

# OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

## OFFICIAL SAMPLE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR RICHMOND COUNTY JUNE 16, 2009

If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only pen or pencil. If you spoil your ballot, do not erase, but ask for a new ballot.

*"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383 (a)]*

### AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX

Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be reimposed in the special district of Richmond County, upon the termination of the special one percent sales and use tax presently in effect, for the raising of not more than \$184,724,000 for the following purposes pursuant to an Intergovernmental Sales Tax Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2009, among Augusta, Georgia ("Augusta"), the City of Blythe, Georgia ("Blythe"), and the City of Hephzibah ("Hephzibah"): (1)(a) capital outlay projects, which are estimated to cost \$169,000,000, to be owned or operated or both by Augusta or by one or more local authorities within such special district pursuant to intergovernmental contracts with Augusta (the "Augusta Projects"): (i) Road, Street, Bridge, and Drainage Improvements, (ii) Public Safety Facilities, Equipment, and Vehicles, (iii) Parks, Recreation, Cultural, Library, and Historic Facilities, (iv) Jail Expansion, (v) New Sheriff's Administrative Building, (vi) Municipal Building Renovations, (vii) Information Technology, (viii) Airport Improvements, (ix) Industrial Infrastructure Improvements, and (x) Transit Facilities and Vehicles; (b) capital outlay projects, which are estimated to cost \$1,300,000, to be owned or operated or both by Blythe: (i) Water System Improvements, (ii) Storm Water Drainage and Sidewalks, (iii) Development of Veterans Memorial Park, (iv) Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles, and Information Technology Upgrades, and (v) Major Equipment; and (c) capital outlay projects, which are estimated to cost \$4,424,000, to be owned or operated or both by Hephzibah: (i) Water and Sewer System Improvements, (ii) City Cemetery Expansion, and (iii) Public Safety Facilities, Equipment, and Vehicles; and (2) retiring Augusta's Tax Anticipation Notes, dated March 25, 2009 (the "Augusta Notes"), by paying or making provision for the payment of the principal of and interest on Augusta Notes coming due on December 31, 2009, in the estimated maximum amount of \$10,000,000?

If reimposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Augusta, Georgia in the principal amount of \$52,500,000 for the purposes of any one or more of the Augusta Projects and retiring the Augusta Notes.

YES

NO