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**Subject:** [Ext]RE: Proposed RE Tax Increases - VOTE NO

Dear Council President Eigerman, et al:

I've just learned that one of your fellow council members has stated, "Please note that we have received almost no comment on tax rate." Also: "We're setting up the taxpayers for the full load while also poised to give full raises."

The City can not and should not try to balance its budget on the backs of homeowners who are struggling themselves to stay gainfully employed, pay mortgages, feed their families and come out the other side of this pandemic in one fiscal piece. City employees, like all of us, need to learn to balance their fiscal responsibilities on a no-increase level. If anyone is to receive a modest increase, it should only be the hardworking first responders (police and fire). Not teachers. Not city administrators and employees.

Like everyone, the City of Newburyport's budget should not be increased, but must be frozen and existing line items trimmed.

We are living in a new era...it is neither the time to raise taxes nor give raises.

Please vote no on an increased tax rate.

Please, also, confirm receipt of this email and its inclusion in the public record for tonight's meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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