



2025 CONSTITUENT SURVEY RESULTS

STATE SENATOR SPENCER DEERY

The following charts represent responses to the multiple-choice questions offered on my survey. Answers to open-ended questions are not included here.

1. The Indiana General Assembly will adopt a new two-year state budget in 2025. Please rank the following budget categories to indicate which should be a higher priority for our state, with **1 being the highest priority and 6 being the lowest priority.**

BUDGET PRIORITIES

HIGHEST PRIORITY

- 1 K-12 education
- 2 Cutting taxes
- 3 Road maintenance
- 4 Higher education
- 5 Medicaid
- 6 Paying down debt

LOWEST PRIORITY

2. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is responsible for growing the state's economy, but some Hoosiers would like to see the IEDC operate differently. Please rank the following options to reform it with **1 being the highest priority and 4 being the lowest priority.**

IEDC OPERATIONS

HIGHEST PRIORITY

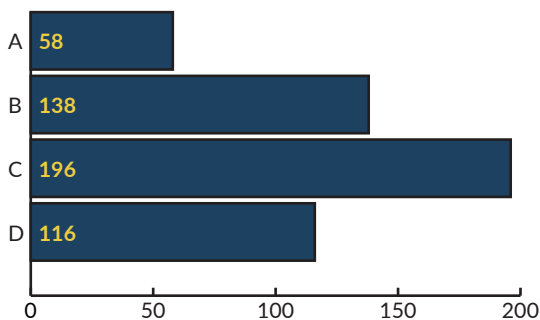
- 1 Create more programs to support Indiana's rural economies
- 2 Make it easier for taxpayers to track IEDC spending and returns on spending
- 3 Prohibit or offset investments that could raise electricity or water costs
- 4 Establish an independent IEDC watchdog

LOWEST PRIORITY

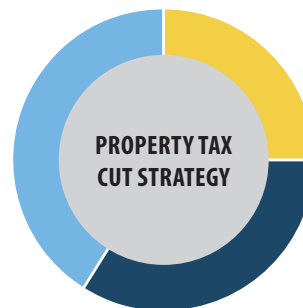
3. Which **one** of these taxes would you most like to see Indiana reduce or eliminate in the future?

WHICH TAX CUT?

- A) Gas tax
- B) Income tax
- C) Property tax
- D) Sales tax



4. The state legislature is considering ways to cut property taxes, which are set and used by local governments – not the state government – to fund local services like schools, police and fire departments. Which **one** of the following policies would you most support? **A)** Cut property taxes with no replacement revenue, reducing local government spending **B)** Cut property taxes, but allow local governments to increase local income taxes to replace the lost revenue **C)** Don't cut property taxes



- A) 34%
- B) 25%
- C) 41%

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- 5. All states are required to maintain a 988 suicide and crisis hotline to provide emergency help to those experiencing a mental health crisis. Indiana has not yet identified a stable way to fund this service. To pay for the 988 service, would you support a law that adds a \$1 fee per phone line like Indiana currently does for the 911 emergency service?



Yes
65%

No
35%

- 6. Fuel taxes have historically been Indiana’s main funding source for road construction, but because vehicles are now more fuel efficient, fuel taxes no longer provide enough money to fully fund road construction. Please rank the following alternative funding options, with **1 being your most preferred and 6 being your least preferred**.

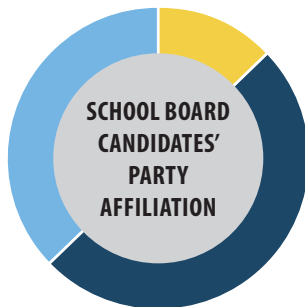
ROAD FUNDING OPTIONS

HIGHEST PRIORITY

- 1 Redirect other spending toward roads
- 2 Increase annual registration fees at the BMV
- 3 Increase fuel taxes
- 4 Tax on retail home deliveries
- 5 Tolling
- 6 Allow spending on roads to continue to decline

LOWEST PRIORITY

- 7. Candidates running for local school boards in Indiana do not currently list any political party affiliation (such as Republican, Democrat, etc.) on the ballot. Which of the following approaches do you think is the best regarding school board candidates? **A)** Maintain the current practice where school board candidates do not declare a party affiliation. **B)** Allow school board candidates to list their party affiliation, but don’t require it. **C)** Require school board candidates to list their party affiliation in the same way as candidates for other government offices.



A) 50%

B) 13%

C) 37%

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