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Dear Council Members,

I urge you to vote against the proposed amendment to the Charter that makes increases in the property tax rate subject to voter approval, because it simply will not work.

First of all, the most obvious problem is that, since elections only occur every two years, any tax increase for a fiscal year beginning in an odd-numbered year cannot take place until that fiscal year is over. Even in an even-numbered year, the tax increase will be proposed, the budget will be approved, and the fiscal year will be well underway before the election takes place. If the increase is approved, revised tax bills will have to be sent out, and confused residents will have to ante up extra taxes. If it is not approved, the county will have to cut expenses in the middle of the year.

Again, this will not work! PLEASE do not put it on the ballot. Thinking voters will wonder at your lack of attention to detail. Others may vote for it, and if it passes, the county will be face fiscal difficulties any time they need to raise the tax rate.

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