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Subject: RE: Town's Budget and Tax Increase

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager

This is a note to urge you all not to consider a tax increase for the new budget year. The Town of Chapel Hill was fortunate during a pandemic to fair much better than other communities. This in part came from citizens during all that they could during covid to provide supportive help to many businesses.

Many individuals have been financially effected from the lasting pandemic. This is not the proper time to consider salary increases for the Town employees, especially since taxpayers already support a very generous benefit package. However, supporting the salaries for essential positions, like for the CHFD is certainly needed.

During this fiscal year property owners already face an increase in property evaluations. Thank you for re-examining the exponential increase for Northside.

But in addition, property owners do not need an additional increase of a tax rate hike. This is the wrong year for owners to experience a double increase in taxes.

During Mayor Foy's term, an evaluation was conducted to explore how the town can become more fiscally responsible. This was very helpful to control expenses. Perhaps it is time to repeat this exercise.

Thank you for your consideration and action,

Jill Blackburn