000 annually for general operations of the Village for the period 2010-2019.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Mogadore Village Council. The increase in the income tax rate would provide funds for the purposes of general municipal operations, maintenance, new equipment, extension and enlargement of municipal services and facilities, and capital improvements of the Village of Mogadore.

ISSUE #21 MOGADORE VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT (SUMMIT CO. OVERLAP)

Charter Amendment: Meeting and number of member requirements for Charter Review Commission members.

EXPLANATION: Starting in January 2006 and every five years thereafter the members of the Charter Review Commission will meet (meeting years 2010, 2015, 2020, and so on). This will make the years more consistent. The number of members of the Commission would be reduced from 8 to 7 to avoid tie votes.

ISSUE #22 MOGADORE VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT (SUMMIT CO. OVERLAP)

Charter Amendment: Permit Council to publicly read every ordinance and resolution by title only.

EXPLANATION: This would be following the practice of other communities. It would save time at the Council meetings. Members of the audience received the full text of minutes and legislation at each meeting plus the full text is available on the village's web site.

ISSUE #23 SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS VILLAGE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 5.0 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$43,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Sugar Bush Knolls Council. The money would be used for current expenses through the general revenue fund. Council is looking at adding additional police coverage in 2010 and working on water drainage issues in the Village.

ISSUE #24 WINDHAM VILLAGE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 2.0 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$49,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Windham Village Council. The money would be used to provide fire and emergency medical services within the village.

ISSUE #25 ATWATER TOWNSHIP RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 2.25 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$110,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Atwater Township Trustees. The money would be used for fire protection.

ISSUE #26 BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 0.95 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$210,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Brimfield Township Trustees. The money would be used for road and bridge construction and repair.

ISSUE #27 BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP (PRECINCT E) LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Wal Mart Stores East LP dba Walmart Supercenter 3722, a holder of a D-6 liquor permit. This Local Option for Walmart Supercenter 3722 located at 250 Tallmadge Rd., Brimfield Twp., Kent, OH would allow the sale of wine and mixed beverages on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight. Effective upon passage and certification.

ISSUE #28 CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 2.5 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$41,000 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Charlestown Township Trustees. The money would be used for fire protection and to support the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department by providing and maintaining fire apparatus or equipment, appliances, and the fire station itself; paying volunteer firefighters for showing up for calls and training; and to provide ambulance, paramedic or other emergency medical services.

ISSUE #29 DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING AMENDMENT

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by referendum petition. Amendment: repeal the zoning plan for the unincorporated area of Deerfield Township. A Yes vote on Issue 29 would repeal zoning in Deerfield Township. A No vote would keep zoning. Effective upon passage and certification.

ISSUE #30 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 3.42 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$347,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Franklin Township Trustees. The money would be used to provide fire protection and emergency medical services within the Township.

ISSUE #31 HIRAM TOWNSHIP REPLACEMENT TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 2.0 mill replacement levy that would generate approximately \$135,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Hiram Township Trustees. The money would be used for EMS services through a contract with Hiram Village.

ISSUE #32 HIRAM TOWNSHIP REPLACEMENT TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 3.0 mill replacement levy that would generate approximately \$202,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Hiram Township Trustees. The money would be used to continue the chip and seal paving of Township roads.

ISSUE #33 PALMYRA TOWNSHIP RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 1.0 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$55,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Palmyra Township Trustees. The money may be used for the following purposes: providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites, or sources of water supply and materials; establishment and maintenance of fire alarms; payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firemen; to purchase ambulance equipment; to provide emergency medical services; and payment of firefighters employers contributions (per Ohio RC 5705.19(I)/(742.34)).

ISSUE #34 RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 1.0 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$99,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Randolph Township Trustees. The money would be used for ambulance and emergency medical services including the cost of supplies, payroll for EMS personnel and equipment.

ISSUE #35 RAVENNA TOWNSHIP (PRECINCT D) LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Wal Mart Stores East LP dba Wal Mart Store 2506, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit. This Local Option for Wal Mart Store 2506 located at 2600 SR 59, Ravenna Twp., Ravenna, OH, would allow the sale of wine and mixed beverages on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight. Effective upon passage and certification.

ISSUE #36 ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 1.3 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$168,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Rootstown Township Trustees. The levy will be used to meet the day to day operating needs of the Rootstown Fire Department. It will support paying for fire and EMS equipment and apparatus, utility bills, as well as fire and EMS training for our members.

ISSUE #37 SUFFIELD TOWNSHIP RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 1.0 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$139,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Suffield Township Trustees. The money would be used for general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repair and maintenance of roads in Suffield Township.

ISSUE #38 STREETSBORO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 9.5 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$4 million annually for a continuing period of time.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Streetsboro City School Board. Proceeds from the levy will provide our students with necessary resources such as textbooks, technology, transportation and equipment. The levy will also help the District satisfy its contractual obligations and pay for other operating expenses. If the 9.5 mill levy passes, the Streetsboro Board of Education has committed to make no attempt at renewing or replacing the 3.5 mill levy that expires on December 31, 2009. The 3.5 mill levy results in annual collections of \$1.3 million.

**ISSUE #39 TALLMADGE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY
(SUMMIT COUNTY OVERLAP – BRIMFIELD TWP. E)**

AMOUNT: A 6.9 mill additional levy that would generate approximately \$2.9 million annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Tallmadge City School Board. The proceeds from the levy will be used for day to day operations of the district.

ISSUE #40 CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE

AMOUNT: A 2.66 mill bond issue for a 28 year maximum period of time. Unlike an operating levy, the bond issue is like a mortgage so each year the money varies with the payment of interest and principal on the debt. The average payment over the life of the bond issue is estimated to be \$786,000 per year.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Crestwood Local School Board. The bond issue will meet a 50% match for the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) funding to build a new high school. The OSFC will contribute \$12,761,109 and the citizens of the Crestwood district must contribute a like amount for construction. The current high school was initially built in 1955.

ISSUE #41 ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 5.29 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$965,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Rootstown Local School Board. The renewal levy will generate the same amount as originally voted five years ago. There is no tax increase. The money will be used for operations of the district such as salaries, benefits, classroom supplies, and bus fuel. This is approximately 9% of the budget and is the equivalent of the cost of educating approximately 125 students or 9% of our students.

**ISSUES #42, 43 & 44 SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RENEWAL TAX LEVY
(SUMMIT COUNTY OVERLAP – SUFFIELD E)**

#42 AMOUNT: A 7.0 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$2.06 million annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

#43 AMOUNT: A 3.85 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$1.6 million annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

#44 AMOUNT: A 2.24 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$930,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Springfield Local School Board. The money for each levy would be used for the general operations of the school district.

ISSUE #45 WINDHAM EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 5.8 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$339,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2009.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Windham Exempted Village School Board. The money generated from this levy will be used to pay the daily operating expenses of the district. These expenses include utilities, garbage disposal, maintenance supplies and repairs, and fuel for buses. This money will not be used for salaries/fringe benefits. The money generated from this levy is vital to the operation of the district.

ISSUE #46 MANTUA-SHALERSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT RENEWAL TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 2.25 mill renewal levy that would generate approximately \$397,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: This money is used to pay for approximately 45% of the operational expenses that include utilities, fuel, insurance, supplies and personnel of the Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department. This levy was passed initially in 1999 and has not been increased since that time. This levy is all about the safety of our residents. It provides the ability to keep personnel staffed on our station to respond to emergencies and provide a service to the community.

ISSUE #47 WINDHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT REPLACEMENT TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 1.0 mill replacement levy that would generate approximately \$28,000 annually for a period of five years beginning with the tax year 2010.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Windham Township Trustees. The money would be used for fire protection in Windham Township.

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