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## BGR Media Release

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### **BGR Examines Proposed Jefferson Library Tax**

Today BGR releases *On the Ballot: Jefferson Parish Library Tax: April 29, 2017*. Voters parishwide will decide whether to renew the existing property tax that supports the Jefferson Parish public libraries. The renewal would have a 10-year term, beginning in 2018, and set the maximum tax rate at the previously authorized level of 6.5 mills. The Parish currently levies the tax at a rate of 6.17 mills. The renewal therefore could result in a 0.33-mill tax increase.

#### **BGR Position**

FOR. The Jefferson Parish Library has kept growth in operating costs at a reasonable level and has provided for its capital needs without incurring debt. The Library's new strategic plan and spending priorities will guide future investment in the system. Voters should preserve the Library's core funding source for the next decade.

The report and a one-page summary are available on BGR's website, [www.bgr.org](http://www.bgr.org).

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