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## Taxpayers Oppose 7 Property Tax Increase Referenda April 7

Chicago – Government bureaucrats in **Broadview, Shorewood, Shiloh, and New Baden** have placed referenda on the April 7, 2015 ballot for voters to approve Home Rule status for these villages. According to Taxpayers United of America (TUA), Home Rule means higher taxes.

“I like to call it ‘Home Ruin,’” said Jim Tobin, president of TUA. “Why would anyone want to give up their right to vote on property tax increases?”

“Home Rule always means higher taxes because it removes the cap limiting the amount that bureaucrats can increase property taxes. It gives bureaucrats a blank check and how many government bureaucrats would you trust with a blank check bearing your signature?”

“Home Rule also gives local government authority to tax nearly any product or service they want. What they don’t tell you is that such taxation drives consumers to neighboring communities where the taxes on products and services are lower.”

“And if high taxation isn’t enough, Home Rule is used extensively to add regulations, fees, and licensing that create even more red tape for business and entrepreneurs.”

“We are helping taxpayers in each of these communities by revealing the truth about home rule and how damaging it is. We are working with local activists and organizations to educate voters on Home Rule.”

“Bureaucrats in **Westmont CUSD201** are asking taxpayers, for the third time, to give up more of their hard earned money ‘for the safety of the children.’ They are asking for a property tax increase of \$19.7 million in bonds...again, which does not include paying the interest on the bonds. Hopefully taxpayers can educate the educators April 7 so they will understand the meaning of ‘NO’ this time around.”

“And of course, we urge taxpayers in **Wilmette Park District** to reject \$14.5 million in bonds by voting no on two property tax increase referenda for wasteful spending on structures that will destroy the natural beauty of the waterfront parks. They hope to sell this by saying it doesn’t increase property taxes. While it may not be a new tax increase, it is an increase anytime you renew the debt, pay interest on the bonds, and keep property taxes from returning to their previous, lower level.”

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“Government needs to live within its means and cut spending when revenue declines. 80% of Home Rule and other local taxes go to pay government employees and their benefits. By adding new taxes, government bureaucrats ensure their own high pay and lavish pensions.”

“Illinois currently has 11,054 annual state pensions totaling more than \$100,000 each and 78,526 government pensions of more than \$50,000 apiece annually. It is mathematically impossible to raise enough taxes to sustain the defunct state pension system and yet every unit of government continues to try.”

“Illinois has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country and you have to wonder how many people could have stayed in their homes if the property taxes weren’t so high – the second highest property taxes in the country.”

“TUA has defeated 411 local tax increase referenda since 1977. We urge voters in these six communities to tell bureaucrats that they have had enough of government living beyond its means at the expense of taxpayers and to **Vote No.**”

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7.