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Illegal Electioneering OK in Crook County

CHICAGO – Judge Leroy K. Martin, Jr, today granted Riverside Brookfield SD 208’s motion to dismiss the case against them filed by Taxpayers United of America (TUA) and Anthony Peraica for illegal electioneering in the April 5, 2011 election to pass a property tax referendum.

Despite the admission of the school board, for the purposes of this hearing, that they did indeed use approximately \$50,000 in taxpayer resources to campaign for the passage of the referenda that would have increased taxes, Judge Martin dismissed the case on the grounds that there were no grounds for the suit.

No, that was not a typo. Yes, using taxpayer resources in such a manner is against the election code and the defendant technically admitted to doing so in papers filed with the court, however, the case was dismissed.

“It seems that here in Crook County, the government does what it wants and gets away with it. Taxpayers’ dollars are openly and freely misused without consequence,” stated Jim Tobin, president of TUA.

“We aren’t going to make this easy for them though,” added Tobin. “We will file an appeal and continue to fight this court sanctioned corruption. The taxpayers of Riverside-Brookfield school district and across the state have a right to legal and responsible handling of their money.”

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