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Lee's Summit Chamber announces support of LSR7 No-Tax-Increase Levy Transfer

(LEE'S SUMMIT, Missouri) — The Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announced this week its endorsement and support for the LSR7 No-Tax-Increase Levy Transfer appearing on the April 4, 2023, ballot.

The LSR7 No-Tax-Increase Levy Transfer is designed as a no tax-rate-increase approach to ensuring the school district can offer competitive staff compensation during a time of high inflation and stagnant state funding for pre-K through K-12 education.

"We believe the No-Tax-Increase Levy Transfer will ensure that the LSR7 School District is staying competitive in the market of hiring quality teachers to our top-rated school district," said Matt Baird, president of the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce.

Baird said in recent years, neighboring districts have taken voter-approved actions such as levy transfers and increases to invest in salary schedules and LSR7 has fallen behind in starting pay for teachers and other positions. The Chamber Board believes reallocating additional revenue to the operating fund would allow the district to increase staff compensation as part of the district's goal of recruiting and retaining quality staff.

"This ballot initiative is extremely vital to the growth, development and future of Lee's Summit," Baird said. "The LSR7 School District is a key component to the success of the Lee's Summit community and by approving this transfer we can enable salary increases for LSR7 employees to recruit and retain quality staff and ensure we are staying competitive in the hiring market of regional public school districts."

Baird said overall, the ballot initiative will ensure the community is still a top-rated destination for business to grow and flourish.

"The Lee's Summit Chamber supports the LSR7 No-Tax-Increase Levy Transfer and we encourage the citizens of Lee's Summit and our business community to show their support by voting 'yes' on April 4," Baird said.

The Lee's Summit Chamber was incorporated in 1968 and is a member-supported organization of businesses dedicated to creating opportunities for business success through networking, advocacy, and business and professional development. For additional information, call the Chamber at 816-524-2424.

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