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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 and Town Council,

I am sending you this information on behalf of the Housing Advisory Board. We discussed the issue of property tax assistance for low-income residents at our May 9th meeting and wanted to share our recommendation with you.

The Housing Advisory Board recognizes the negative impact that increasing property values and property taxes have on many low-income, elderly, and longtime homeowners. Some homeowners can no longer afford to keep their homes, resulting in increasing gentrification in historic neighborhoods and a less diverse community.

To preserve affordable housing, Orange County has administered a property tax assistance program for low-income residents for the past two years and is expected to continue the program in the upcoming fiscal year. The Longtime Homeowner Assistance (LHA) program provides payments to eligible homeowners based on their county tax burden, income, and length of time in their homes. It is our understanding that the cities of Durham, Charlotte, and Asheville have participated in tax assistance programs for their residents in recent years.

The Housing Advisory Board recommends that the Town Council investigate methods to assist eligible, low-income, longtime Chapel Hill homeowners with town property tax bills, and participate in the county's LHA tax assistance program.

Thank you,
Sue Hunter
Chair, Chapel Hill Housing Advisory Board