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Towns all over the country are electing people who know how to manage finances without raising taxes. Money has never been the solution to fix badly educated kids. A bit of research into the issue will show you solutions that don't involve more money. Read Shyamalan's book "I Don't Know Anything" and you will see what I mean: <http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2013/11/i-don-t-know-anything-why-m-night-shyamalan-wrote-a-book-on-education/281381/>

Have some courage folks. Stamford has always raised property taxes, always. When I bought my townhouse at Palmer Landing in 2002, my property taxes were a bit over \$5K, they are now nearing twice that and for what, better schools? Better roads? Are we safer? Is our water treatment plant functioning better? Tell me, what has changed? Lots of stores, new places to eat, the South End, new apartments. Did we need to raise taxes to make that happen? In the end, my property is worth exactly what it was worth in 2002, so I have seen zero benefit!

Do not raise the taxes. I voted for the Mayor because I didn't want BLT building on Magee, first time I've voted for a tax/spend democrat. I also voted for each of you, but that will change if you raise our property taxes and keep caving in to bully Malloy. Find another way, treat the city as you should treat your own spending. If you cannot afford a Mercedes, don't buy it on credit! If we want to attract business, our proximity to NYC is attractive enough and Greenwich has no more space. Property owners have had enough!