

Property Taxes

Andy Dimitri <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Wed 4/15/2020 7:51 AM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Dear Ms. Rosenson:

I am writing to express my concern with what I understand to be yet another proposed property tax increase. I moved to stamford in late 2013 and love the city and it's citizens. My property taxes however have increased 25% since then. Continued increases like this will only accelerate the exodus from CT and further erode the tax base.

I'm sure there are no easy answers but continued increases on hard working citizens is not he answer. The focus in my view should be on expense reduction during tough times like most households have to deal with and don't have the luxury of just increasing revenues with the flick of a switch.

Please reconsider this ill-advised increase to an already high effective tax rate when all other fees and taxes are factored in. Let's not become like NY and the rest of the northeast that are seeing citizens flee for more tax friendly states.

Thank you for your consideration of my views and requests. As always, thank you for your service on behalf of our community.

Best Regards,

Andy Dimitri

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[Stamford, CT 06902](#)

PLEASE REDUCE OUR PROPERTY TAXES. MILL RATE MUST GO DOWN.

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Wed 4/15/2020 3:36 PM

To: Martin, David <DMartin@StamfordCT.gov>; Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>; Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>;

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STAMFORD PROPERTY TAXES

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Thu 4/16/2020 4:15 PM

To: DMarin@StamfordCT.gov <DMarin@StamfordCT.gov>; Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>; Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>;

Please reduce our property taxes. The mill rate must go down. The residents of this city have already had our pockets emptied by those in the position to make the budgets and approve expenditures. We have no more to give, especially in these times. It is difficult and stressful enough with business closing and jobs being lost. It is time for our city to step up to the plate and do the right thing. We all need help just to make ends meet if it's that's even possible. We need your help right now so we can all weather thru this crisis. It's time for the City of Stamford to tighten it's belt just like the residents are having to do now.

Please reduce the mill rate and lower our property taxes, your voters are counting on. Like it is said during this time, We are all in this Together. Please work on our behalf to accomplish our request.

Thank you

Susan Emmetsberger

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Petition - PLEASE REDUCE PROPERTY TAX NOW

Dayna Lee <[REDACTED]@powerstripstudio.com>

Thu 4/16/2020 11:31 AM

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Cc: Chris McDonald <connemac@yahoo.com>; ted berner <tberner@gmail.com>; Dayna Lee <dleeberner@gmail.com>;

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2020 April 16 9:48am EST

To:

Honorable Mayor David R. Martin
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Please forward this to all the respective Members of the Board of Representatives and Board of Finance.

Dear Mayor Martin, Valerie and Cynthia and to all the members of the Board of Representatives and Board of Finance,

Many proud Stamford Residents, mostly waterfront, who have contributed so much for so many years to the City of Stamford have messages for you in these 12 pages.

Each comment is eye-opening, dire and relevant. As leaders, we hope you will read each one's personal note.

This evening you will have a public hearing about setting the mill rate for Property Tax. [Please REDUCE Property Tax Now. Holding mill rate still is not enough for Stamford residents.](#)

This constant raise is lowering our property values.
People are moving out. This is your base.

No one is immune to COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting next Great Depression that we are all in together.

We are in extreme economic conditions.
Need to find a better way to finance this good city.

Faithfully yours,
Concerned Residents of Stamford, CT

Dayna Lee
Ted Berner
Chris McDonald



This petition has collected
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To City of Stamford, please reduce our Property Taxes!

About this petition

Let's pay lower property taxes now! Please sign and forward this petition.

The Stamford public hearing is this Thursday April 16 @ 7pm. Your important signatures will be sent to the City leaders before they set the mill rate.

"To our Mayor of the City of Stamford, Board of Representatives and Board of Finance,

The tax increases have been driving down the value of our properties while the mill rate is projected to rise 4.1% this year. This is upside down. Please reduce our Property Taxes.

Better and balanced solutions are needed to fund Stamford or the rising taxes will continue to lower our home values thus driving residents away to other towns and states.

Now more than ever, during this financial crisis resulting from our tragic COVID-19 pandemic, we all need relief. Every household is impacted.

Please reduce our Property Taxes now!

Sincerely,

Concerned Residents of Stamford"

Signatures

1. Name: Chris McDonald on 2020-04-10 16:03:54
Comments: I could not agree more!

2. Name: Ted Berner on 2020-04-10 16:39:55
Comments: Let's send a strong message for more efficiency in government not more taxes to solve problems

3. Name: Matthew J Burke on 2020-04-11 15:03:28
Comments:

4. Name: Angela Swanepoel on 2020-04-11 18:43:14
Comments: Connecticut is already one of the most highly TAXED states in the country and we continue to loose good business due to poor decision making. Another hike like this will only push out those people who wish to stay and work in Stamford but will have to seek other states. Retirement in CT will now speed up as wealthy tax paying citizens will leave in droves and other poor souls will be picking up the mess left behind. The diversity of Stamford Public Schools should indicate WHY property taxes need to be reduced - we want to keep those students we educate and focus on what is needed to KEEP Stamfordians, not chase them away!

5. Name: Susan Cullman on 2020-04-11 19:18:12
Comments:

6. Name: Anya Kishinevsky on 2020-04-12 17:07:23
Comments: Property taxes are already sky high. Another raise when people are losing their jobs is insensitive and ridiculous.

7. Name: Stan Makarewicz on 2020-04-12 17:08:12
Comments: Property taxes are already sky high. Another raise when people are losing their jobs is insensitive and ridiculous.

8. Name: Maya Gabrielle Makarewicz on 2020-04-12 17:09:03
Comments: Property taxes are already sky high. Another raise when people are losing their jobs is insensitive and ridiculous.

9. Name: Dan Wychulis on 2020-04-12 21:29:17
Comments: Please reduce our property taxes! This is not the way to make the city better or more attractive so that others want to move to it.

10. Name: Kathleen Murphy on 2020-04-12 21:35:21
Comments: This is not the time to raise taxes on the city's residents. You must have your head in the sand, with the dire prospects for the economy and the employment situation. We have a 50/50 probability of a near depression scenario. Cut costs prudently, review

the priorities deferring if possible, and at least use the rainy day fund - Its Pouring!
These are not business as usual times.
It may require making tough decisions, but please put the interests and needs of the residents first.

11. Name: Stephen Massimi on 2020-04-13 00:18:57
Comments:

12. Name: Nicole Massimi on 2020-04-13 00:19:28
Comments:

13. Name: Katherine Stockton on 2020-04-13 12:51:06
Comments:

14. Name: william gedney on 2020-04-13 15:46:10
Comments: Please reduce our Property Taxes
The Mill Rate must go down

15. Name: Barbara Gedney on 2020-04-13 16:24:00
Comments:

16. Name: David Nissen on 2020-04-13 18:39:08
Comments: You are killing our city!

17. Name: Jeff DiModica on 2020-04-13 18:39:41
Comments:

18. Name: Kay Story on 2020-04-13 18:40:04
Comments:

19. Name: Donna Gould Pordes on 2020-04-13 18:41:03
Comments:

20. Name: Mary Virginia Kelly on 2020-04-13 18:41:54
Comments: Our property taxes, as well as taxes on utilities are combined the highest in the nation. Enough is enough!

21. Name: ARTHUR SHULMAN on 2020-04-13 18:44:19
Comments:

22. Name: Gunilla Vickers on 2020-04-13 18:47:32
Comments:

23. Name: Thomas DECOENE on 2020-04-13 18:51:00
Comments:
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24. Name: Victoria Bastis on 2020-04-13 18:52:21
Comments: We keep paying more and getting less while our homes have lost 30% in value. you cannot ask us to keep paying more and more. We are all at the breaking point.
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25. Name: Thomas Meyer on 2020-04-13 18:54:15
Comments:
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26. Name: Tracy Wei Joseph on 2020-04-13 18:59:15
Comments:
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27. Name: SHELLEY JONES on 2020-04-13 19:04:51
Comments: PLEASE REDUCE OUR PROPERTY TAXES. THEY ARE DRIVING DOWN THE VALUE OF OUR PROPERTY
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28. Name: Ann Sachuk on 2020-04-13 19:05:33
Comments: Home beautification, exterior and interior is costly. PLEASE, no increase in taxes. We pay our dues by constantly contracting laborers.
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29. Name: DOUGLAS W EDWARDS on 2020-04-13 19:06:15
Comments:
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30. Name: Dayna Lee on 2020-04-13 19:10:33
Comments:
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31. Name: antje bender on 2020-04-13 19:16:21
Comments:
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32. Name: Bev Marx on 2020-04-13 19:19:19
Comments: It is crucial to lower our property taxes NOT raise them at a time like this.
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33. Name: Heidi L Coleman on 2020-04-13 19:20:58
Comments:
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34. Name: Ann Martin on 2020-04-13 19:31:36
Comments:
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35. Name: Carole Greenberg on 2020-04-13 19:36:33
Comments: This is not the time to raise property taxes. No one will buy our houses if this keeps happening. A large majority of homeowners are now experiencing financial

difficulty due to Covid 19 Now is the time for compassion.
Carole Greenberg

36. Name: Maureen Enright on 2020-04-13 19:44:48
Comments: Please reduce our property taxes
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37. Name: VALERIO ZAMBRANO on 2020-04-13 19:49:00
Comments: Alternative ways to fund the city budget need to be identified, real estate taxes is no longer an option. The tax burden is already too high and it will drive residents away, hence creating a vicious cycle for additional mill rate increases. Do not raise real estate taxes - use other allocations
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38. Name: Elizabeth Adamson on 2020-04-13 19:56:49
Comments: Our taxes are way too high based on our property values. It's time to cut back spending rather than increase property tax.
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39. Name: Emile de Neree on 2020-04-13 19:59:11
Comments: Our property taxes already unbearably high and our property assessments are higher than than they should be. Our total appraised value is far higher than our market value and we cannot accept any further increases
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40. Name: Nancy Thode on 2020-04-13 20:01:50
Comments: My taxes continue to go up as my property value goes down. This is wrong!!
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41. Name: Steve Black on 2020-04-13 20:04:20
Comments: Our taxes are already impacting the property values in our neighborhood...
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42. Name: Arnold J Hoegler on 2020-04-13 20:15:08
Comments:
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43. Name: Leslie Koot on 2020-04-13 20:27:30
Comments:
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44. Name: Anthony Saraniti on 2020-04-13 20:29:12
Comments: Now is not the time to raise property taxes considering the recent rise in my property taxes over the past 2 years.
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45. Name: Donna Malitzis on 2020-04-13 20:36:00
Comments:
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46. Name: Christopher Bastis on 2020-04-13 20:37:12
Comments: Please reconsider the proposed City of Stamford Property Tax increase ... this is not the time during the COVID-19 circumstances; and the existing property tax rate is considerably too high to begin with ... all recent home sales are significantly lower than

in past years ... thank you for your consideration ... and keep safe ...

47. Name: Constance Carlson on 2020-04-13 20:37:25
Comments:

48. Name: edward Grant on 2020-04-13 20:44:59
Comments: I am paying \$6000.00 a year right now on a empty lot. I have it for sale for \$250.000. WE have owned this lot for more than 60 years. We have paid more in property tax than we are selling this lot for. Something is very wring

49. Name: Peter Carlson on 2020-04-13 20:56:36
Comments:

50. Name: Annika Kahm on 2020-04-13 21:02:38
Comments:

51. Name: Adelia DeCoene on 2020-04-13 21:06:02
Comments:

52. Name: Richard Dang on 2020-04-13 21:09:40
Comments:

53. Name: Rudolph Taddonio on 2020-04-13 21:12:22
Comments: Our taxes are already too high. We are supporting the non tax paying residents - many illegal aliens paying rent to illegitimate landlords. Do not increase our taxes. We will bite you out if office.

54. Name: Ray Nord on 2020-04-13 21:38:58
Comments: Tax relief is long overdue. we homeowners are subsidizing non-owners who enjoy waterside living without contributing to the tax burden. In addition, tax relief agreements with Corporate interests who do not fulfill their promises are bilking the homeowner/tax payer .
Stop the handouts

55. Name: Gary Kalan on 2020-04-13 21:42:59
Comments:

56. Name: michael jones on 2020-04-13 22:00:00
Comments:

57. Name: Valerie Fenton on 2020-04-13 22:02:50
Comments:

58. Name: Louise Amell on 2020-04-13 22:51:28
Comments:
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59. Name: Stanley Krasnow on 2020-04-13 23:21:02
Comments:
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60. Name: Lynne Tranos on 2020-04-13 23:23:03
Comments:
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61. Name: John Griswold on 2020-04-13 23:51:55
Comments:
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62. Name: Harry Webski on 2020-04-14 00:08:14
Comments:
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63. Name: Patricia Killeen on 2020-04-14 02:06:50
Comments:
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64. Name: Doug Neviera on 2020-04-14 11:49:59
Comments:
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65. Name: MICHAEL KILLEEN on 2020-04-14 12:04:38
Comments:
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66. Name: Gary unger on 2020-04-14 12:17:56
Comments: Our association is already getting killed with high taxes
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67. Name: donna bunte on 2020-04-14 13:16:39
Comments:
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68. Name: Katharine Cunningham on 2020-04-14 13:46:06
Comments: I support this request for tax relief.
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69. Name: Michael Tatten on 2020-04-14 14:38:15
Comments:
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70. Name: Isabel Conover on 2020-04-14 14:52:21
Comments: Carolyn Toner attorney-in-fact for Isabel Conover signs on her behalf.
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71. Name: John Ciuffo on 2020-04-14 15:05:50
Comments:
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72. Name: Susan van der Griend on 2020-04-14 15:49:09
Comments:
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73. Name: joe fenton on 2020-04-14 16:00:07
Comments:
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74. Name: Gerry Ritterman on 2020-04-14 16:06:08
Comments:
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75. Name: Richard S Kelly Jr on 2020-04-14 16:06:32
Comments:
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76. Name: Lisette Robins on 2020-04-14 16:16:38
Comments:
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77. Name: Anthony Robins on 2020-04-14 16:16:42
Comments: Please join me in signing this petition
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78. Name: Lisa Rosato on 2020-04-14 16:37:31
Comments: I truly believe this is an egregious request to raise taxes during these turbulent times both my husband and I are hospital workers and we are truly in a crisis now is not the time to raise taxes
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79. Name: Richard Pordes on 2020-04-14 16:41:45
Comments: ...and stop giving the huge corporations tax breaks!
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80. Name: Jean Joseph on 2020-04-14 16:54:50
Comments:
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81. Name: Constance Elkinson on 2020-04-14 16:58:16
Comments: High property taxes are driving life-long CT residents out of the State. Please stop this from happening.
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82. Name: Alice Contillo on 2020-04-14 17:19:21
Comments:
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83. Name: Marilyn Griswold on 2020-04-14 17:19:33
Comments:
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84. Name: Lauren Zalis on 2020-04-14 17:26:05
Comments:
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85. Name: Michael Enthoven on 2020-04-14 17:40:47
Comments:
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86. Name: Hanneke Enthoven on 2020-04-14 17:42:28
Comments: please reduce our mill rate. In this difficult time with the coronavirus taking all our attention , health awareness and money in the stock market this is enough reason to lower the mill rate instead of making it higher.
Thank you for listening.
Mrs Enthoven
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87. Name: Gillian Zackham on 2020-04-14 17:49:17
Comments: If the taxes are increased again on Dolphin Cove properties, we'll never be able to sell our homes.
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88. Name: Maria Longo on 2020-04-14 18:54:25
Comments:
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89. Name: Curt Anastasio on 2020-04-14 19:23:18
Comments:
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90. Name: PAUL ADELBERG on 2020-04-14 19:51:22
Comments: Property taxes are now so extremely high they are having a negative effect on our property values.
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91. Name: Lawrence Fenster on 2020-04-14 20:00:25
Comments:
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92. Name: Rebecca Lockhart on 2020-04-14 20:21:27
Comments:
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93. Name: Katie Miller on 2020-04-14 22:17:33
Comments:
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94. Name: Richard kohlberger on 2020-04-14 22:31:19
Comments: How will this attract businesses to Stamford and keep its current residents. If you check real estate listings real estate property values are plunging!
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95. Name: Bradley ball on 2020-04-14 23:18:22
Comments: My home taxes are way to high to survive living long term in my home..
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96. Name: Carmenza Giraldo on 2020-04-14 23:38:56
Comments:
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97. Name: Mala Malde on 2020-04-15 01:32:23
Comments: I already pay very real estate taxes in Stamford for my home and the city needs to find other ways to raise funds .
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98. Name: Susan Huang on 2020-04-15 02:42:05
Comments:
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99. Name: Karen short on 2020-04-15 02:49:37
Comments: Our property taxes are egregious and totally inconsistent with the reality of what is happening in CT. We are actively looking to permanently leave Stamford as a result of these taxes.
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100. Name: Doug Neviera on 2020-04-15 02:52:37
Comments: Property values are declining and taxes are increasing? We will leave Stamford as soon as feasible. This is not a sustainable situation.
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101. Name: Andy Dimitri on 2020-04-15 11:40:24
Comments: Please contain or preferably reduce taxes which continue to climb. Stamford is a great city but it's citizens should not be further burdened with additional taxes. Expenses should be reduced. Continued increases will accelerate the exodus from CT and fruther reduce the tax base. Thank you.
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102. Name: wendy kalan on 2020-04-15 13:03:41
Comments:
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103. Name: Rajiah Leong on 2020-04-15 14:16:00
Comments:
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104. Name: Kenneth Schwartz on 2020-04-15 14:22:13
Comments: Driving out bizzes and tax payers daily
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105. Name: john grunow on 2020-04-15 15:00:45
Comments:
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106. Name: Nicholas Adamson on 2020-04-15 15:42:51
Comments: Stamford property taxes are 2 times higher and property values 50% lower than our neighbor, Greenwich.
Raising the mill rate will only exacerbate the discrepancy!
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107. Name: Paolo Longo on 2020-04-15 17:41:11
Comments: An increase at this time can be lethal
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108. Name: Erin Kelly on 2020-04-15 19:37:35
Comments:

109. Name: Kara Hanson on 2020-04-15 19:59:49
Comments:

110. Name: Alexander Koproski on 2020-04-15 20:17:55
Comments: Our taxes have gone up each year and it has gotten out of hand

111. Name: Eileen Dang on 2020-04-15 21:22:27
Comments:

112. Name: Kreg gotschall on 2020-04-16 00:38:20
Comments: Please stop raising property taxes!

113. Name: Robin Evans MD on 2020-04-16 01:39:41
Comments: Please reduce our property taxes which are burdensome particularly during this health and economic crisis and with the real estate market struggling for years and with the tax laws making property taxes essentially nondeductible for many of stamford residents.

April 16, 2020

Honorable Mayor David R. Martin
888 Washington Blvd, 10/F
Stamford, CT 06901

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am Chris McDonald, a resident of 258 Dolphin Cove Quay since 2010. Stamford is a fantastic city, and very much moving in the right direction. For the most part, I am very happy to call Stamford my home.

My issue with Stamford is my sky-high property taxes. In ten years the amount of tax I pay has increased many thousands; in the current tax year I will pay more than \$46k.

On the other side, my property value has decreased substantially over these 10 years.

This is clearly untenable. While I love the waterfront life of Dolphin Cove, the financial pressure continues to grow and the economic rationale for living in Dolphin Cove is no longer valid. Needless to say, I am not alone – many in DCQ and Shippan face the same stark reality.

I understand the Board of Finance of the City of Stamford is considering a 4.1% increase in the Mill Rate. The problem I have described above has now been greatly exacerbated by the economic crisis stemming from the Corona Virus – making a tax increase an impossible burden. Quite honestly I need my property taxes to decrease.

I appreciate that the City requires adequate funding to continue to move forward. I would humbly request that the City explore other options to raise funds, as waterfront homeowners desperately need tax relief.

Sincerely,



Chris McDonald

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Cooper McManus <cooper.mcmanus@gmail.com>

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Lisette Robins [REDACTED]

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Our Stamford Property Taxes are already exorbitant. Raising the mill rate will further reduce our property values and drive residents to other towns. Please consider other means of raising revenues.

Let's pay lower property taxes now!

Lisette Robins

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anthonyrobins_email@gmail.com

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Dear Mayor, Ms. Rosenson and Ms. Winterle,

We the taxpayers of the City of Stamford are opposed to any increase in property Taxes for the coming year. My neighbors, my family and myself are homeowners in the city of Stamford for all of our lives. We cannot afford any further increase in taxes. We suggest we can start cutting taxes by reducing the expenses in the mayors office, which has increased since he took office.

Sincerely,

Alexander Koproski
Susan Koproski
Gregory Koproski, Sr.
Michele Koproski
Patricia Koproski

lower property taxes

Kenneth Schwartz <[REDACTED]>

Wed 4/15/2020 10:28 AM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

I have been a Stamford resident since 1974.

My current annual tax is \$ 39,000.

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Kenneth Schwartz
[REDACTED]

Increase in Stamford Property Taxes

Greg Durkin <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/14/2020 11:06 AM

To: Martin, David <DMartin@StamfordCT.gov>;

Cc: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>; Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>;

Dear Mayor Martin,

Please reconsider the upcoming 4.1% property tax increase.

I heard that our Board of Reps and the Board of Finance were going to raise Stamford property taxes to approx. the amount being considered before the Corona crisis. Prior to the crisis, I thought to myself what are our legislators thinking in proposing yet another 4% increase. My Stamford property taxes have doubled in the last 20 years. In the same 20 year period, residents of Stamford have not seen anywhere near a doubling of their income. The sum total of increases over the last 20 years now prevents most Stamford natives who have grown up here from being able to buy houses nor rent in their city. You have to ask yourself, would the average Stamford native be better off if various Stamford elected administrations had not pursued 50 years of development to make Stamford "Better?" For so many of my childhood friends now living in Stratford, Shelton and elsewhere because they could not afford to buy homes in Stamford, the answer is easy.

Even before the crisis but pressure on so many in our city, I believed reducing costs by 4% would make Stamford "Better" for the people who were born, raised, and live here than increasing taxes and expenditures another 4% would.

Sincerely

Greg Durkin

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Reduce our property taxes - Please for the sake of the city and it's future! Don't raise them....

Dan Wychulis <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sun 4/12/2020 5:38 PM

To: Martin, David <DMartin@StamfordCT.gov>; Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>; Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>;

Cc: Katie <[REDACTED]>

We recently moved to Stamford and purchased a home in the Waterside district in Davenport Point Association. From the moment we learned about the property tax rate in Stamford, we realized the city has a problem. While appreciating the complexities of managing a budget for a city, raising property taxes will only further challenge the city by making it less attractive to prospective buyers. A simple look at the history of the city and the mistakes made with zoning amongst others issues quickly educates anybody to help them understand that raising property taxes is not the answer.

I sincerely hope the city does not make this decision. Property taxes are prohibitively high already. Stamford is an incredible city. It could be one of the greatest cities on the east coast with its proximity to NYC. We need to attract more incredible people and not drive them away by making it unrealistically expensive. Please do not let this happen. I would be happy to discuss at any time.

Dan Wychulis
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Stamford Property taxes

BJ Gedney <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/13/2020 12:12 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Dear Ms Rosenson---

I am writing to appeal to you to reduce our property taxes.

They are already so high---the mill rate must go down.

These times are difficult enough; we cannot afford to pay more taxes.

Thank you,

BJ Gedney

Property taxes

Cathy Hall <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/13/2020 7:43 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Ms. Rosenson,

Please reduce our property taxes.
Mill rate must go down!

Cathy Cawley

Sent from my iPhone

Stamford Property Taxes

Gary Kalan <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/13/2020 5:51 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Please do not increase our property taxes as proposed. Our real estate taxes are already too high and negatively impact our home values.

Gary Kalan
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Sent from my iPad

Property Taxes - please read

Guy Freshwater <[REDACTED]@icloud.com>

Thu 4/16/2020 3:07 PM

To: Martin, David <DMartin@StamfordCT.gov>; Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>; Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>;

Cc: Michelson, Bradley <bradleymichelson@gmail.com>; Michele Morck <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>

Dear Mayor Martin & Board Representatives,

Firstly, let me acknowledge that during this incredibly difficult time, talking about property taxes seems a little trivial. Like all things, however, this too shall pass and on the other side it is imperative that we do everything possible to bring Stamford and its residents back up to economic strength as quickly as possible.

I would also like to thank the entire city government for their tireless efforts to delay and defeat the spreads of Covid 19. There is no play book for this and I have been tremendously impressed with your response in facing this difficulty.

It was with some shock that I learned the city is considering a 4.1% increase in our already extremely high property taxes. Along with the state, you simply can not keep raising your residents taxes for reasons that seem so numerous but three of the major ones I outline here:

- It is without doubt that all resident of the US are experiencing a **dramatic and traumatic drop in their disposable incomes**. This is magnified for the areas surrounding NYC that have seen such extensive falls in economic activity due to Covid 19. This hits all income brackets, and all backgrounds in our communities. To ask residents to take ANOTHER tax hike at this time is truly harsh, and dismissive of the economic realities they face. Those renting will also experience the pain as landlords seek to pass on these rises onto their tenants.

- Homeowners in Stamford have experienced **significant falls in the values of their properties** since 2016. Nothing hits your financial security more than the devastating effect of losing the value in your home. Negative equity destroys household wealth and retirement plans. We have experienced this while other parts of the country have experienced the opposite, with strong economic growth and house prices

- The above speaks volumes to the movement of labor and to the competitiveness of Stamford and Connecticut as a whole. The greatest failing of both city and state in the last 10 years has been to misunderstand how technology has eased **the ability of people to move where they want to live**. We are competing with dozens of states and hundreds of cities to attract people into moving here, and we have lost a tremendous amounts of wealth to low tax states such as Florida, Texas and Tennessee as those no longer physically tied to working here move to better climates, both weather and financial. Right here, right now, we are witnessing another revolution as tens of millions of people are successfully working remotely in the US. Where you live and where you work will continue to rapidly decouple. We must acknowledge this and act accordingly.

I implore you, do not kick us when we are economically down. Do not make our city more un competitive than it has become. Do not punish your residents for the failings of the city and state to reign in years of unrealistic spending. Make Stamford competitive, make it financially attractive for young people, new families, businesses and transplants from other states and make it attractive for people to stay here!

I have been a proud resident of Stamford for 6 years but I am originally from the U.K. I chose for many reasons to move here, but I can chose to live elsewhere also. I will not be burdened with an unfair level of taxation if I do not need to be. It is time the city realised that this is the choice people have and they are going to be able to make it much easier then ever before.

Thank you

Guy Freshwater

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Stamford property taxes

Robin Evans <rdemd@aol.com>

Wed 4/15/2020 9:37 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Dear Representative Valerie Rosenson-

As a resident of Stamford I sincerely feel that our property taxes should be reduced and the mill rate must go down.

Especially during this time of health and economic crisis, and given that property taxes no longer are a deductible expense for many Stamford and other Connecticut residents, I strongly believe that raising taxes will harm residents significantly and even the current property tax rate should be reduced. Furthermore, the economic situation in the state of CT has resulted in drastically reduced property values which alone should warrant property tax reduction.

Sincerely,
Robin Evans, MD

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