

Subject: Please, please, take steps to reduce property tax burden on homeowners

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Greetings Mayor Taylor, city council members, and other relevant city officials,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, I will try to keep it brief. Thank you also for your thoughtful service to our city.

I am writing today to request action take place to help reduce the property tax burden on Ann Arbor residents. Each time we receive a tax bill it takes my breath away at how much we pay annually to live in this city. While I deeply appreciate many of the services we support with our tax dollars, the rising costs are unsustainable for our family.

When we purchased our home in the Fifth Ward in 2012 our taxes were \$5880 annually. After working hard to improve our home and yard, including putting on an addition in 2019, our tax bill is now over \$12,000 annually. **Our taxes have increased 113% in the twelve years we have lived in our home.** As I mentioned before this is unsustainable for us as a family, and should my husband lose his job, as has happened to many friends and colleagues this year, we would need to sell our home immediately. Additionally, facing a recession and increasing inflation, we really will not be able to stay in our home if the tax burden continues to increase in Ann Arbor.

When housing affordability is discussed, is the property tax burden considered as a part of this conversation? Are there steps that the city council can take to reduce our property tax bill? I am eager to hear your thoughts and solutions to this unaffordability issue.

Please, please, do something to lower our property tax burden before we lose our home.

Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,
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