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To: Mayor

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Subject: Reclaiming Respect

Dear Mr. Mark -- I am one of the (over a thousand) homeowners who has been astounded at the incompetence of the process leading to -- and after -- the disaster of the Ryan re-val.

By now there can be no doubt that the village has been hoodwinked and embarrassed-- and seemingly, ill-served by it elected and appointed leadership.

It is time to try to reclaim the respect of Scarsdale residents.

1. It appears that the Assessor, by her suspect conduct before the re-val started, her belligerence toward our residents (a long history thereof), her obvious attempts to duck responsibility, and her premature and grossly negligent certification of the flawed re-val, has completely lost the confidence of the entire village. She must be removed immediately before she creates more havoc among us. Your action to remove her is a critical first step in recognizing that she is a big part of the problem, and not any part of the solution.

2. According to the village attorney there is no way to nullify or reverse the

fataally-flawed Ryan re-val. I know that several lawyers in the village might be able to come up with some path to achieve a reversal, but so far no such path seems possible. I urge you to direct the village's attorney to get on board the effort to get to a legal answer, and to announce to the residents that you have done so.

3. In the event that the Ryan re-val, terrible as it is, is cast in stone, I believe that you can make important decisions to first, acknowledge (as you have done once before) that the re-val was an unnecessary and ill-conceived mistake, and second, to accept the Ryan re-val for one year only, during which the responsible officials (excluding the current Assessor) will revive and certify the original Tyler results for every subsequent year through 2020. During the intervening years, homeowners who had problems with the Tyler results should be given ample opportunity to present their issues to an impartial committee with (as is the case now) a further option to pursue their cases in court.

There is no reason to allow the skewed results of the Ryan re-val to stand for more than a year; the Ryan penalty on our smaller homes is unacceptable and will create hardship on hundreds or thousands of residents.

The Ryan re-val, including the circumstances leading to Ryan's selection, has made Scarsdale an example of suspect or failed leadership on many levels. This re-val cannot be allowed to poison our Village for years to come. Now is the time to step up to the problem and act to do what can be done to mitigate the damage.

These three steps will not wash away the ugly stain of the Ryan re-val, but could begin the process of restoring respect for our Village government.

Respectfully,

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