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"Hello" From the Chair

May is Around the Corner

May 5 is the date of the election to raise the sales tax to 7 percent. That is 3 months away. You must be registered to vote by April 3rd to vote in this election. Spring is around the corner. Many cities will be having primary (August), General (November) elections this year. Maybe you would like to run for office or know someone who would be good and will take some time to encourage them to run.

Who do you think are the important people at election time: Candidate(s) ____ We The People ____

We the people are the board of directors of our various layers of government. We hold the cards. If you are even the slightest bit concerned about where our elected servants are leading our country, from the school board, city/twp., county, state and to the federal level it is in each and everyone of our hands to change

Burying your head in the sand, refusing to deal with it, telling yourself that you can't do anything or you don't have time to do anything is playing into their hands. You and I hold the 'Keys to the Kingdom'. Remember our Founding Fathers and their followers declared war on the Militarily strongest and richest country in the world. Some of the people didn't want to be independent from England. But they struck out anyway. The troops brought their own guns, horses, clothes and food and they were cold and hungry, but they were brave and stood up to the enemy and won. Even though the country was divided on certain issues, they still stuck together and worked on the issues that they could agree upon and went forward to create the strongest, freest, richest, proudest Country in the world.

I look forward to working with not only other Republicans, but Libertarians, Tea Party, Independents, Conservatives, black, brown, red or white, male or female, young or older, rich or poor. We are all in this together.

God Bless and have a Grand and Glorious Day.
Your friend and Neighbor,

Phila

WHAT SAY YOU

Read about the 1983 Recall of Senator Serotkin. See what the people can accomplish when Republicans, Conservatives, Independents, Libertarians came together and worked to stop a State Income Tax Increase

<http://bit.ly/1E7eIrm>



Macomb County Taxpayers Association

Back in the 1980's a group by the name of the Macomb County Taxpayers Association was led by Mike Sessa. This Association was very effective at getting the word out about tax increases, especially property tax increases. Mike Sessa along with his board of directors held property tax seminars all over the county to teach taxpayers how to appeal their property taxes. Many taxpayers got their property taxes lowered by using these methods. Mike helped write the Headlee Amendment to the Constitution and also the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative. We took on the establishment by attending meetings at the local and county levels, even going to state meetings upon occasion. This is why Macomb County and communities like Sterling Heights were known for low taxes. With little money but lots of energy and determination, the people managed to achieve award winning County services at a much lower cost to the taxpayers than any other county in the state.



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SOLUTIONS

You can't give up on your government because the situation is not ideal. Great Governments aren't because they don't have disagreements. Its great because the people come together and care enough to work together to fix it!

"Heroes" Corner

Linda Torp

We would like to take this time to thank Linda Torp for taking on the challenge of becoming Chair of the Macomb County Republicans. It is a big job with lots of responsibilities. Please thank Linda and volunteer to help out on different committees and projects. She can't do it alone and their aren't enough officers to get the job done. So when you have a spare moment please let Linda know and lets do a bang up job over the next 2 years.

DO YOU KNOW

'DO IT! LET'S GET OFF OUR BUTTS'

Now is the time to take back our government. In the past we never let anyone tell us we couldn't do something because it was to hard or to costly. We decided to work against a tax increase or a ballot proposal and we never let the word 'BUT' get in our way. We never had money but somehow we managed to win many of our battles. We set our priorities and went forward. Did we want the establishment to win or did we want them to understand who the boss was and that there were consequences to their actions? Frankly it felt wonderful when we won. It made giving up the day after Thanksgiving's banner shopping day to stand outside of Meijer's and hand out flyers reminding people to vote in the special election to recall Serotkin on Nov. 30.

Going to council meetings and letting them know what we wanted or didn't want eventually made the council understand that there were consequences to their votes. Even though me didn't always win the big ones, the big ones became farther apart and fewer to deal with. We would get behind new candidates and help them defeat the incumbents that didn't want to listen. We were there in their faces with recall shirts in front of the TV cameras. The press would call us to get comments.. If we didn't like what happened at the meeting letters were written and sent in by the next day for the next newspaper telling our side of what happened.

People watched the meetings. Case in point: I was petitioning door to door and I walked up to a man in his driveway. He looked up and said, "Phillis DeSaele"; then he rattled off my address. Can you believe that? Not everyone has as much time as myself and others have devoted to the cause, but everyone has an hour or two now and then. They have a few bucks to throw into the kitty from time to time.

Please think about reading the book **'DO IT! Let's Get Off Our Butts'**

It is an easy read, amusing and really does help to motivate you.

Please join me and some of your other friends to ensure that your children and grandchildren have a free, prosperous, healthy, and safe place to live!

