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**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2017 9:34 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Clerk's Department  
**Subject:** Article 78 & 2016 Reevaluation

Dear Mayor:

Article 78 is the last leg of a long journey for many to right a wrong. The reevaluation 2016 has been a travesty and by your own admission a mistake.

With this in mind the Village of Scarsdale should forgo any more cost of defending the indefensible and settle the suit.

As this action was pieced together the irregularities made public include:

- Ryan's complete failure to disclose the mathematical formulas used to determine the increased valuations
- The hundreds of emails demonstrating the failure of the assessor's office to monitor this revaluation
- Lack of drive-by assessment as required per the contract
- Arbitrary assessment that had little merit or basis except to move assessment from the higher end to the middle to low assessed homes
- Emails including Assessor Albanese asking JF Ryan to change assessments to benefit trustees and a former mayor (see p. 41-45 of the Petition).
- A 2016 revaluation cost of \$245,000 after spending \$1,200,000 on an assessment two years earlier

There is widespread dissatisfaction with the entire process in the community. You have experienced the outrage first hand at countless meetings. The suit represents many factions of people who want to right a wrong for various reasons. The reasons include people who want to make a statement to those recouping their old correct assessment value. The suit is not about one or two people as some have started to insinuate recently.

Do the right thing; do not spend tax dollars to defend the village against the Article 78. It should have never gotten to this point if everyone was doing their job. The suit will be costly to both sides and will further exemplify the trustee's inability to act on this issue in the best interest of **ALL** taxpayers. I often wonder how ironic it would be if the Village of Scarsdale's cost to defend the suit is equal or well beyond the cost of the overall 2016 JF Ryan contract.

Finally, with respect to the latest findings illustrated in the suit of trustees on the Village of Scarsdale board receiving preferential treatment, I request Trustees Finger and Veron and any other current sitting trustee who received reductions due to Assessor Albanese's actions to recuse themselves from this point forward on any matter related to the reevaluation 2016. It is the right thing to do for obvious reasons.

Thank you,

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