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Dear Mayor Mark,

I have been a resident of Scarsdale, NY since 1998, 18 years. My children grew up here and attended Scarsdale schools. They are now out of the house but I have chosen to remain in Scarsdale, and I have never questioned that decision until now.

When the first reval took place two years ago, we graciously let the inspector in our home in order that a fair evaluation could be made. At the end of the process, we were informed that our assessment would be decreased. We also learned that small homes like ours had been unfairly assuming a portion of the tax burden of the larger Scarsdale homes and that we would not see any adjustment in our taxes to the following year.

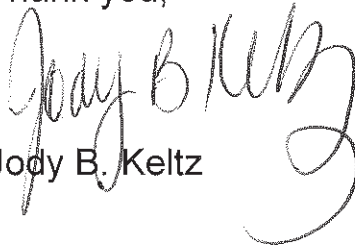
Before we had a moment to revel in the possibility of a lower and a fairer tax assessment, we were notified that Scarsdale was paying for another reval. This was incredible to us for so many reasons (waste of money and time to say the least). But we had a sense the fix was in because there had been so much rumble in the Scarsdale Inquirer about the new assessments by those residents in larger homes (with the concomitant ability to apply pressure through litigation).

I didn't speak up at that time because, as an optimist, I believed that the situation would end with a fair result.

I have been proved wrong. As a preliminary matter, no one came to my house to review anything the second time around. Just recently in June, I received a letter from the village which stated that my assessment was going up by \$107,000. The letter was dated June 1, 2016. While I am not sure exactly when it was received by me, I do recall that when I checked it shortly after I received it, the time to file a grievance had already expired. So instead of the reduction which was expected, we received a 20% increase. Fascinating.

While I know ignorance of the procedure is no excuse for failure to act, I wasn't sure exactly what to do because, after the first reval, I was notified that the assessment was going down but nothing happened. So I incorrectly assumed that I could sit on my hands for a bit waiting for some sort of notice that there would be no other reval and this is the one the village really meant. I accept the responsibility for that, and I will file my grievance next year.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jody B. Keltz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jody B. Keltz