

IT IS A CRIME TO FALSIFY THIS  
BALLOT OR TO VIOLATE INDIANA  
ELECTION LAWS IC 3-11-2-7

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
GENERAL ELECTION  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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programs, school programs, school bus transportation programs, school health, equity, safety, and security programs at a continued property tax rate of \$0.44? The property tax increase requested in this referendum was originally approved by the voters in 2017 and if extended will increase the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence within the school corporation by 50.37% and if extended will increase the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property within the school corporation by 45.07%.

**PUBLIC QUESTION**  
Vote For One (1) Only  
0 selected, incomplete

YES

NO

Shall the School City of Hammond continue to impose increased property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding the Renew Our Hammond Schools - Invest in Our Community Program consisting of teaching positions, staff positions, educational

referendum within the boundaries of the political subdivision for which this public question is being considered was proposed by the School City of Hammond in 2017 and passed.

**PUBLIC QUESTION**

Vote For One (1) Only  
0 selected, incomplete

YES

NO

Shall the School City of Hammond increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation by homeowners and businesses? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the School Corporation per year on a residence would increase by 35.76% and the average property tax paid to the School Corporation on a business property would increase by 32.45%. The School Corporation may issue bonds or enter into a lease for the renovation, improvement, construction of additions, equipping and general improvements at academic buildings of the school corporation, including but not limited to renovations and additions at Hammond Central High School and Morton High School, which is estimated to cost \$84,220,000 over twenty-five (25) years. The most recent property tax

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**STRAIGHT PARTY**

(1) To vote a straight party ticket for one political party's candidates, except for candidates described in (2) below, select one of the following parties.

(2) To vote for any candidate for Town or City Council At-Large, you must select each candidate you wish to vote for. Your straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for that office.

(3) If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a nonpartisan office or on a public question, you must select the appropriate place on this ballot.

If you do not wish to vote a straight party ticket, continue voting in the next column.



Democratic Party



Republican Party

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**MAYOR**

**CITY OF HAMMOND**

Vote For One (1) Only  
0 selected, incomplete

**THOMAS M MCDERMOTT JR**  
Democratic Party

**CITY CLERK**

**CITY OF HAMMOND**

Vote For One (1) Only  
0 selected, incomplete

**ROBERT J GOLEC**  
Democratic Party

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
AT LARGE**

**CITY OF HAMMOND**

Vote For Three (3) Only  
0 selected, incomplete

\*\*\*To vote for any candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office\*\*\*

**KATRINA D ALEXANDER**  
Democratic Party

**DAN SPITALE**  
Democratic Party

**JANET VENECZ**  
Democratic Party

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
DISTRICT 5  
CITY OF HAMMOND  
Vote For One (1) Only  
0 selected, incomplete

DAVE WOERPEL  
Democratic Party

MICHAEL (OPIE) OPINKER  
Republican Party

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