

# Local Option Sales Tax Ballot Question for Public Safety

(Resolution No: 01-2015)

In recognition of the pivotal role infrastructure plays in the quality and vitality of a community, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce has made adequate funding of such infrastructure a top priority. The Lincoln Chamber also recognizes Public Safety components such as a 911 radio system and optimally located Police, Fire, and Rescue stations qualify as needed infrastructure.

As a standing resolution, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors believes funding sources for these capital projects should come from a broad base of users who benefit from the services provided and not necessarily just those who own property within the City of Lincoln.

A panel of citizens, including members of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, reviewed options presented by the Director of Public Safety for upgrading the City's aging 911 system and relocating three Fire Stations and creating a new joint Fire Station and Police substation. The panel recommended expanding Lincoln's Local Option Sales Tax for three years or less in order to increase efficiency, shorten emergency response times, enhance emergency communications capabilities, and increase system reliability.

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors agrees with the recommendation.

## **Now be it Therefore Resolved:**

**THE** Lincoln Chamber of Commerce supports a ballot measure that would expand Lincoln's Local Option Sales Tax by one-quarter of one-percent and use the proceeds from such expansion to fund upgrades to Lincoln's 911 system and the Fire Station Optimization Plan. Such tax should not exceed three fiscal years of collection.

**Unanimously Adopted: January 8, 2015**