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Dear Washington Area Business Leader or Citizen,

On April 7, 2026, voters in the City of Washington will once again be asked to renew the existing Half-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and Half-Cent Transportation Sales Tax. These are not new taxes, but the continuation of funding tools that have helped move our community forward for many years.

The Half-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax has been in place for 37 years and has played a vital role in funding major projects that improve growth and the quality of life in Washington. Through this voter-supported investment, our community has been able to complete numerous projects including the Fire Training Center, new Fire Station, recreational parks and aquatic facilities, renovation and expansion of City Hall and the Library, the Public Safety Building, the Code Red emergency notification system, and the Main Stage facility. Projects associated with the most recent renewal were identified after an extensive review by City departments, community groups, and citizens to ensure the funds are directed toward the community's highest priorities. More information on these projects can be found at [www.washmochamber.org/localprogress](http://www.washmochamber.org/localprogress) or by contacting the City or Chamber offices.

The Transportation Sales Tax was first approved 21 years ago and initially helped fund the widening of Highway 100 from Interstate 44 to Washington. These funds help support road repairs, street resurfacing, intersection improvements, and other transportation upgrades that keep Washington safe, accessible, and attractive for residents, visitors, and businesses alike. Reliable transportation infrastructure is essential to economic development and ensures our community can continue to grow and thrive.

The Washington Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has unanimously voted to endorse the renewal of both the Half-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the Half-Cent Transportation Sales Tax and has committed financial support to the campaign leading up to the April 7 vote. We invite you to join this effort by adding the name of your company or organization to the list of supporters endorsing the renewal of these two important community investments. This list will be included in campaign advertisements and informational materials. There is no cost to add your name. Simply reply to this email with the name of your company or organization. If you would like brochures for your business or organization, or if you are interested in having a speaker present information at a meeting or event, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Washington community.

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