

**Please vote YES on the Cascade County Economic Development
Mill Levy**

*Keep our local economy moving forward, creating higher wage jobs
and building our tax base.*

Endorsed by

Great Falls Tribune Editorial Board
Great Falls Development Authority Board of Directors
Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Top 10 Reasons to Vote YES!

- 1) Growing our economy is up to us. If we don't invest in the future of our local economy, no one else will. We can't expect bailouts from the state or feds. Private investment is attracted to proactive communities.
- 2) Increasing our tax base lowers the burden on local taxpayers. If we don't build our tax base, the burden on existing taxpayers will continue to rise.
- 3) Higher wage jobs creates economic opportunity for everyone. It's time we stop exporting our children and grandchildren. Let's create opportunities for them to STAY HOME and COME HOME.
- 4) We have economic momentum; now is not the time to go backward. Our economic development strategies are working. Let's keep moving forward.
- 5) It's our turn to prosper; time for Great Falls and Cascade County to benefit from the growing national economy. We're tired of being left behind as other Montana communities prosper. Other Montana communities have used their economic development mill levies to grow.
- 6) For only a few dollars a year, we can match what local businesses have been giving each year to support economic development. The mill levy would cost \$4.05 a year for \$100,000 of home value.
- 7) Every dollar raised through the levy would be controlled by the elected

Cascade County Commissioners in public meetings. Everyone will know how the money is put to work.

8) Growing our economy benefits every tax payer because it protects and increases the value of your property. Someday, we all will sell our property or give it to our heirs. A strong local economy results in strong property values.

9) We can't afford to miss out on opportunities. The economic development mill levy will create a fund that can be used to put the last few dollars into a project -- the last bit of infrastructure or financial capital needed to make a deal happen.

10) We are all in this together. Economic development takes a county-wide team, the public and private sectors working together. If we don't work and invest to grow our economy, create higher wage jobs, and grow our tax base, it just won't happen.

Please vote YES! And, don't forget to return your ballot by November 7th.

Thank you for your support!