

Resolution 12-1

WHEREAS, the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 General Election Ballot in Sangamon County will include a referendum calling for the imposition of a county-wide sales tax for school facility purposes; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 95-0675, requires that the County Board place the referendum upon the ballot, if properly petitioned by the appropriate local school districts; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 95-0675 also provides that the Sangamon County Board *may* impose the proposed sales tax, if approved by the voters, thereby placing the Board in the pivotal role of determining the final outcome of the referendum and proposed sales tax; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax for school facilities, if imposed, could generate as much as \$20 million from local taxpayers for use exclusively on school facility needs; and

WHEREAS, given the potential far reaching impact of a school facility sales tax on local taxpayers, local businesses and local governments, it is vitally important that the voters of Sangamon County make an informed decision on the ballot question; and

WHEREAS, it is equally important that the members of the Sangamon County Board offer to those groups and individuals seeking a voice on the referendum a forum to express their opinions and to hear those opinions of others interested in the issue; and

WHEREAS, the County Board wishes to provide those groups and individuals interested in the referendum the opportunity to directly communicate with the members of the Board, in an open, fair and balanced forum; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Sangamon County Board desire to further educate themselves on the facility needs of the county's school districts, the nature of the sales tax being proposed and the scale of other potential community needs vying for future tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, due to the importance of this referendum, and its potential impact to our community, the Sangamon County Board agrees that more than one forum is necessary, and as a result proposes three open forums to discuss the referendum; and

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WHEREAS, such forums shall be structured to allow equal time for presentation from both invited speakers representing various interest groups and from the members of the general public, all of whom will be asked to utilize a sign up sheet in order to speak; and

WHEREAS, each of the three forums is to have a specific theme, with the first forum dedicated to the facility needs of Sangamon County's school districts, the second dedicated to the nature of the referendum and the proposed sales tax and the third dedicated to the nature of other community needs vying for future tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, those invited to speak at the forums should include, but not be limited to, those representing school administrators, school board members, teacher's unions, parent teacher associations, local labor organizations, local retail merchants, chamber of commerce members, farm bureau members, local law enforcement, community service providers and individuals and groups advocating various tax policies, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Sangamon County Board in session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010, that the County Board approve and implement the above referenced structure for a series of three open forums on the proposed sales tax for school facility needs, with one forum to be held in September, 2010, and two forums to be held in October, 2010, and with the forums to be held in geographically diverse areas of Sangamon County.

Respectfully Submitted,

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