## **DOUGLAS COUNTY BALLOT QUESTION:**

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County be authorized to impose a sales and use tax of 0.25% in the County to fund capital projects for the Douglas County School District (including the improvement and equipping of school facilities for repairs predicated on health and safety issues as well as critical needs and the payment of debt service on bonds or other obligations issued for such purposes)? If approved, this authorization will expire on June 30, 2027.

**Explanation:** A "yes" vote would authorize Douglas County, Nevada (the "County") to impose a sales and use tax of 1/4 of 1% on the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail, or stored, used or otherwise consumed in the County, to provide funding for Douglas County School District (the "District") to improve and equip school facilities. If approved, this authorization would expire on June 30, 2027.

The District anticipates using the funds generated by the sales and use tax for capital projects within the District, including, but not limited to: (i) acquiring, improving and equipping certain HVAC systems, bathrooms, intercom systems and repeater systems at elementary schools, middle schools and high schools; (ii) repairing certain existing buildings through the abatement of hazardous materials at elementary schools, middle schools and high schools; (iii) acquiring, improving and equipping certain fire alarm systems at elementary schools and middle schools; (iv) acquiring, improving and equipping certain plumbing systems at elementary schools; and (v) acquiring, improving and equipping certain electrical systems at middle schools.

The proceeds of the tax imposed must be deposited in the District's fund for capital projects. The proceeds of the tax imposed may be pledged to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other obligations issued by the District for the capital projects described above, and the Board of Trustees of the District may issue bonds or other obligations for those purposes. The proceeds of the tax imposed may <u>not</u> be used to (i) settle or arbitrate disputes between a recognized organization representing employees of the District and the District, or to settle negotiations, or (ii) to adjust the District-wide salaries and benefits of the employees of the District.

A "no" vote would prevent the sales and use tax of 1/4 of 1% from being imposed by the County, and the District would not have the revenues from such tax as a funding source for the District's capital projects.

**Argument For the Sales and Use Tax:** [To be provided by the committee advocating approval of the question.]

**Argument Against the Sales and Use Tax:** [To be provided by the committee opposing approval of the question.]

**Rebuttal to Argument Against the Sales and Use Tax:** [To be provided by the committee advocating approval of the question.]

**Rebuttal to Argument For the Sales and Use Tax:** [To be provided by the committee opposing approval of the question.]

Anticipated Financial Effect: The sales and use tax increase of 1/4 of 1% would expire on June 30, 2027. The average annual cost of this sales and use tax increase is expected to be \$25 for a typical payer of sales and use tax in the County, based on average annual expenditures on goods that are subject to the sales and use tax of \$10,000. Following the imposition of the tax, additional expenses may need to be paid from the General Fund for the operation, maintenance and repair of the school facilities funded with the sales and use tax.

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