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(Dining Room "C")



MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2006 11:00 A.M. ☞☞☞ CHINA BUFFET

Speaking AGAINST the Sales Tax Increase

DR. JOHN HALPERN

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WHY IT WON'T HELP THE ELDERLY FOR ELEVEN YEARS, IF AT ALL

JOHN HART, PEOPLE FOR PROGRESS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – OCTOBER, 2006

Dear Members,

From now until November 7, I'll be reminding everyone why it's crucial to **VOTE NO on the Sales Tax Increase** that's on the ballot. This is much the same scheme that passed in M-Dade, and has caused massive operating deficits ever since. Not to mention the huge costs of building it.

Did you see **Michael Mayo's** commentary in the *Sun-Sentinel* in August? It was a classic. He gave his thoughts on the outrageousness of it all, and what the ballot question should really say to be truthful. Here's what he wrote:

"Here's the language I'd like to see: 'Shall Broward County raise sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to fund a transit and transportation plan that might or might not work, with well-intended projects that might reduce problems accompanying unbridled growth or could turn out to be boondoggles, with no guarantees other than providing a 30-year revenue stream to transportation engineers, planners and builders?'"

The full text of **Mr. Mayo's** column is also in this issue. You just don't get much better than this! We're being hit with huge insurance increases and county and city governments that never lower the tax rates in spite of the large increases in value of property not covered by Save our Homes. And they want more, more, still more.

Broward County Property Appraiser Lori Parrish has been educating us very well on this issue. She understands from the inside how we're being abused by governments that never seem to have enough tax dollars. **Lori's** sage remarks are in this issue, too.

Think long and hard about all of the incumbents running for office this time who wouldn't vote to lower tax rates and who demand more tax dollars. We have a chance to return government's focus on the citizens in general, not the big donors who run the show. Get out there and **VOTE!**

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. VOTE NO ON THE SALES TAX INCREASE.

See you October 13.

Charlotte

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Broward needs to steer clear of promoting transit tax

Michael Mayo

News Columnist Sun-Sentinel

August 17, 2006

If the Broward County Commission wants to keep throwing new tax initiatives on the November ballot, that's fine. A 1-percent transit sales tax here, a courthouse bond issue there, who are we to complain? As long as there are functioning "No" buttons on the touch-screen machines (a paper trail would be nice, too), I've got no problem with letting the voters decide.

But no way should taxpayers foot the bill to promote these plans. And no way should the commission tilt the playing field with loaded ballot language.

At the latest commission meeting Tuesday, Mayor Ben Graber pulled his proposal to give \$750,000 in county-paid advertising to the high-powered business group backing the transit sales tax, People for Progress.

"I don't think there was any support for it," Graber told me Tuesday.
"This initiative is going to have to stand on its own."

Good. If People for Progress wants ad time, it can buy its own. The group has raised more than \$278,000 so far and spent \$170,000, mostly on consultants and its campaign manager, ex-county commissioner John Hart. If the group cut down on overhead, it would have enough to pay for the ads it wants to sponge off taxpayers.

According to the pulled agenda item, People for Progress wanted to "piggyback" onto the county's existing ad contract, develop "educational advertising content" in support of the Nov. 7 transit tax referendum and get up to \$750,000 worth of media buys.

"I'm going to have to get on the phone with the commissioners," said Mark Eckert, head of the local chapter of Ax The Tax, which opposes the transit plan. "If [People for Progress] wants money to educate voters, we want the same amount to educate people, too."

Thankfully, the proposal appeared dead on arrival.

"I'm philosophically opposed to taking tax money and using it to promote a tax increase," Commissioner Jim Scott said at the meeting.

The transit tax backers seem to think they're entitled to county help, noting the \$200,000 the county spent publicizing a successful \$400 million bond initiative for parks and land preservation in 2000. But times have changed.

Wary residents are tapped out from rising insurance, fuel and utility costs, and they wonder what the county has done with the added tax dollars from soaring property values. Given the atmosphere, commissioners know they're treading on shaky ground.

"People are struggling so much," Commissioner Sue Gunzburger said. "Even a penny [sales tax increase] adds more and more to that struggle."

The Broward school board just shelved a pricey bond plan because it sensed the strapped mood. But the county commission seems willing to let voters decide on the transit tax and the \$450 million courthouse bond issue, which would be funded by property taxes.

On Wednesday, Hart said the transit effort "was planning to go forward," even without the county's financial help. Graber said the referendum was "not a done deal," even though a split commission approved it in June.

The whole thing could implode next Tuesday, the deadline for the commission to approve the referendum's final wording. Sticking points include whether the added sales tax lasts 30 years or forever.

The first draft flopped this week. The wording seemed to promise everything except peace in the Middle East.


Said Hart: "Of course it's a big deal how it's worded."

Said Eckert: "It's legislating from the ballot ... I want to see neutral language."

Here's the language I'd like to see: "Shall Broward County raise sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to fund a transit and transportation plan that might or might not work, with well-intended projects that might reduce problems accompanying unbridled growth or could turn out to be boondoggles, with no guarantees other than providing a 30-year revenue stream to transportation engineers, planners and builders?"

Send your proposed ballot language (75 words or less) to me, or Mayor Graber atbgraber@broward.org.

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Never let it be said that airline ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by pilots and the solutions the crew recommended.

Pilot's complaint: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
Crew's solution: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

Pilot's complaint: Aircraft handles funny.
Crews' solution: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

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Genetics of Breast and Ovarian Cancer in the Ashkenazi Jewish Population

(Since my daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer and has learned she has the BRCA1 mutation, we've been researching a great deal. If you are or know of someone of Ashkenazi heritage, please consider testing. This mutation can be passed by both men and women to their children. My son is waiting for the results of his test. If he's positive for the mutation, he'll need to have his children tested too, and then consider options. My daughter's life will be saved because of the work of dedicated scientists. The website is dnadirect.com. I hope this can save lives.) Charlotte

The link between BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations and breast and ovarian cancer was discovered in 1994. Later, additional studies conducted with DNA samples originally donated for Tay Sachs research revealed that people of Ashkenazi (Eastern European) Jewish heritage are more likely to have mutations in these genes than members of the general population.

In fact, 1 in 40 Ashkenazi Jews carries a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation. Furthermore, researchers have discovered that three specific mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes account for approximately 80 to 90 percent of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations identified in Ashkenazi Jews — in contrast to the hundreds of unique BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations that genetic testing has turned up in people who are not of Ashkenazi Jewish descent.

Why Some Diseases Are More Prevalent in Certain Populations

Researchers have long known that some inherited diseases occur more commonly in certain ethnic groups than they do in the general population. (Examples include sickle cell anemia in African Americans, and beta thalassemia in people of Mediterranean descent.)

Scientists attribute this phenomenon to the “founder effect,” which is seen in isolated populations (religious, cultural, or geographical) that originated from a small group of common ancestors. In such populations, disease-associated mutations get passed down with greater frequency due to cultural practices (intermarriage) or geographical isolation.

Researchers believe the BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations that today occur with a relatively high degree of frequency in Ashkenazi Jews originated in common ancestors approximately 600 hundred years ago.

Approximately 1 in 40 Ashkenazi Jewish people carries one of three BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations, while approximately 1 in 500 members of the general population carry any BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation.

Furthermore, the chance that an Ashkenazi Jew has one of these mutations rises dramatically if he or she has a personal or family medical history of breast or ovarian cancer. Consider, for example, the following statistics:

- 13.7 percent of Ashkenazi Jews who have been diagnosed with breast cancer before age 50 years have a BRCA mutation.
- 19.3 percent of Ashkenazi Jews with a family history of two or more breast cancers carry one of these mutations.

- 29.5 percent of Ashkenazi Jews with a family history that includes two or more cases of breast cancer and at least one case of ovarian cancer carry one of these mutations.

Cancer Risk

Of course the bottom line in any discussion of cancer risk is not how many people are carriers of a specific genetic mutation, but how many of those carriers will actually develop the associated disease.

In the case of Ashkenazi Jews with BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations, a recent population-based study suggests that 82 percent of such individuals will develop breast cancer over the course of their lives, and 54 percent of women with BRCA1 mutations and 23 percent of BRCA2 carriers will develop ovarian cancer by age 70.

This same study found that physical exercise and lack of obesity in adolescence were associated with significantly delayed breast cancer onset. In addition, these two genes have been shown to increase the risk of prostate cancer in men who carry mutations, and this study showed that 20 percent will develop the disease by age 80.

Testing

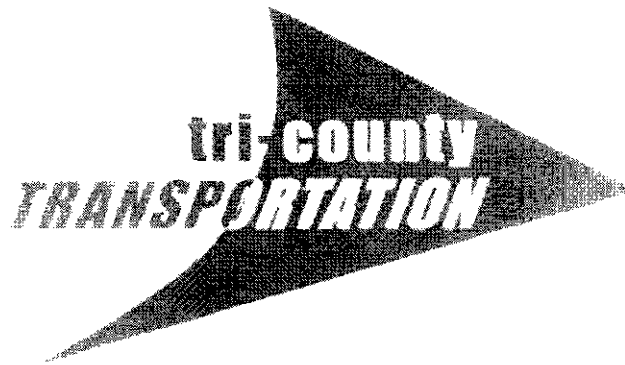
Since researchers have been able to pinpoint three mutations that account for the majority of BRCA1 and BRCA2 defects in Ashkenazi Jews, genetic testing is actually a simpler undertaking for this population than it is for the population at large.

This is because DNA testing can begin with just these three mutations, making the tests less expensive and often easier to interpret than the full-sequence genetic testing that's required to identify the hundreds of BRCA1- and BRCA2-associated mutations that can arise in members of the general population.

The rationale for the 3 mutation test is that 80 to 90 percent of the time, in an Ashkenazi Jewish family, if there is a mutation it will be one of these three. If this test is negative it may be necessary to go on to the full sequence test for BRCA1 and BRCA2 to rule out a mutation as the cause for the family history.

Why Are Population-based Studies So Powerful?

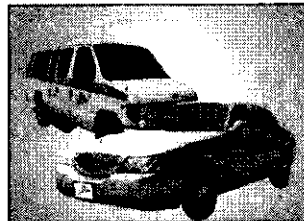
Studies that start with a large and diverse population can help avoid biases that might be present, but not obvious, in studies that start with a more narrow population.



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3. The tax amounts and special fees proposed by each of your various taxing authorities (School Board, County Commission, City Commission, etc.); a comparison of the proposed 2006 taxes versus last year's taxes; and the locations and dates of the public hearings where you can voice your views on the proposed rates.

If you believe the proposed TAXES are too high: Exercise your rights as a citizen by speaking out. Attend the public hearings listed on the TRIM Notice. Let your elected officials hear from you! (Note: The Property Appraiser does NOT set any tax rates.)

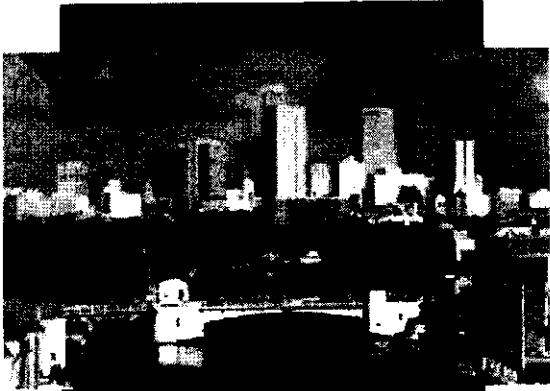
If you believe the ASSESSED VALUE of your property is higher than the fair market value: Contact our office to discuss your property's value with one of our Deputy Appraisers. If we are not able to quickly resolve the matter, be sure to file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board **by the September 18, 2006 deadline**. Likewise, if an EXEMPTION is missing from your property, please contact us immediately.

IMPORTANT: If you wait until you receive your tax bill in November, it will be TOO LATE to make any changes to your assessed value and the tax rates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Parrish". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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