

## VOTE NO ON PROP 4 NOVEMBER 4



By now you should have received your mail-in ballot for the General Election. Though with Mail-In Ballot, we don't get a "I Voted" sticker anymore, your vote is your voice and it counts! There are some important initiatives on the ballot that will affect local and state issues, so please take time to get educated and then to drop your ballot in the mail (or deliver it to a drop box at our local libraries.) Greater Spokane Incorporated's President and CEO, Rich Hadley, sent the A.I. office the

following comments from area business owners, regarding Prop 4. They bear repeating here:

**"If we had known that the 'Community Bill of Rights' was going on the ballot, we would not have chosen Spokane to locate our business.** Hal and I were very impressed with Spokane and with the efforts of the community toward clean water, healthcare access, and efforts to provide housing through non-profit organizations. Several years ago Portland voters passed a bill that was similar to Prop 4. It was apparent early on that this new law helped a few and hurt many, even though it was designed to protect the average citizen. It was voted out by the majority the very next year."  
- Jeanette Fairless, President, Spectrum Home Services

**"If Proposition 4 were enacted the tremendous cost of the programs would mean dramatically increased taxes for Spokane businesses.** My business competes nationally. This means that I am unable to increase prices to cover the increased tax cost. My option is to reduce expenses. Most likely this would impact my employees' benefits. Yes, we will all severely pay for this."  
- Mark Sonderen, President, Sonderen Packaging

**"I do not support any new laws that limit free enterprise and the creation of jobs.** ... Any proposed law that creates intentional ambiguity in order to promote litigation and the feeding of the legal system, creating no benefit for the citizenry from the expenditures, is a complete waste of a ballot. Laws must be written plainly with clear performance requirements, enforcement funding sources, and penalties."  
- Lee Tate, President, Tate Technology, Inc.