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Westmont Bureaucrats Desperate to Protect Home Rule Taxing Power

Chicago - "Westmont residents stand to keep a lot more of their hard-earned money if they vote "YES" to end home rule on November 6," stated Rae Ann McNeilly, director of outreach for Taxpayers United of America (TUA).

"Home Rule always means higher taxes. Bureaucrats try to sell home rule as a good thing for the community, but the only thing it is good for is helping them grow their empires."

"They are concerned with losing more than \$2 million in home rule taxes that fund their excessive empire with **five employees that make over \$100,000** a year. **Fifty-four Westmont government employees made over \$50,000** in 2011 – in a village of less than 25,000!"

"Westmont residents became victims of unlimited Home Rule taxing powers as a consequence of the population reaching 25,000. The 2010 census, however, affords residents the opportunity to reclaim their right to vote on municipal tax increases as a result of enough people leaving an over-taxed community."

"Rather than shrink the budget to match the shrinking population, Westmont is asking voters to renew the blank check power they have with Home Rule."

"Shall the Village of Westmont cease to be a home rule unit? Yes/No"

"The answer is a resounding, 'YES'. Taxpayers continue to lose income to inflation and a stagnant economy and yet are expected to ensure government 'revenue' continues to climb. Our municipal leadership need to respect their constituents' intelligence and make the cuts necessary to relieve taxpayers from the burdensome growth of government employee salaries and pensions."

"TUA is helping activists in Westmont and 8 other communities to fight Home Rule taxing power in November. We helped beat down 6 out of 6 in referenda in March of this year and we are looking to establish a new record this November, starting with Westmont."

"Taxpayers can download a copy of our Westmont flyer or any of the other 8 Home Rule flyers at www.taxpayersunited.org and get the word out to friends and neighbors, that they have a chance to reclaim their right to vote on tax increases by **voting YES to end home rule in Westmont.**"