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Subject: Tax Hike proposal

To The Mayor and Board of Trustees:

We strongly object to the 3.69% proposed village tax increase. We support and agree with Bob Harrison's careful examination of village finances as published in a Letter to the Editor in The Scarsdale Inquirer.

Residents since 1975, empty nesters for nearly 2 decades, we are already supporting schools no members of our household attends. And now we are being squeezed out of our beloved community as rising taxes have pushed so many others in a similar stage of life out to more tax friendly communities. Our plan to downsize to another house in Scarsdale at some point becomes less and less likely as developers madly grab many houses coming on the market and either knock down or add to, creating larger homes than we want or could afford. We are still reeling from the tax increases of the recent re-eval, along with many of our neighbors. But rather than fairly spread the tax burden with the Homestead Act, you propose another outrageous tax hike a mere year after so many resident's taxes rose thousands, yes thousands, of dollars. By the way, there was no cost of living adjustment to Social Security this year as the government claimed living expenses did not rise. The last one was about 1.5%.

If Scarsdale values diversity, we need to demonstrate a commitment to keeping empty nesters and seniors here by keeping our taxes no higher than they currently are. Scarsdale needs the more than 50% of residents who are empty nesters and similarly support the our increasingly crowded schools. Bob Harrison's figures show that this is possible.

Yours Sincerely,

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