

Resolution

Whereas an Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is a one-cent sales tax that lasts a maximum of five years or until the established cap is reached;

Whereas the E-SPLOST would not be a tax increase, not an additional tax and not a property tax;

Whereas this would be a continuation of the current 1% E-SPLOST sales tax;

Whereas by law, E-SPLOST funds must be used for capital outlay projects for capital purposes, but not for operating expenses, such as salaries;

Whereas costs of the E-SPLOST are shared by all who shop in Houston County, regardless of where the shoppers live, and the E-SPLOST is an equitable sales tax shared by all who purchase in Houston County, including our numerous visitors;

Whereas this E-SPLOST is a way to fund improvements that everyone contributes to, not just property owners;

Whereas Houston County voters voted yes and approved E-SPLOST referendums in 1997, 2001, 2005 and 2011;

Whereas the Houston County Board of Education has acted as good stewards of the past ESPLOST funds, successfully fulfilling the covenant with the residents of Houston County, Georgia to use these funds wisely and prudently; and

Whereas the current E-SPLOST expires in March 2017 and would be replaced by this new vote for 2017-2022; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Houston County Development Authority urges the citizens of Houston County to study this important issue and encourages supporting the Board of Education's proposal.

Houston County Development Authority


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