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**TRANSMITTAL via both Email and Delivery  
2020 April 23 9:45am EST**

**To:**

**Honorable Mayor David R. Martin  
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Stamford, CT 06901  
(203) 977-4150  
DMartin@StamfordCT.gov**

**Valerie T. Rosenson  
Legislative Officer  
Board of Representatives  
888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor  
Stamford, CT 06904-2152  
203.977.5032  
VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov**

**Cynthia Winterle  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Finance  
P.O. Box 10152  
Stamford, CT 06904-2152  
203-977-4699  
CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov**

**Please forward to all your respective  
Members of the Board of Representatives  
and Board of Finance before tonight's  
hearing.**

2020 APR 23 update to Public Hearing

Many MORE proud Stamford Residents,  
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. The most recent comments are worthwhile.

This evening you will have a public hearing  
about setting the mill rate for Property Tax.

**PLEASE REDUCE PROPERTY TAX NOW!**

**REDUCE not HOLD Mill Rate NOW!**

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.

# 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 rescheduled to Thursday April 23 @ 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!

Thursday, April 23, 2020 - 7:00 PM (This hearing was originally scheduled for April 16, 2020)

Join the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives Fiscal Committee from your computer, tablet or smartphone at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/46324276...> WEBINAR ID: 255-507-875

You can also dial in using your phone: +1 (914) 614-3221 Access Code: 738-088-577

Please send your comments via email by Wednesday 5pm to [cwinterle@stamfordct.gov](mailto:cwinterle@stamfordct.gov) and they will be forwarded to Board members. Should you wish to speak at the meeting, please email your intent to do so and you will be invited to speak during the meeting.

Sincerely,

Concerned Residents of Stamford"

## Signatures

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

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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

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

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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!

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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!

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

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

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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

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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 ...

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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

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

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

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

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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:

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109. Name: Kara Hanson on 2020-04-15 19:59:49  
Comments:
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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
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111. Name: Eileen Dang on 2020-04-15 21:22:27  
Comments:
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112. Name: Kreg gotschall on 2020-04-16 00:38:20  
Comments: Please stop raising property taxes!
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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.
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114. Name: Jonathan Lai on 2020-04-16 14:53:24  
Comments:
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115. Name: Michel Mein on 2020-04-16 14:55:17  
Comments:
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116. Name: John Gisondi on 2020-04-16 14:56:05  
Comments:
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117. Name: Norman and Claire Philips on 2020-04-16 14:59:29  
Comments:
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118. Name: Richard Riccardi on 2020-04-16 15:15:15  
Comments:
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119. Name: Amanda Erb on 2020-04-16 15:16:27  
Comments:
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120. Name: David Doo on 2020-04-16 17:40:41  
Comments: Tax have additionl hurt of this distastor
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121. Name: Judy Kalan on 2020-04-16 17:44:24  
Comments:

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122. Name: Frank Angelilli on 2020-04-16 17:48:06  
Comments: I have been living in Stamford at 5 Hickory Drive since 2012. When I first moved in my taxes were \$16,500 They are now approaching \$23,000. I am semi retired and will not be able to stay in Stamford if the taxes continue to increase at this rate. Thank you for listening .
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123. Name: Cooper McManus on 2020-04-16 18:15:47  
Comments:
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124. Name: Guy Freshwater on 2020-04-16 18:18:46  
Comments:
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125. Name: Ping Yang on 2020-04-16 22:41:16  
Comments:
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126. Name: Louise Kleinbaum on 2020-04-18 22:22:07  
Comments:
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127. Name: Mike Jemiolo on 2020-04-19 14:05:22  
Comments:
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128. Name: Dianne Jaffe on 2020-04-19 14:24:42  
Comments:
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129. Name: Andrea Jemiolo on 2020-04-19 14:29:44  
Comments:
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130. Name: JD Müller on 2020-04-19 18:37:37  
Comments: Lower taxes, please.
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131. Name: Lorraine and Frank Scarpa on 2020-04-20 16:49:40  
Comments:
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132. Name: Karl Sygall on 2020-04-22 01:49:05  
Comments: Please reduce taxes
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133. Name: Gail Felsenstein on 2020-04-22 02:20:17  
Comments: No more increases.
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134. Name: Francine Lamster on 2020-04-22 02:48:56  
Comments:

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135. Name: Christine Ragusa on 2020-04-22 03:25:03  
Comments: Please lower my taxes to accurately reflect the value of our property.
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136. Name: Terri Afromowitz on 2020-04-22 03:31:47  
Comments: I am strongly in favor of a tax reduction.
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137. Name: Cristina de sousa on 2020-04-22 10:56:26  
Comments:
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138. Name: Clifford G Kleinbaum on 2020-04-22 11:29:11  
Comments:
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139. Name: Ellen Rothman on 2020-04-22 11:36:18  
Comments:
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140. Name: Javier Arrese on 2020-04-22 12:11:17  
Comments:
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141. Name: Sarah Kennedy on 2020-04-22 12:44:17  
Comments:
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142. Name: Barbara Straessle on 2020-04-22 13:45:24  
Comments:
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143. Name: Flo Milano on 2020-04-22 14:52:05  
Comments:
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144. Name: Richard hughes on 2020-04-22 15:01:43  
Comments:
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145. Name: Christina Tetteh on 2020-04-22 17:10:03  
Comments:
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146. Name: Eileen Jacobson on 2020-04-22 18:05:21  
Comments:
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147. Name: Robert Menell on 2020-04-22 18:42:50  
Comments: Please add my name to this petition!
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148. Name: Moira Notis on 2020-04-22 19:18:18  
Comments: stop abusing Stamford property

tax payers. We have had enough. you could reduce some of your expensive pay rools.

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149. Name: Diane Menell on 2020-04-22 21:11:53  
Comments: Please enter this petition

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150. Name: Barbara Thistle on 2020-04-23 00:50:29  
Comments:

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151. Name: L Lee on 2020-04-23 01:29:29  
Comments: By not being competitive w surrounding towns, we only hurt our own town and prop values. It makes resale in a downmarket tough w out too schools to warrant.

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152. Name: Bryan W Kent on 2020-04-23 01:49:38  
Comments: PLEASE CUT YOUR SPENDING...YOUR ANNUAL TAX INCREASES ARE PUNITIVE AND FORCING US TO MOVE TO A STATE WITH LOWER TAXES...YOU CAN CUT FROM SO MANY PLACES IN YOUR BUDGET! YOU ARE DRIVING PEOPLE OUT OF THE CITY! YOU WILL EVENTUALLY RUN OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY!! DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS???!!!

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153. Name: Danielle smith on 2020-04-23 01:51:52  
Comments:

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154. Name: Joan Ken on 2020-04-23 01:59:25  
Comments: I have so many suggestions how you can cut your spending and lower our property tax rates! Stop the grouse fiscal irresponsibility and lower our taxes before you resemble the city of Hartford!!!!

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