

Remarks for the Men's Club

Bill,

Your canned speech that we did earlier will work. In addition, I would once again rely on Ronald Reagan.

Hi,

I'm I am asking you to vote yes on all 4 propositions of Vision 2025 on the 9th. Like you, I have a problem with the amount of taxation at the federal and state levels. I fully support President Bush's tax cuts. They were the right thing to do at the right time. I believe that 2025 is also the right thing to do at the right time. President Reagan was one of our country's greatest conservative leaders. He fought the incessant growth of government at the federal and, while governor of California, the state level. He was a consistent advocate for local control of government whenever possible. My friends, we are very lucky to live in this country and are also fortunate to have control of our own future, by voting at the local level on Vision 2025. It will not grow government. It will be an investment in our communities throughout Tulsa county.

The great entrepreneurial cities of our country like Dallas, Houston, and Charlotte, as well as many others have taken the futures of their cities in their own hands. The citizens of these cities, along with their Republican mayors knew they could not rest on their laurels. The past is prologue. The future is everything. In each of these cities, they undertook major jobs, education and quality of life initiatives in order to compete. Tulsa county must do the same thing. In this world there are winners and losers. We have the package and you have the ability to CONTINUE TO MAKE TULSA A WINNER.

There are 4 propositions that you will vote on September 9th. Each of these propositions is related to jobs, education and quality of life. First, there is Boeing. Contrary to what you have heard, Tulsa was one of 6 cities asked to bid on the assembly plant for the 7e7. Around 12,000 jobs will be gained directly or through suppliers if Boeing chooses Tulsa for the site. This is a big deal, which will obligate Tulsa to pay roughly \$350mm only if Boeing brings the 7e7 assembly plant to Tulsa.

Bill you know the rest of these 4 by heart so it is a waste of time to reproduce what you already say well.

Questions:

Is # 3 unconstitutional because it is logrolling? Absolutely not. We had some very good lawyers look at this issue when they were drafting the propositions. They concluded that it was perfectly legal to combine education and facilities because both are related to economic development. This is a cheap, last minute ploy to try to take down this proposition. Well, there are thousands of school kids in primary, secondary and higher education who would suffler if the law suit were successful. It won't be.

Is it true that you can raise 1 or 2bb with Vision 2025? Is someone lying to us? No more money will be raised than what is necessary to do the projects that have been selected. The tax will end, by a vote of the county commission when the projects have been funded.

How do we know that we can trust county commissioners, in 13 years, to repeal the tax? They had better or they won't be around much longer. They will end the tax. It is a promise to the people of Tulsa County.

Can't Boeing just bring a few jobs in and get the entire \$350mm? No. It is explicit that they must bring the assembly plant to Tulsa. The County commission won't release a dime until they agree to the whole thing. NOBODY in Tulsa County will pay a dime unless they agree to come with the assembly plant.

I have heard that we are not really in the running for Boeing. Is that true? Absolutely not. As I said earlier, we were one of 6 cities they ASKED to bid on the 7e7 assembly plant.

Why do we have to do it now since the economy is so bad? There is no time like the present to work for the future. Tulsa's future is only going to be bright tomorrow if we make plans to fix it today.

Don't you think that the Boeing and American proposals are corporate welfare at best and blackmail at worst? No. Every city in America must compete for jobs. We are fighting to keep jobs in Tulsa. We are fighting to get more American jobs from Fort Worth and Kansas City. They are putting together packages to keep them. Houston is putting together an aggressive economic development package to lure away Citgo. We are in war to protect our jobs and get new ones. Our proposals are not corporate welfare. They are for economic survival, in a very competitive market.

How can a Republican mayor be for a tax increase? Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Oklahoma City. All had Republican mayors who worked to improve the job, education and quality of life aspects of their cities. Local decisions, made by local people to make local investment is a Republican idea. We are against big government locally, the state and in DC. This package does not increase the size of government at all. It makes us competitive, better educated and a wonderful place to live.

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