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**From:** Kai Tang <kaihong.tang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2016 12:19 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Department; Mayor  
**Subject:** Letter to Mayor, please post on Village site

Dear Mayor Mark,

I want to start by Thanking you and the Board of Trustees in making efforts to correct this flawed and error filled Ryan revaluation. However, your attempts to have a phase in of the revaluation for a subset of residents is misguided.

A large majority of the victims will not receive any relief from this effort AND the village will be under pressure to rush through another revaluation before the phase in is complete. Many residents will suffer as this process is played out.

A more thoughtful approach would be to request legislation to invalidate this revaluation and return to the previous values. The previous values were done with public input and full disclosure. Residents that disagreed have already or are in process to remedy their individual cases. Returning to these values will allow the village time to carefully and thoughtfully implement a proper revaluation

Throughout the summer, residents have begged you and the BOT to find a resolution. And throughout this entire process, we were told the village was powerless to do anything. I am glad that you have decided that you are not powerless. But asking for a phase in is just grabbing for the lowest hanging fruit. Scarsdale has long had a tradition of excellence. Residents are proud of the community we live in and proud of the reputation we enjoy. This excellence was not achieved overnight. It was built over many years of hard work, perseverance, cooperation and creativity. This excellence is now tarnished. Shouldn't we do more than just the minimum?

While driving one of my boys home last week, we were discussing the homework he had received that day. It was revealed that he had a lot more homework than his schedule afforded. But during this discussion, he brought up his move to middle school next year. He mentioned that he would like to be in a certain house because that house had a reputation of giving a lot of home work. Shocked, I asked him why he wanted so much home work and his reply was that he would learn more in this house. Even a 9 year old recognizes that hard work and perseverance will drive results. Do not go for the easy way out, this phase in solution is not the solution we need. Just because others have successfully gone this route, it doesn't mean we should. Not only is Scarsdale's situation different, but having this legislation will unfairly put even more burden on the other victims.

Do what is right for the ENTIRE community, not just for a lucky few. Move the legislature to invalidate the Ryan results and have a carefully crafted plan with public input to move forward.

Sincerely,

Kai Tang

