

# **VOTE NO**

## **ON**

### **SALES & USE TAX**

#### **&**

### **EXTENDING TERM LIMITS**

#### **AT THIS**

### **NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

### **GENERAL ELECTION**

**The voters of Elbert County have voted 3 times against a County Sales Tax in the last 9 years and 3 times against eliminating Term Limits in the last 7 years. Ever since former Commissioner John Dunn first proposed a Sales Tax, Elbert County voters have by a large majority said NO each time. Yet those who love to tax & spend your hard earned money keep making you vote on these 2 issues. Aren't you tired of a small group of people trying to force their will on you by repeated initiatives? The fact the Commissioners won't listen to the voters saying NO on this issue validates term limits.**

**This time they scheduled the above 2 initiatives to appear on the November 6th ballot when voting will be done only by mail. They knew full well only a portion of the voters would be mailed a ballot. Send them the message you are tired of repeatedly voting on the same issues & that you do not approve of denying anyone a ballot**

#### **TERM LIMITS FACTS**

**A term-limited Commissioner made the motion to extended term limits from 2 terms to 3 terms. A true self-serving vote! Term limits are necessary because it is almost impossible to get a change in any elected office without Term Limits—even when a change is really needed. Term limits level the playing field. New leadership brings fresh ideas.**

**Term limit opponents always argue that the current office holder is irreplaceable. The cemetery is full of irreplaceable people. Usually the new office holder listens to the people better.**

**SEE THE SALES/USE TAX FACTS ON THE BACK SIDE**

## **SALES AND USE TAX FACTS**

- 1. The 2006 Road & Bridge Budget is \$ 5,974,190. Yet, few roads are being hard-surfaced. Why? Where is the 6 million being spent?**
- 2. Estimated 1<sup>st</sup> year Sales & Use Tax revenues are \$ 1,969,550 for Road & Bridge. The Commissioners are not mandated to spend any amount on hard-surfacing the roads.**
- 3. A 1% Sales & Use Tax = a 33% increase in the Road & Bridge Budget.  
A 1% Sales & Use Tax = an 8% increase in the total budget. The 1% Sales and Use Tax will allow the Commissioners to increase the county budget an additional 8%. Don't vote to give them a blank check.**
- 4. Parties in favor of promoting a 1% Sales and Use Tax and conducting a vote on these taxes at the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election, should first prove why the existing revenue growth in the county—which more than tripled in the last 11 years without new taxes—is insufficient.**
- 5. An Elbert County budget growth analysis shows over the last 11 years that the population and total assessed property values exhibit somewhat of a straight-line growth. The tripled growth has occurred without Sales and Use Tax revenues.**
- 6. The proposed \$ 1,969,550 Sales & Use Tax increase will come from you Elbert County taxpayers. Sales taxes are not deductible on your income taxes. While we do not favor increasing property taxes they are at least deductible on your income tax.**
- 7. The 1% Sales & Use Tax is the proverbial camels nose under the tent. Ask Douglas County residents how long it took to go from 1% to almost 10% in their Sales Tax rates. If the tax and spend supporters get this Sales & Use Tax passed it won't be long until they want to increase your taxes even more. They are never satisfied no matter how much tax money is available to spend.**
- 8. Parties promoting this \$ 1,969,550 tax increase need to reveal how much money is being donated from non-residents & developers to promote its passage? Why would they do that???? It is a sneaky way for the developers to transfer some of their expenses to you the local taxpayers.**
- 9. A large majority of the Elbert County Taxpayers have said with their repeated votes, "Taxes should not be increased at the county level!"**

**IT'S YOUR MONEY THEY WANT! VOTE NO ON NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

**YOU MUST VOTE BY MAIL**

**GO TO THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IF YOU WERE NOT MAILED A BALLOT**