

Your future is in YOUR vote...

Lyons → Highest taxed Village 2011

One Lyons One Community One Government

Dear Village Resident:

Over the past few weeks you've heard a lot of information from both sides of the dissolution debate. A recent Op Ed alleges that this dissolution push is about grudges, instead of high taxes. Such allegations demean the discussion → Lyons is the **highest taxed village** in the **Fingerlakes Region** and among the highest taxed villages in the US. (See references on our website: www.OneLyons.Com).

Your decision regarding whether to dissolve is a gravely important decision that will affect the **future** of the greater Lyons Community. Please check our website and consider a **YES Vote**:

- A **YES** vote will send a message that voters are no longer satisfied with the **status quo** of raising taxes, increasing debt, and government bureaucracy that promotes inefficiency in usage of valuable resources and taxpayer money. A **yes** vote will allow this community to come together and figure out how to better manage scarce resources, renegotiate all contracts, and better serve the citizens of the entire Lyons community. A **yes** vote will allow for a **Fire Protection District** that's supported fairly by the entire community, and for the public to consider a Town wide **Police Dept** like Seneca Falls successfully implemented with increased protection at similar cost. A **Yes** vote will not take away the **20% Veteran's Exemption** or other Town exemptions, and those concerned residents will still save because of the Town & County exemptions. A **YES** vote will allow our community leaders to finally focus on fixing our **aged failing infrastructure** in a responsible manner. The **Water & Sewer** infrastructure in this village has been failing since 2004, and a **NYS Comptroller Audit** directly implicates the current village board in failing to directly address the problems which have now resulted in your water rates rising. A **Yes** vote confirms a gut level knowledge that reducing a layer of government and pooling employees and resources under good management makes sense that costs should go down over time.
- A **NO** Vote will leave an intact village government overseeing 1752 properties taxed to near the constitutional limit, an aging failing infrastructure left with band-aid solutions, a falling home sales rate, and nowhere else to turn for at least 4 more years. A no vote will leave 1395 out of 1752 property owners paying the majority of the costs for **TWO governments**, as 357 village properties enjoy a combined **\$34.8 Million in tax exemptions**. A NO vote will leave a village government intact that voted to remove Public Hearing requirements to raise taxes and fees, or pass major legislation that affects village residents. A NO vote ignores the behavior of using "Special Meetings" to **avoid public scrutiny** – as happened in 2011 during the **Water Rate hike** discussion.

Renters: This discussion matters to you – Your rents and water & sewer costs are tied to this discussion. Escalating taxes and escalating water and sewer costs will cost you more. Please educate yourself before this vote – We strongly believe that a fully educated voter is essential to our democratic republic.

10/29/12: Police service: "The town is here to serve all of our residents. We will hold public hearings and find out what services you want, and we will listen to you." Lyons Supervisor Brian Manktelow

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Your VOTE matters

YES on November 6

YES to a better future for ourselves, our children and grandchildren.