

On November 5th, Vote No to Protect Holyoke's Future by protecting our renters, homeowners, and businesses!

If this Reckless Tax Increase proposal is adopted, it will mean:

- ✓ Property taxes will increase 18.5% over 2 years giving Holyoke the highest Residential Tax Burden in Massachusetts!
- ✓ Holyoke will have the highest Business Taxes in Massachusetts!
- ✓ Likely cause Landlords to Increase Rents on Tenants!
- ✓ Holyoke's #1 Taxpayer, the Holyoke Mall, has called the proposed \$600,000 tax increase on them a real hardship on top of the \$8.1 million they already pay in a difficult retail market.
- ✓ This project only gets reimbursed by the state at 55%, instead of the normal 80%, increasing Holyoke's cost from \$30 million to \$60 million.

A "Yes" Vote is not an "investment," but really means:

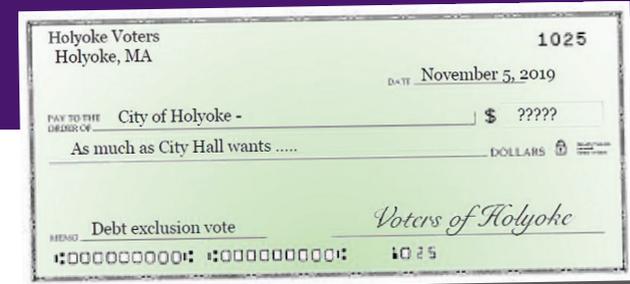
- It will triple Holyoke's debt.
- Jeopardizing critical city services such as police, fire, parks and public works for decades.
- There will be no money left to pay for the other capital improvements, unfunded liabilities and debt the city needs to manage for the next 30 years, leading to even more future tax overrides, tax and fee increases.

Only by voting No can we explore the other better options!

There are many other more affordable options such as renovating schools, saving Lynch Middle School, building one school, and others which have been ignored!

For more information, please go to www.betterforholyoke.com!

Para obtener más información en Español, haga clic en el siguiente enlace: www.betterforholyoke.com



The Tax Increase Proposal if adopted writes City Hall a Blank Check that you will have to pay for.

The ballot question does not state how much the schools will cost or how many years we will have to pay! City Hall can change the Bond to whatever amount and for however long they want, or for "unexpected" reasons.

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