



CURTAIN SPEECH

Transformational — that's the best way to describe the impact of the upcoming November referendum.

If voters approve the quarter cent sales tax increase — those revenues will help transform Mecklenburg County.

It will transform our schools with additional funding for higher teacher salaries and additional support staff for the classrooms.

It will transform our parks with new funding for expanded greenways and open spaces. It will provide funding for critical recreational programs such as after-school operations and senior citizen events.

It will transform our arts, science, and history and cultural programs — allowing these experiences to be extended into every neighborhood in our county, regardless of age, race, sex or your station in life. This referendum will bring equity across the county. I, and other supporters of the referendum, believe it is vital for *all* communities to benefit from our cultural program and this endeavor will do just that.

So you see, this will be transformational for our county. A “FOR” the sales and use tax this November is a vote to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Mecklenburg County. More importantly, it represents an investment in a vibrant Mecklenburg County for our kids, grandkids, and beyond.

If you agree with me, please vote to support our teachers, invest in our parks, and invest in our arts and culture by voting FOR the sales and use tax this November.

Remember, Vote For our Kids; Vote for our community; Vote for all of Us.