

**TO: ALL TAXPAYERS and VOTERS in CAPE CORAL**

**RE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF. VOTE on APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

**IF YOU AGREE WITH THE MESSAGE, PLEASE FORWARD THIS ON TO EVERYONE IN CAPE CORAL IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK AND ASK THEM TO SEND IT ON TO THEIR CONTACTS AND LISTS.**

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**THANK YOU.**

**CAPE CORAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
WHAT THE CITY DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW**

**The city originally said it would spend \$86,000 to promote the Public Safety Building . It now appears the city has hired an advertising agency and is spending in excess of \$200,000. The city will not disclose how much of your money they are spending to convince you to vote to increase your taxes for this Public Safety Building.**

**VOTE NO ON APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The city is not disclosing detailed plans about this Public Safety Building.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**There have been no changes to the plans reducing the cost below 110 million dollars disclosed to the public.**

**VOTE No on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**There were no public meetings to discuss the need for this \$110,000,000 building. All meetings and the referendum on April 3<sup>rd</sup> are to approve the method of funding, therefore taxing you the public.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**The city says it will only cost about \$50.00 per year per \$100,000 of property valuation, \$4.16 per month, \$.12 per day. What is the assessed value of your home or business? How many of these special General Obligation bonds and assessments will it take before it becomes a burden for you?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The \$110,000,000 dollars includes 7.4 million dollars for office furniture and equipment to be paid in the 20 year General Obligation bond plus interest. These items normally are paid over 1-5 years.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Why is the existing building unsafe and unsanitary? Why was it not maintained, upgraded and refitted over time like you would maintain your home? Would you throw away your house and spend 100 times as much for another one because your old one needs some work?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The proposed 110 million dollar Public Safety Building has a 90% glass exterior. Does that make any sense for the Emergency Operations Center which needs to be hurricane proof?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Why didn't the city buy the Lee Memorial Building on Santa Barbara Boulevard when it was available for 2 million dollars, which is built to hurricane code, is centrally located, and had room for parking and expansion? Even if the city spent another 10 or 20 million on retrofitting that building it would be a bargain compared to their 110 million dollar dream facility.**

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**A good part of this 110 million dollar building is a new EOC, Emergency Operations Center. The county is planning to build a new EOC facility within 2 years which will duplicate this building. Why do we need 2 redundant EOC facilities? The city built an EOC facility several years ago at the government complex and plans to give it to the city administration to house the IT department when this new 110 million dollar building is built.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The city cannot demonstrate how having this 110 million dollar building will increase safety or reduce crime.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Why is the city conducting this as a special election at a potential cost to the taxpayers of as much as \$400,000 of your money? Why isn't the city just adding it to the ballot in the November election at no additional cost to you the taxpayer?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Send our city leaders a message of "NO CONFIDENCE" Send them back to the drawing board for a revised more reasonable plan and building.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The State Legislature and the Governor believe local government spending is out of control and are working to reduce local spending. Our local government is working as fast as they can to spend more of your money.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Are you aware that the city of Bonita Springs with a population of 43,000 people has contracted with the Sheriff for dedicated police protection at a cost of 1.8 million dollars for the year? Cape Coral is spending in excess of 38 million dollars for police services before this 110 million dollar building.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The city of Bonita Springs is spending \$42 per resident for police services. The city of Cape Coral is spending \$230 per resident for police services without this 110 million dollar building. Cape Coral is spending 5.5 times as much as Bonita Springs for police services. Why?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The city has cleverly framed its promotion of this building that a no vote is against the police and fire departments, not against this building, to intimidate you to vote in favor of this building. That is an unethical manipulation of the public trust by our city government.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**It is believed the city has other alternatives to this 110 million dollar building, but will not allow you, the taxpayer to know about them for fear of you not voting to approve their dream Public Safety Building.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**A large “NO” vote will give the city government a clear message you do not approve of their handling of this 110 million dollar building referendum.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Send the big spenders in city hall a message of “NO CONFIDENCE”. They are spending your money and do not care about the cost to you.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**25% of this building will be occupied by other non-public safety city departments in the excess “EXTRA” space. Does this still make it a “Public Safety Building” or is it a “Public Municipal or Administration Building?”**

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**Are you aware that the 110 million dollar Public Safety Building is bigger than the City Hall? The**

**Public Safety Building is more than twice as large as City Hall. The new 110 million dollar Public Safety Building is 213,000 square feet. City Hall is 97,000 square feet. Does that make any sense?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Are you aware that the Lee County School Board is building a 330,000 square foot Administration Building for less than half of what Cape Coral is spending for this 213,000 square foot building?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The city government failed to allow the public to vote on whether or not we want this 110 million dollar building. They decided for you.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Is it possible to oppose the Public Safety Building without being against the Police and Fire Departments? Of course it is.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Are there more effective ways to plan and fund a Public Safety Building? Of course there are.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Studies of similar buildings in the area substantiate this Public Safety Building is excessively overpriced at 110 million dollars.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**If you are in any of the Utility Expansion Areas you will pay a minimum of \$18,000 in Assessments, plus about \$6,000 in impact and miscellaneous fees, \$1,500 in hook up fees and \$50 per month each for sewer and water usage forever after. That monthly usage fee has already been voted to increase each year for the next three years by city council. If your lot is larger than the standard 80 x 125 lot you will pay proportionately more. If you take the city's 20 year payment plan the cost will be about double. Can you afford that?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The cost of general government in Cape Coral has gone up 81% over the past 4 years. Has your income gone up at that rate? Do the math.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**A "NO" vote means NO to out of control spending. That's all.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**A smaller bond issue for a more cost effective building can be placed on the November ballot at no additional cost to you.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Are you aware the city is already planning to build another Police facility in the Zemel Annexation Area. This Public Safety Building will not meet their needs for the next 20 years as they state.**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**It is believed Cape Coral may lose 70 million dollars and 100 police officers under the new tax proposals in the State Legislature. If this is true should we wait before spending 110 million dollars or any amount on this building?**

**VOTE NO on APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Since the city administration failed to allow the public to vote on whether or not we want a 110 million dollar Public Safety Building, we have no other way to express our displeasure at what they are planning to do other than voting "NO" on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If enough of us vote "NO", they will get the message. Of course none of us wants a building that costs more. The message we are trying to send is that we do not want this building at a cost of 110 million dollars plus interest for 20 years. This is a phony referendum dreamed up by people who think they are clever in how they worded it. They believe they have backed you into a corner and you have no choice. You do have a choice.**

**VOTE NO on April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**A NO vote is the only way we have of telling them we do not want this building to be built. We are overtaxed, over assessed, and we pay too much in fees. Government spending in Cape Coral is out of control.**

**VOTE NO on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO VOTE CALL 239-533-6919**

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