

***Resolution of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations,  
approved by the General Council on June 25, 2008:***

***BUDGET AND FINANCE 2008-1***

**REFERENDUM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MEALS TAX**

**WHEREAS** Fairfax County is limited in its taxing authority causing most of the revenue to come from real estate taxes; and

**WHEREAS** a meals tax is authorized to the extent that a meals tax and the state sales tax do not exceed 8.5% provided such a tax is approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and a referendum by Fairfax County; and

**WHEREAS** cities adjoining Fairfax County charge a meals tax at least a rate of 4% in addition to the state sales tax of 4.5% or such a combination so that the 8.5% combined level is not exceeded;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to place this initiative to impose a meals tax to the highest authorized percentage on the ballot in November of 2008 with the proceeds to be used to reduce residential real estate taxes.