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## **Greenville County Republican Party is Against The “Penny Tax”**

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### **Voters Being Misled by County Councils 'Capital Project' Sales Tax Referendum – VOTE NO**

South Carolina's Greenville County Republican Party (GCRP) says voters are being misled by the upcoming vote for more taxes, and should vote a resounding NO. The ballot item, called 'Capital Project' Sales Tax Referendum was put on the November ballots by Greenville County Council members, including several councilmen who were since voted out of office in the June Republican primary.

Greenville County voters already pay for road repairs and the money can't be used for cleanup from Hurricane Helene. The referendum also presents many unanswered questions which could prove even more costly to taxpayers. Thus, GCRP agrees with Councilman Benton Blount's view as expressed in his Substack ([bentonblount.substack.com](https://bentonblount.substack.com)) dated August 3, 2024, that "voting against this tax might be the only way to ensure we get a more responsible and well-rounded proposal in the future....."

On November 5th, Greenville County voters will be asked on their ballot:

- *Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Greenville County for not more than 8 years to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes? (...)* The full text of the ballot question can be viewed here: <https://greenvillecountyroads.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/240603-Final-Ballot-Question.pdf>

The Greenville County Republican Party agrees with the reasoning provided by Councilman Benton Blount that the answer to this question should be NO for several reasons:

- Over 30% of paving projects are CUL-DE-SACS.
- Over 31% of the paving mileage are STATE ROADS.
- Guarantee of reimbursement from the State = ZERO.
- Resurfacing roads such as Salters Rd, that was built just over 2 YEARS AGO.
- Handles road congestion by DECREASING lanes on Wade Hampton.
- It requires new County Budget line items to create a new department to handle the projects. The department CANNOT BE FUNDED WITH SALES TAX.

"As part of its mission to educate voters, the GCRP has launched a website about this particular referendum," says GCRP Chair Yvonne Julian. "You can read more at [NoPennyTax.com](https://NoPennyTax.com), and we encourage you to share it widely."

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The Greenville County Republican Party (GCRP) represents Republican voters in Greenville County, SC. The Chairman is Yvonne Julian at 864-360-9246 (cell). The State Executive Committeeman is Jeff Davis at



843-901-8036 (cell). The GCRP hosts *Coffee & Politics*, a political discussion each Friday from 11am – 1pm. The GCRP also offers a variety of events and educational opportunities including poll watching classes for the November 5<sup>th</sup> general election. For more information go to [GreenvilleGOP.com](http://GreenvilleGOP.com).

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