In God We Trust ~ America, Inc.

Our Mission

To Promote Patriotism
By Encouraging Elected Officials to "Vote Yes"
To Legally Display Our Congressionally Approved National Motto
"In God We Trust"

In Every City, County Chamber and State Capitol
In America

Dear Honorable Elected Officials,

This is an invitation for you to join the growing list of cities and counties across America that are "Voting Yes" to proudly and prominently display our national motto, In God We Trust, in the Chamber where we conduct the peoples business.

My name is Jacquie Sullivan. I have been a City Councilmember in Bakersfield, California, since 1995.

In 2002, I led our City Council to "Vote Yes" to display the National Motto, In God We Trust, in our Council Chamber at City Hall. Soon after, all eleven cities in our county of Kern, as well as other cities and counties, were voting to do the same.

To encourage this trend across America, we created a non-profit organization named *In God We Trust* ~ *America*, *Inc*. with 501(c) (3) non-profit status. Its sole purpose is to Promote Patriotism by Encouraging Elected Officials to "Vote Yes" to Display In God We Trust in their City and County Chambers.

On July 30, 1956, during the Dwight D. Eisenhower administration, the U.S. Congress adopted In God We Trust as the official National Motto of the United States of America. Thus, displaying our Motto is a legal right, protected by the first amendment.

UPDATE:

On November 1, 2011 the U.S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly, 396 – 9, to <u>reaffirm</u> In God We Trust as our nation's motto. Congressman Randy Forbes, of Virginia, authored the bill, in part, because some have mistakenly stated that "E Pluribus Unum" is our national motto. **Most importantly, the resolution specifically encourages the placement of the motto in all government buildings from courthouses to school classrooms.

As a grassroots patriotic movement, *In God We Trust* ~ *America*, *Inc.* stands on solid legal ground. To date, not one legal challenge has been raised against any city or county that has "Voted Yes." This effort is legal and there is nothing to challenge!.

Will You Be Part of This Patriotic Movement?

inspiring "Invitation to Join Us," email packet, is being sent to elected officials, city-by-city, across

ia. It is very rewarding to see the many who are choosing to display In God We Trust, thus, showing a tment to the values our country was founded upon.

We encourage you to place this issue on your council meeting agenda - for a positive outcome. When you "Vote Yes," please let us know so the name of your city can be added to the growing list of "Yes Vote Cities and Counties Across America," that we send across the country. In addition, for you to receive the recognition you deserve, a picture of your display, along with the names and photos of the elected officials, who "Voted Yes, will be added to our website: www.ingodwetrust-america.org

**Please open the two important attachments:

- 1 A "Sample Resolution" being used by many municipalities when they "Vote Yes" to display our National Motto.
- 2 An updated list of the "Yes Vote" Counties and Cities Across America.

Finally, I welcome you to call or contact to me personally with any questions you may have or encouragement I can provide.

May God Bless America and may America's trust always be in God!

Thank you in advance,

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