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Dear Voter:

We write to urge you to vote "Yes" on August 7, 2018 on the City of East Lansing ballot proposal to amend the city Charter to institute a temporary income tax for our City.

The exact ballot proposal language upon which you will vote is as follows:

Shall Section 11.1 of the East Lansing City Charter be amended to authorize an excise tax on income for 12 years commencing January 1, 2019 implementing reduction of the City property taxes from a maximum of 20 mills to a maximum of 13 mills and requiring the net income tax revenue to be dedicated as follows: 20% to police and fire protection; 20% to the maintenance and improvement of streets and sidewalks, water and sewer systems and parks, recreation, and City-owned facilities; and, 60% to supplemental payments for unfunded pension liabilities for retired city employees.

Our reading of this proposal leads us to conclude that a "Yes" vote would accomplish the following things:

- ✓ Institute an income tax for 12 years on all residents and those non-residents who work in East Lansing.
- ✓ Immediately activate a 5 mill reduction in both residential and commercial property taxes.
- ✓ Provide designated funds for faster reduction of our unfunded pension debt to our retired police and fire employee pensions.
- ✓ Provide designated funds for infrastructure maintenance.
- ✓ Exclude retirement income, including Social Security, from the tax.
- ✓ Provide a \$5,000.00 exemption from the tax for certain individuals.

We have invested our adult lives in East Lansing. We are proud of the continuing progress made in East Lansing in the quality and diversity of life for all.

Please join us in voting "Yes" on August 7, 2018. Please vote "Yes" for our continued progress together. Please cast your vote for a viable and fiscally responsible City.

Very truly yours,


Patty Brookover


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