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## The Homewood Home Rule Hoodwink

Chicago – The residents of the Village of Homewood, IL will vote on Home Rule taxing authority on March 20, 2018. Taxpayers United of America (TUA) has joined local residents of Homewood in their fight to remain a non-Home Rule unit.

“It is never a good idea to give up your right to vote on tax increases. It is bureaucratic propaganda that convinces people to ‘trust their government’ to decide what is in the best interest of the taxpayers. That propaganda is exactly what helped take the State of Illinois into insolvency,” stated Jim Tobin, president of TUA.

“Homewood government bureaucrats are special propagandists; they ‘promise’ not to tax residents into oblivion. They pulled out all the stops in protecting taxpayers: they passed ordinances to limit the Home Rule taxing powers. They didn’t bother to tell people that, just as easily as they passed these protections, they can pass their repeal...without voter approval,” added Tobin.

“How valiant of the Village Board to share their Home Rule authorized plunder with the schools, park, and library districts! Schools are already the biggest local drain on taxpayers. And parks and libraries are the biggest waste of tax dollars.”

“About 75% to 80% of local taxes go to fund government employees’ salaries, pensions, and benefits. How much more of our money are we willing to give for bloated salaries and grossly lavish government pensions?”

“Take a look at the salaries and pensions of the Homewood government bureaucrats; the bureaucrats who are asking you to give, and give, and give to their benefit. When do they take the pay cut? Every increase to their wages and benefits is a cut to yours and mine. At some point, we have to say enough,” concluded Tobin.

Click the links below to see the salaries and pensions of the Homewood employees and government teachers:

- [Homewood Flyer](#)
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