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MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUYS CLOSE VOTER APPROVAL OF QUESTIONABLE 20 YEAR \$760 MILLION TAX HIKE WITH 89% OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT VOTING

Macomb County, May 9, 2018 – With only 11% of registered voters actually voting in the May 8 Special Election, the final tally was 52% voting for the \$38 million a year property tax hike continuing unabated until 2038, versus 47% of grassroots taxpayers voting against.

The Macomb Community College administration prevailed in the confusing Single Ballot Question Election which improperly combined the current tax renewal expiring in 2020 with a tax increase totaling \$38 million per year expiring in 2038.

The Tax increase is for 20 years! Technology is improving rapidly. Harvard and Yale offer **free** online college courses <https://www.edx.org/school/havardx> and <https://oyc.yale.edu/>. Technology improvements allow Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence teaching customized for each student, while **Macomb County** taxpayers will be stuck paying the \$38 million a year for 20 years for expensive, outdated, under-utilized brick classrooms! Retail shopping malls are closing due to internet shopping. More students choose to avoid the expense and wasted time of driving to classes, instead taking college classes on line at times which fit their work and family schedules.

Administrators at Macomb Community College diverted over \$600,000 of student education money to schedule their tax hikes on a single Special Election Ballot rather than put the tax renewal and tax increase as separate issues on the regularly scheduled and already funded November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot.

“Holding a Special Election two years before the current tax millage expires was sneaky,” reported Bill McMaster of Taxpayers United. “So was wasting \$600,000 of education money on always low voter turnout May 8th instead of November 6, 2018 when most people dutifully vote. Combining two different tax issues, a tax renewal with a tax increase, in one Special Election Ballot Question was intentionally confusing to voters.”

“Shamefully, MCC doesn’t need the 20 year \$38 million a year property tax increase,” said Philis DeSaele of Macomb County Taxpayers Association. “Enrollment has dropped steadily- down 7% in just the last three years alone. Additionally, those fewer students are also enrolling for fewer credit hours (MCC

2016-2017 Financial Report, page 9) and spending continues to maintain an inverse relationship to enrollment.”

Macomb College’s tax increase campaign was funded by businesses and unions who benefit from taxpayer money being spent on building even more outdated, under-utilized brick classrooms! Overpaid Macomb Community College bureaucrats making over \$100,000 a year also were big tax increase campaign contributors.

“Seven Headlee Rollbacks in recent years showed that Macomb Community College kept getting an inflation rate increase in property taxes each year plus new growth. Liberal Macomb Community College politicians need to learn how to live within a reasonable budget increase each year just like homeowners and working people must!” concluded MCTA Chair DeSaele. When liberal politicians use taxpayer money to promote tax increases, it is very difficult for taxpayers to win,” concluded DeSaele.

Macomb County Clerk Results May 8, 8:30 AM:

Total Votes	66,204
Absentee Votes	25,587 YES
Precinct Votes	9,152 YES
Absentee Votes	24,017 NO
Precinct Votes	7,290 NO
Total YES	34,739
Total NO	31,307

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