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**From:** James Cammarata <james@jcammarata.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Department; Mayor  
**Subject:** Revise the proposed budget

To the Scarsdale Village Mayor and Trustees:

I am writing to request that the proposed Village budget make use of the reserve fund so that the overall tax increase will be lower than the currently proposed 3.69%. You're aware that the community bears a high tax burden. In addition, while I'm not in the group of seniors and retirees, relatively high tax increases are placing a particular burden on those homeowners. With a slightly lower reserve, you have an opportunity to mitigate the burden while maintaining services and Scarsdale's credit rating. I can't help but consider the proposed tax increase in the context of the ongoing tax break for residents of Christie Place. It's not fair nor appropriate to have a small group benefit while the majority of residents subsidize their tax break especially while most of us face a relatively high increase. You have an opportunity to revisit the Christie Place decision as well as providing some tax relief by lowering the reserve.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Cammarata

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