

November 7, 2023 Municipal Election, Chester County, PA: Referendums and Plain Language

Honey Brook Township: Referendum for Additional Township Supervisors

Question:

Should two additional supervisors be elected to serve in this township?

Plain Language:

The Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors currently consists of three township supervisors. However, the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 65402, allows for two additional supervisors to be added to the Township's Board of Supervisors if this increase in supervisors is approved by the majority of the Township's electors voting at the next election. If a majority of the Township's electors vote "Yes" to this question, then two (2) additional supervisor positions will be added to the Board of Supervisors, and the total number of township supervisors would be increased from three (3) to five (5). If a majority of the Township's electors vote "No," then the total number of township supervisors would not change and would remain at three (3) supervisors.

A vote of YES approves the addition of two (2) supervisor positions to the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors. A vote of NO disapproves the addition of two (2) supervisor positions to the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors.

Borough of Kennett Square: Library Tax Referendum

Question:

Do you favor increasing the Borough of Kennett Square's real estate tax by 0.2000 mills, the revenue from such tax to be used exclusively to fund the operation of the Kennett Library within the Borough?

Plain Language:

The ballot question asks the registered voters of the Borough of Kennett Square to vote whether they are in favor of an increase in real estate tax within the Borough of Kennett Square by 0.2000 mills to be used by the Borough of Kennett Square to raise revenue for the purpose of funding the operation of the Kennett Library located within the Borough of Kennett Square. A vote of "YES" to the ballot question approves the increase estate tax; a vote of "NO" disapproves the increase in real estate tax.

Phoenixville Area School District: Occupational Tax Referendum

Question:

Do you favor eliminating the Phoenixville Area School District Occupation Tax, effective July 1, 2024, which would require increasing the Earned Income Tax rate from 0.5% to a maximum of 0.6%, beginning January 1, 2025?

Plain Language:

This question proposes eliminating the Phoenixville Area School District Occupation Tax effective July 1, 2024. If elimination of the Occupation Tax is approved, the Phoenixville Area School District Earned Income Tax will be increased from the current rate of 0.5% to a maximum rate of 0.6%, beginning January 1, 2025.

A YES vote approves eliminating the Occupation Tax and increasing the maximum rate of the Earned Income Tax to 0.6%. A NO vote disapproves eliminating the Occupation Tax and increasing the maximum rate of the Earned Income Tax, leaving both taxes in place as they currently stand.