

VOTE **NO** ON TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2018!



"SHALL THE VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD BECOME A HOME RULE COMMUNITY?"

What does Home Rule mean for Homewood?

It means you give away your right to vote on future tax increases or new taxes.

- Allows the village of Homewood to raise property taxes without limit and **WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.**
- Allows the village of Homewood to impose new taxes on businesses, services, parking, groceries, and nearly everything else **WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.**
- Allows the government bureaucrats of the Village of Homewood to protect, and even increase, their own salaries and pensions **WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.**

#### **INCREASED SALES TAX**

If Home Rule passes, the Board of Trustees has stated it will raise the sales tax from 9% to **9.25%** and gift the additional revenue, estimated to be **\$1 MILLION PER YEAR**, to other taxing bodies,\* for 25 years! Three of these taxing bodies serve the residents of other communities including Flossmoor, Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Hazel Crest & Olympia Fields.

\*Homewood School Dist 153,  
H-F School Dist 233, Flossmoor School Dist 161,  
Homewood Library and H-F Park District

Don't be fooled by "LIMITING" ordinances.

They **DO NOT** limit the ability of Trustees to increase your taxes without your consent. Home Rule is designed to transfer power and control from the citizens to the politicians.



**TO RETAIN YOUR RIGHT**  
**TO VOTE ON PROPERTY TAX INCREASES!**

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# TOP 10 GOVERNMENT PENSIONS – HOMEWOOD AS OF 2017

Name	Current Annual Pension*	Employee Contributions to Pension	Total Pension Paid to Date	Retirement Age	Estimated Lifetime Payout	Employee Contribution % of Lifetime Payout
Robert Lachapelle	\$77,190	\$89,152	\$175,566	55	\$2,315,700	4%
Brian Long	\$65,535	\$86,598	\$138,988	55	\$1,966,050	4%
William Webb	\$64,229	\$56,986	\$652,781	66	\$935,300	6%
Paula Wallrich	\$61,017	\$86,053	\$153,107	59	\$1,540,226	6%
William Ernat	\$58,408	\$64,202	\$386,820	55	\$1,511,500	4%
Robert Utter	\$56,147	\$59,872	\$459,387	55	\$1,369,572	4%
Michael Cozzo	\$55,376	\$63,310	\$708,861	58	\$1,018,133	6%
Edwin G Walrath	\$51,495	\$46,059	\$906,369	60	\$756,202	6%
Joseph Cantafio	\$50,949	\$0	\$991,557	65	\$516,304	0%
Christopher Wuellner	\$48,345	\$35,155	\$211,250	60	\$1,106,074	3%

\*This amount does not include Social Security pensions. All listed government retirees qualify for Social Security pensions on top of their current municipal government pensions.

80% of local taxes go to pay salaries and benefits of government employees.

Illinois is broke because of an unsustainable pension system.

The Village of Homewood attorney has stated that, if the Village were Home Rule, the Board of Trustees could raise property taxes, **WITHOUT TAXPAYER APPROVAL**, if needed to fund Village employees' pensions as legally required by the State of Illinois.

Don't give up your right to vote on future sales and property tax increases!

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TOP 10 GOVERNMENT SALARIES IN HOMEWOOD		
NAME	SALARY	JOB TITLE
JAMES MARINO	\$136,346	VILLAGE MANAGER
DENNIS BUBENIK	\$128,188	FINANCE DIRECTOR
ROBERT GRABOWSKI	\$128,188	FIRE CHIEF
WILLIAM T ALCOTT	\$128,188	POLICE CHIEF
JOHN D SCHAEFER	\$128,188	DIR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DENISE MCGRATH	\$113,301	DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF
MAXIMILIAN MASSI	\$113,301	ENGINEER
STEVEN D DEJONG	\$108,306	DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF
DAVID L EBERT	\$105,680	ASST PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
CRAIG S SLINE	\$102,896	POLICE SERGEANT

