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This is to urge restraint on your collective parts in considering a new City Budget, and tax levels for property owners.

It is unnecessary to repeat the well known figures confirming how much property taxes have increased in the past few years, so I shall move directly to the conclusions to be drawn.

The City has enjoyed a windfall in tax revenue due to increase in property taxes. In real terms, our taxes have increased unreasonable, despite decreasing tax rates.

**Comments:**

Hence, it is time to call a halt to the increases, in real terms.

What the City needs in order to allow its present and future residents to continue to be able to afford to live here is to establish reasonable limits on City services and budget. More emphasis should be placed on what tax payers should be expected to pay.

We urge you to be more aware of the concerns of property owners who pay the tax bills.

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