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To: Mayor; Attorney's Office; Steve Pappalardo; Clerk's Department
Subject: Ryan reval

To whom it may concern:

I attended the meeting at Village Hall on August 17 to hear Mr. Ryan and Ms. Albanese discuss the 2016 reval. I was struck by many things including the absolute inability of Mr. Ryan to defend his results in any meaningful way, the lack of time spent vetting the credentials of Mr. Ryan and his firm and the failure by Mr. Ryan to create and/or preserve supporting documentation. I was confounded by the fact that our tax dollars went to Mr. Ryan to act as a monitor for the Tyler reval, that he approved the Tyler reval and that, not two years later, he found the methods employed by Tyler to be impractical going forward.

I was also awed by the intelligence and sense of fairness held by various village residents who took countless hours away from their families and their livelihoods to try and make some sense out of the Ryan reval by reviewing the data, but could not make any sense of it.

Before I attended the meeting, I believed that justice had not been served by the Ryan reval but that it was result oriented. However, being an attorney and not an appraiser, I had little proof except for a small detail on my 2016 residential valuation detail sheet. My family and I live in a small house in Edgewood that is on one of the most well-trafficked roads in the Village. At any given time, there are cars racing down our street to and from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church or to Equinox Gym. Cars park illegally by fire hydrants and double and triple park unloading children near the church. Interestingly, the 2016 residential valuation detail sheet states that the traffic on the road is "light".

At the meeting, I learned that the Ryan associate who did most of the "ground" work, based on his own reporting, could not have spent more than three and one-half minutes appraising each house in the Village, assuming no breaks. The statement of "light" traffic can only be supported if the appraiser gave our three and one-half minutes to some other road.

In the interests of accuracy, completeness, equity and fairness, I am not sure how the Village can continue to support the reval.

Sincerely,

Jody B. Keltz