

# Important information about **Proposition 100** and services for the developmentally disabled

Dear community member,

As you probably well know, the State of Arizona is facing a budget crisis. On May 18, 2010 there will be a special election ballot to amend the state constitution to allow a TEMPORARY sales tax increase. The proposed sales tax increase is one-cent-per-dollar increase--a very small amount. But this small, temporary tax increase will have huge benefits.

Revenues from the increase will be used to pay for education, health and human services, and public safety expenditures. These are essential services that benefit the entire community. Without the additional revenue major cuts will have to be enacted.

For example, the Department of Economic Security--one of the government agencies responsible for providing services to the needy--has had their budget cut HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS in the last two years. Without the additional revenue, the Department of Economic Security will see additional cuts in the HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS range.

Increased cuts will mean reduction in QUANTITY and QUALITY of services to some of Arizona's most vulnerable citizens. The Department of Economic Security's expenses for caring for the disabled are essential and fixed costs--they are not the product of wasteful and unnecessary spending by the government. Every dollar goes to provided necessary services-shelter, food, daily care & supervision-to those who need it most.

**May 18, 2010 please vote YES and protect services for Arizona's disabled citizens!**