

DO YOU WANT TO PAY HIGHER TAXES ?

5.2%
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*ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF EAST PENN, FRANKLIN,
MAHONING TOWNSHIPS & LEHIGHTON BOROUGH*

*PLEASE CALL BILL SCHWAB, PAUL KOCHER, JOHN
WIECZOREK AND DARRYL ARNER TELL THEM TO DO
THE RIGHT THING AND VOTE FOR THE EQUAL
VOTE*



DON'T LET THE CARBON COUNTY TAX
COLLECTION COMMITTEE DIG INTO
YOUR POCKETS.

THEY HAVE THE POWER TO RAISE
THE EARNED INCOME TAX AND TAKE
MORE \$\$\$ FROM YOUR PAYCHECK
RESIDENTS OF PHILADELPHIA PAY
4.56 % EIT

WE THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS, BOROUGHS AND WEATHERLY
SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO VOTED FOR THE EQUAL VOTE SO ALL OF THEIR
RESIDENTS HAVE A VOICE**

The townships of Lower Towamensing, Kidder, Penn Forest, Towamensing, Packer and
the Boroughs of: Bowmanstown, East Side, Parryville, Palmerton, Jim Thorpe,
Nesquehoning, Summit Hill, Lansford, Coaldale, Weatherly, Weissport, AND The
Weatherly School District.

**The Following School Districts and Municipalities Voted For the Weighted
Vote So They Can Control The Majority.**

East Penn, Franklin, Mahoning Townships, Lehighton Borough and The School Districts of Jim
Thorpe, Lehighton, Palmerton and Panther Valley

**CALL THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TELL THEM YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO
PAY HIGHER TAXES AND TELL THEM TO VOTE FOR THE EQUAL VOTE !**

Please address questions, concerns or comments to webmaster@katz4tax.com

To: Paul Kocher, Supervisor Franklin Township
John Wieczorek, Supervisor Mahoning Township
Bill Schwab, Delegate East Penn Township
Darryl Arner, Councilmen Lehigh Township



My name is Alan Katz, I am a Supervisor In Penn Forest Township. Our Township and your Townships and Boroughs have numerous Municipal Aid Agreements in place. I am asking for your aid. As you are aware Your Township or Borough is a member of the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee

I am requesting that your Board or Council Reconsider Voting For The Equal Vote As Opposed to the Weighted Vote as we are planning to make a motion to Amend the Bi-Laws of the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee giving all boroughs and townships an equal voice. We would appreciate your reconsideration and support.

Department of Community and Economic Development has established proportionally weighted votes based upon EIT and population.

The weighted voted system established by the DCED discriminates against smaller townships and boroughs and favors larger governmental entities such as School Districts that have the largest proportion of weighted votes. Therefore we need your support.

Benefit of The Equal Vote is That All Townships and Boroughs have equal say.

Under The Bi-Laws that were enacted on March 17, 2010 the 4 School Districts have 46.21% of the weighted Vote Giving the Minority The Majority Vote.

What Does this mean to the Residents of Franklin Township, Mahoning Township, East Penn Township and the Borough of Lehigh and Carbon County?

In the event the School Districts Decide they need more Money they can simply raise the earned income tax from 1.% Currently to 3% and all working residents will have an additional tax burden. It may be unpopular for a single school district to raise property taxes but as a collective organization our school districts will be able to increase funding without calling attention to themselves. This would require a vote by the general population but you must consider that the majority of the people who turn out to vote are Senior Citizens. The majority are retired. Given a choice as to raise the Earned Income Tax or Property Taxes how do you think they would vote ? The majority would most likely agree to raise the Earned Income Tax placing the Tax Burden upon the Working Class Citizens of Carbon County.

Also this Board has the power to buy and sell real estate at will.

The other night there were 20 out of 22 Carbon County Municipalities and 5 School Districts in attendance at the Carbon County Tax Collection meeting.

A issue arose to vote upon to decide whether each governmental entity would have an equal vote.

Four school districts Jim Thorpe, Lehigh, Palmerton, Panther Valley and four municipalities Franklin Township, Mahoning Township, East Penn Township and the Borough of Lehigh voted in favor of the weighted vote. Your townships or boroughs were one of the four Municipalities that voted in favor of the weighted vote.

The remaining 17 boroughs and townships that wanted to have an equal voice so they could protect the interests of their residents were defeated by the minority who had the higher proportional weighted vote.

Our contention is that if every entity on this committee has an equal say, we will have equal representation and the majority will not be dominated by a few that have a high proportional share of the weighted vote. Our proportional share in Penn Forest Township is 4.51 percent of the weighted vote. Lehigh Share is 4.59 percent of the weighted vote.

Franklin Township (610)-377-1773, Mahoning Township, (570) 386-4002, East Penn Twp. (570) 386-5735
Lehigh Borough (610) 377-4002

Call You Township Supervisors and Borough Council and Tell Them You Want Your Voice Heard

Again we ask for your support!

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