



# Don't Gamble with Your Tax Dollars!

**On April 1<sup>st</sup> you'll be asked to vote  
to authorize a municipal cable TV  
and telephone system for Batavia,  
Geneva and St. Charles**

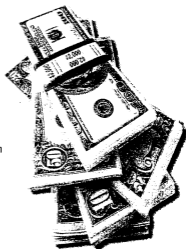
***You owe it to yourself and future generations to cast your vote wisely***



Using the cities' own financial projections (costs which most industry analysts consider too low), a new cable television and telephone system will cost over \$60 million—or \$20 million per city—to build and millions more to operate each year.



These funds will be raised by issuing "general obligation bonds." That means if their gamble doesn't work out, guess who pays? You do – in the form of higher taxes, higher utility rates or decreased city services.



City governments in the Tri-Cities provide essential services very well. But do they know how to operate a sophisticated cable TV and telephone network? As this rapidly changing industry evolves, will they be up to the challenge (and cost) of staying on the cutting edge of technology? Will they be able to compete with companies who can meet that challenge?

**Are you willing to bet your tax dollars on it?  
Vote NO on municipal cable TV & telephone.**