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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

QUESTION NO. 1 NO

Shall the City of Kansas City, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$600,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying for the construction and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and sidewalks? The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

QUESTION NO. 2 NO

Shall the City of Kansas City, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying for the acquisition, construction, equipping and reconstruction of flood control projects including, but not limited to, projects partially funded with Federal grants? The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

QUESTION NO. 3 NO

Shall the City of Kansas City, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying for the acquisition, construction, equipping and improving of public buildings, facilities, and structures including, but not limited to, the Animal Shelter and for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to public buildings and structures? The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

QUESTION NO. 4 YES CENTRAL CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX – ONE CITY

Shall the City of Kansas City impose a sales tax authorized by Section 67.1305 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for a period of 10 years at a rate of 1/8% to be used for funding economic development projects within the area bounded by 9th Street on the north; Gregory Boulevard on the south; The Paseo on the west; and Indiana Avenue on the east, which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness or to repay bonds not yet issued?

QUESTION NO. 5 YES REDUCTION OF PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF MARIJUANA AND PARAPHERNALIA

Shall the City of Kansas City limit the authorized punishment that can be imposed in the Municipal Court for the possession or control of 35 grams or less of marijuana to a maximum \$25 fine, eliminate jail as a potential punishment for the possession or control of marijuana, and remove marijuana from the prohibition against drug paraphernalia?

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YES ON QUESTION 4 ★ TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

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Central City Economic Development Initiative — ONE CITY



Short-term, 10-year, 1/8-cent sales tax that will raise about \$8.5 million yearly to help pay for community and economic development in our central city.

BENEFITS OF THE ONE CITY INITIATIVE



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ONE CITY funds will be used for but not limited to the development of restaurants, shops, public plaza areas, and light industrial and manufacturing infrastructure.



JOB CREATION

Economic development creates good-paying jobs and in turn positively addresses problems in the community including high crime rates and dangerous run-down neighborhoods.



NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL

ONE CITY funds will be used to renovate or demolish the 15,000 abandoned houses in the Kansas City area and build new vibrant neighborhoods.



CRIME REDUCTION

“...unkempt neighborhoods are a breeding ground for crime, and statistics show that.” –KCPD Chief Darryl Forté (KC Star, 2/16/17)
 ONE CITY funds will help revitalize these neighborhoods.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ONE CITY funds can be used for the restoration of historic sites such as the Sarah Rector Mansion and Castle/Workhouse. Funds can also go to the creation and display of public art and cultural events.

1-2-3 **STOP** GO BONDS

STOP: \$800 Million in New Bond Taxes for 20 Years

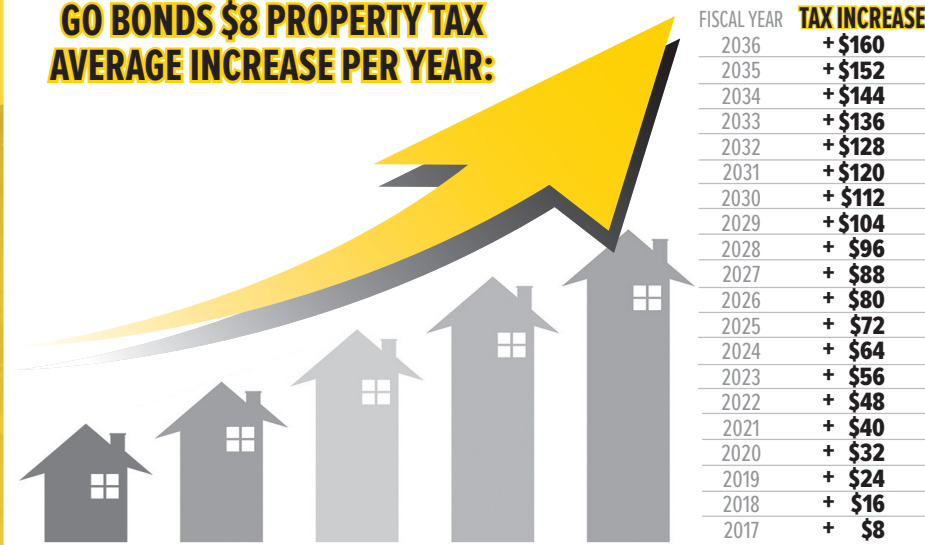
STOP: Skyrocketing Property Taxes

STOP: Uncontrolled Government Spending

QUESTION: What does the City mean when they say, “...a property tax increase of just \$8 more on average each year for the typical homeowner?”

ANSWER: This GO Bond tax will cost you an extra **\$1,680** in property taxes over the first 20 years — *On top of what you already pay!*

GO BONDS \$8 PROPERTY TAX AVERAGE INCREASE PER YEAR:



WARNING: There are NO OFFICIAL GUIDELINES showing where the GO Bond money will be spent. There is NO GUARANTEE all residents will see benefits from this MASSIVE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

NO ON QUESTIONS 1-2-3 ★ VOTE APRIL 4

YES ON QUESTION 5 ★ VOTE APRIL 4
Decriminalize Low-Level Marijuana Possession Offenses

Municipal Court initiative that will lower the maximum fine to \$25 and eliminate jail time for possession offenses of 35 grams (approx. 1 oz.) or less of marijuana.

- **REDUCE ARRESTS AND FINES** which often lead to loss of employment and other long-term negative consequences.
- **INCREASE POLICE OFFICER EFFICIENCY**
 Officers will be able to free up limited time and resources to focus on violent crimes.
- **END MASS INCARCERATION** Non-violent offenders can be adequately punished by other means: sentencers have a wide range of options.

YES ON QUESTION 4 ★ VOTE APRIL 4



MAJOR SUPPORTERS OF THE ONE CITY INITIATIVE

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| AdHoc Group Against Crime | Kansas City Neighborhood Associations (multiple) |
| Baptist Ministers Union | MORE ² (Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity) |
| Black Brown Coalition | Prospect Business Association |
| Communities Creating Opportunity (CCO) | Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City (SCLC-GKC) |
| Committee to Abolish Poverty | Urban League of Greater Kansas City |
| Concerned Clergy Coalition | Urban Summit |
| Freedom, Incorporated | |
| Friends of Dr. Beverly Brown | |

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