



SARASOTA COUNTY

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To the Citizens of Sarasota County

On November 6, Sarasota County will conduct a referendum election regarding the continuation of the One Cent Infrastructure Sales Tax for the Fiscal Years 2010 through 2024. This penny sales tax, begun in 1989 and renewed in 1997, will expire August 31, 2009 unless renewed again by your majority vote supporting its continuation. What's at stake is our community's continuation of a broad array of successful efforts by Sarasota County, the Sarasota County School Board, the Cities of Sarasota, North Port, Venice and the Town of Longboat Key to improve our quality of life by providing needed infrastructure in the form of schools, roads, parks, libraries, environmentally sensitive projects, public safety enhancements and much, much more.

Over the last year, hundreds of citizens throughout Sarasota County, representing varied community interests, participated with the elected officials from the cooperating jurisdictions to identify infrastructure projects throughout the county that are needed to maintain our quality of life into the foreseeable future. Thousands of hours have been invested by many committed citizens and staff alike, identifying and compiling the several infrastructure projects that comprise the program upon which the continuation of the One Cent Infrastructure Sales Tax for the Fiscal Years 2010 through 2024 referendum is based.

On behalf of the Sarasota County Commission, the School Board and each of our municipal partners in this extremely important community-wide effort, I am very pleased to make available for your reference the attached document which provides proposed project detail information. This material was made possible through the combined efforts of the participating jurisdictions serving you in the community interest. You are invited to review the enclosed material. This document is also available at the County's Web site at www.scgov.net/yourpenny. Should you have questions regarding this program, please feel free to call the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000. Please vote on November 6, 2007.

Sincerely,

Nora Patterson
Chair

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