Pflugerville Residents for Responsible Taxation

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PfRRT Announces Petition to remove sales tax from ESD 2

Pflugerville, TX - October 24, 2022 – Pflugerville Residents for Responsible Taxation, a non-partisan group of long-time and new Pflugerville residents from all walks of life, announced a petition drive to decrease the rate of local sales and use tax imposed by ESD 2 from .5 percent to zero percent within the City of Pflugerville and from 1% to .5% in those areas of ESD 2 subject to the 1% taxation.

Travis County ESD 2 has been collecting sales taxes within portions of its district to fund its EMS. In January of 2022, Travis County ESD 2 decided to stop providing Advanced Life Support and ambulance transport services to the City of Pflugerville, forcing the City to use alternate service providers for ambulances without additional funding.

"We should stop paying sales tax to ESD 2 for services that aren't being delivered since ESD 2 decided to stop providing ambulance services to the City of Pflugerville," said Melody Ryan. "We must transfer taxes from ESD 2 to the City of Pflugerville in order to keep allowing the City to offer EMS. This allows our elected City Council to make the decisions that best serve our City residents. Everyone inside of ESD 2 will need to vote on this."

Within the boundaries of the City, we can choose to forgo paying a half-cent sales tax to ESD 2 and instead choose to give that half-cent to the City of Pflugerville. Once the ESD 2 sales tax is transferred to the City of Pflugerville, the City Council will have the option to establish its own EMS department. There is no overall tax increase and a tax decrease will occur in the ETJ areas.

Call to Action:

Support the City of Pflugerville's Emergency Services. Sign the petition to put on the ballot the removal of the half cent sales tax from ESD 2 and transfer the tax to the City of Pflugerville to help fully fund emergency services for the City of Pflugerville.

May 2023 election: Vote Yes to remove the half cent sales tax to Travis County ESD 2. Vote Yes to give the City of Pflugerville the half cent sales tax to fund emergency services.

Pflugerville Residents for Responsible Taxation (<u>PfRRT</u>) is a local non-partisan group of concerned citizens. Our goal is to research and share facts regarding new taxes and proposed increases that impact our city and its residents.

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