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BALLOT QUESTIONS

A. Police Millage Renewal Plus New Millage to Maintain Current Service Level

Shall the City of Rochester Hills renew and continue to levy the expiring 1.2083 mills (\$1.2083 per \$1,000), and also levy up to 2.5 new mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for 10 years, beginning in 2015 and continuing through 2024, inclusive, to fund and maintain the current level of police protection, services and operations and allow the City to discontinue paying for police services out of the City's General Fund? This will provide an estimated revenue of \$_____ if levied in full in the first year.

Yes _____

No _____

(Proposals B, below, is tie-barred to Proposal A so that Proposal B may be adopted only if Proposal A is approved. If Proposal A fails, then B also fails.)

B. New Millage to Add Police Officers

Shall the City of Rochester Hills levy up to 0.4 additional mills (\$0.40 per \$1,000) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for 10 years, beginning in 2015 and continuing through 2024, inclusive, to fund the addition of up to 8 officers to the police force? This will provide an estimated revenue of \$_____ if levied in full in the first year?

Yes _____

No _____

(Proposal C, below, is presented as an alternative to A and B, above, and would amend the City Charter to authorize a 3.7 mills levy to fund police services.)

C. Proposed City Charter Amendment

A proposal to amend Section 4.2 of the City Charter. If approved, this section will omit certain obsolete and expired millages and will authorize the City to levy up to 3.7 mills to fund police services and operations.

Section 4.2 – Charter tax rate and special voted millages limitation

.1 The annual ad valorem tax levy shall be sufficient to provide funding to adequately cover only budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year but in no case shall the levy exceed five-tenths of one percent (5/10 of 1%) or five (5) mills of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City, except for tax levies authorized in subsections .2 through .7 of this Section. This maximum levy shall be known and referred to as the Charter Tax Rate Limit of the City and shall be subject to all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the statutes pertaining there to.

.2 The City may levy such amounts as are required for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds the City.

.3 The City may levy up to 2.5 mills for funding of the Fire Department.

.4 The City may levy up to 3.7 mills to fund police services and operations.

.5 The City shall levy up to 1 mill for library purposes, pursuant to Public Act No. 164 of 1877 (MCL 397.201 et seq., MSA 15.1661 et seq.), as amended.

.6 The City may levy such taxes as may be authorized by statute to be made beyond the Charter Tax Rate Limit.

.7 The City may levy taxes for general purposes or for any specially designated purpose for a stated period of time not to exceed twenty (20) years, if approved by a majority of the registered electors voting on the proposition. Such election may be authorized by a majority vote of the Council or shall be called if an initiatory petition is filed as described in Sections 2.9 through 2.13 of this Charter. Where any special tax levy shall be approved by the electorate for a specially designated purpose, such funds shall not be used for other than the designated purpose, and all interest accruing on the investment of such funds shall be credited to that fund and not to the general fund the City.

Shall Section 4.2 of the City Charter be amended?

Yes ____

No ____

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