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Clean Sweep: TUA Defeats All 7 Tax-Increase Referenda

CHICAGO--The president of Taxpayers United of America (TUA) today announced that “the organization, its members and supporters defeated the 7 tax-increase referenda yesterday.”

“It’s a great victory for Illinois taxpayers,” said Tobin. “The seven ballot measures are the largest number of tax-increase referenda we have opposed in a single election since 1982.” said Jim Tobin, TUA President. “To defeat seven out of seven is unprecedented, and shows taxpayers will stand up and fight when given honest information. Our members have defeated over 100 home rule referenda since 1980.”

“We defeated the attempt to con voters into accepting home-rule unlimited-taxing-power referenda in Clarendon Hills, Itasca, Lynwood, Merrionette Park, Princeton and Prospect Heights.”

“We also stopped an attempt to force a \$48.5 million property tax increase in Evanston-Skokie School District 65. Overall, we have defeated 193 property tax increase referenda since 1977.”

“Our staff distributed over 20,000 ‘Vote No!’ fliers in four of these communities. We mailed several thousand more fliers to our members and supporters. We worked closely with local taxpayer groups to effectively cover all precincts.”

The “Vote No” fliers included the names and paid-out amounts for the salaries and pensions of the highest-paid employees and pensioners, to let voters know that 80% of their local tax dollars go to pay the salaries and benefits of their local government employees.”

“Clarendon Hills’ Fire Chief, Brian Leahy, for example, pulled in a gross salary (2010) of \$199,128 a year. More than 10 police pensions are over \$30,000 a year. Former Police Chief, Thomas Reasoner, receives a whopping \$65,000 a year pension while at the same time getting paid for a Deputy Director position at the North East Multi-Regional Training Center.

“Nine retired government-employees in Itasca have annual pensions of over \$50,000 a year.”

“Now, we need to throw all Springfield Democrats out of office in the November 6th general election, so we can kill the four-year, 67% income tax hike that they’d like to make permanent!”