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Message

Hi City Councilors

Thank you for all the hard work it takes to be a city councilor.

I want to weigh in on the new fiscal budget. It cannot keep going higher every year and expect people to be able to pay the higher property taxes and stay in their homes. There needs to be some way to keep things at a status quo so people can catch their breath and save some money. Why do we need to keep increasing the size of city hall? It's not just the salaries it's the benefits as well. The city always points out the median family home price. This year it's \$480,100 so taxes will go up \$447. But what if your home is worth more cause you've lived here awhile. Say your taxes go up \$1000 every year for 10 years. That's \$10,000! And that's on top of the taxes you already pay. My husband and I are hardworking people just like you and many others in the city but the taxes will price us out at some point. Raise increases from salaries often don't cover the tax increase. Please take a careful look at the budget and keep it close to this years budget. We are all on budgets so shouldn't the city be too?

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