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Subject: Real estate taxes, upcoming city council meeting
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The rising Real estate taxes has been a thorn in my side for years. Just doesn't seem fair that the city gets a windfall - unearned income. What has the city done to earn the millions of dollars as the perceived value of real estate goes up year after year. I'm retired and my income goes up slightly for cost of living increase with social security. But that pales in comparison to the rising real estate tax year after year. And it downright angered me when the mayor recently said owners of higher priced homes would benefit more if there were a tax cut. Who does he think has been paying more all along?

I believe real tax rates should be lowered.

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From: ELIZABETH CRAMER
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Elizabeth Cramer
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Dear City Council and Mayor

I would to express my hope for a permanent reduction in the real estate tax rate- not just a refund this year.

I know the city administration claims every year just how broke they are. That is not true. The city has a surplus and has wasted for years and years money in the millions. I agree with Mrs Abubaker that it is time for the city to live within its means! This was never done - the city has a long history of corruption and wastefulness and bad maintenance. It's time to fix the budget and do justice to RVA taxpayers

Best

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From: ddnuckols@verizon.net
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October 6,
2025

City Council Members,

I received my 2026 Notice of General Reassessment from the City and saw where my home assessment was increased 5.63%. I am not that concerned about the rising assessment rates. What I am concerned about is the unreasonable increase in the actual property taxes that the City continues to force on its residents. The Council should be establishing a tax rate based on an acceptable budget that has been approved. The City uses both the property assessments and the tax rates as a means to establish how revenues from property taxes approximately equals the budget. The Council has no control on the assessments but they do have control of the tax rates. The Council has a responsibility to review the tax rates each year to determine if adjustments should be made – up or down. Over the past few years, the assessments have increased far more than the cost of living. And yet, the City has refused to lower the tax rates to account for that fact. All of the surrounding counties realized the discrepancy and served their residents by reducing the property tax rates. The current rates are:

City of Richmond	\$1.20 / \$100
County of Chesterfield	\$0.89 / \$100
County of Henrico	\$0.83 / \$100
County of Hanover	\$0.81 / \$100

Some say that they are hesitant to reduce the tax rate because they don't know what the economic future holds. No one does. However, if you look at Chesterfield, Henrico and Hanover, you will see that they have each lowered their rates several times in the past five years and have seen no need to raise them.

I retired in 2018. Since then, my property tax payments have increased 83%. My Social Security payments have only increased 28%. The Social Security adjustments were based on actual cost of living increases.

Most economists agree that the big increases in home assessments over the past few years were based largely on factors caused by the COVID Epidemic: government and business shutdowns, building material supply issues, shortage of houses on the market, individuals from NOVA moving to the Richmond area because housing costs were much lower here and they could telework, etc. The City's budget started to spiral upward in 2020 because of COVID and it has continued each year even though the COVID effects essentially ended in 2022. The City Council and Administration have taken advantage of the superficial rise in property assessments too long. Rather than lowering the property tax rates to equal the established budget, they have been increasing the budget to match large increases in property taxes. You might call it "price gouging".

I hope you will seriously consider reducing the property tax rate significantly and establish reasonable property tax payments for the citizens again.

Sincerely,

David Nuckols

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