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Callers like putting tax issues to public vote

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked Farmington and Farmington Hills residents: How do you feel about the proposed amendment which would allow you rather than the politicians to decide tax increases?

Following are the responses:

The people should have a vote on where they close and sell schools.

I think it is a wonderful idea. It is about time that the voters rather than the politicians had a chance to be reckless and see what the out-

come would be and say yes to the proposed amendment that Richard Headige is fighting for.

The assumption that the politicians and the public are separate entities is a false one. This is nothing more than a conservative effort to return us to some sort of austerity plan that is obviously inadequate for this day and age. I recommend that everyone vote against this particular measure.

It's about time we took matters into our own hands. I want to vote from now on.

As some other gentleman would say it, "Free at last, free at last." Let us vote our own taxes. Keep the politicians the hell out of it.

I am for the voter's choice amendment. It's the only true democratic way to go.

We who pay so dearly should have our vote.

I think it is a great idea but I doubt it will work.

Definitely yes. It is our money and we should have our say on how it is spent. I feel confident if this goes through, less of our money will have to be spent.

I would like to have the decision to decide on tax increases. I would not want the politicians to decide on it.

It's about time, thank God. Where do I sign and what can I do to help.

Let the taxpayers vote on this and control their own destiny.

I think it is a wonderful idea.

I am in favor of the amendment 100 percent

I agree. The taxing power should stay with the people and not with the politicians because they are controlled by lobbyists and the people are more concerned about how they spend their money and there would be less giveaways also. There are too many of them do-gooders, are just not the thing to have when you're paying the bill.

I am definitely in favor of the amendment. I think politicians vote whatever way some political action group pressures them into, not the

way their constituents want them to, and I think we should have the right to vote an increase or not ourselves.

I am absolutely in favor of the voter's choice amendment. After the legislators are elected they tend to forget the issues on which they ran their campaigns and that is usually lower taxes. The people need help in keeping expenditures in line with resources.

We would much rather vote than the politicians on the tax increases.

I believe the taxpayers should have the say about increasing taxes. The politicians do enough damage without having control of our increases.

My husband and I both feel we should be permitted to vote on this proposed amendment. We do not feel that the present council members are competent to decide how much taxes we can pay because we

do not feel they are involved in the community for understanding our problem.

I definitely approve of the amendment and hope that it is passed.

I am 125 percent in favor of the amendment. It's about time they started tightening their belt the same as the rest of us.

The taxpayers should not only be allowed to vote on the amendment, but decide tax increases. They should also be allowed to decide how their money is spent.

I am very much in favor of it. Isn't it about time our present taxation without representation be brought to a halt and that the ever increasing bureaucracy be curbed. They spend what we earn as if there is no tomorrow. At this rate there will be no tomorrow.

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