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Good Morning. My name is Moushumi Bhaduri and I have been chosen by you, the City Council, to be a "Special" resident of Alexandria for the next 25 years because I reside in your Special tax District. I believe in paying taxes, but fair taxes. The Special tax District is not a fair solution.

It targets a small group of homeowners for a project that will benefit the entire city. In fact, Councilperson Krupicka agreed in Alexandria Times June 2010 that "tax revenue generated by this project will support the whole community for decades to come." So, ~~if~~ if the entire city benefits, then **all** Alexandria residents should contribute. In regards to those who refuse to pay for a metro access tower, then I refuse to have my tax dollars pay towards road improvement on their public city streets. I don't frequent that part of town. As evident, devoting up taxes according to special interests is not sensible.

Furthermore, other existing neighborhoods, such as Old Town Green & Delray, within benefiting from the project & Metro are

excluded from the special tax.

Moreover, it is a double tax. If my property value increases, as envisioned by the city, then my property assessment will increase and thus, I will be paying the city higher property taxes, even without the special tax. Just as Ms Wright & Ms Kuehner stated in the HCB meeting with Potomac Greens that a pedestrian bridge and Metro bridge is duplicative, so is a double tax.

hastily, it sets a dangerous precedent for all Alexandria Residents. Will it get to the point that homes will be subject to overlapping special tax districts.

This is reckless fiscal planning. What if the EIS studies force the Metro in a more expensive location? Does that mean you have to increase my "Special Tax Rate"? The Council should listen to their constituents 90% of which in a November Alexandria Times Poll denounced special tax district for Potomac Yard ~~residents~~ Metro.

Do the right thing and ^{reconsider} ~~remove~~ the special tax district. Return integrity to the offices of publicly elected officials.