

**From:** [zack mckinley](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax vote  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:08:13 PM

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Do not pass this tax legislation or I will be voting very differently next election. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [wally.world1@frontier.com](mailto:wally.world1@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Councilman Nehrings' Amendment to Freeze Property Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:40:54 PM

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Dave Somers', County Exec.  
Nate Nehring, Councilman Dist 1  
Snohomish County Council

Greetings,

We wish to go on record as opposing the 2025/2026 proposed budget and property tax increase of 8%.

We wish to support Councilman Nehrings' Amendment to eliminate the 8% property tax levy, ensure a balanced budget & spending with the tax revenue currently being assessed.

We are facing tough economic struggles and those of us on fixed incomes are struggling to exist. Time to sharpen your pencils.

Thanks for your consideration.

Don & Geri Wallace  
Arlington, Sno. Co  
[wally.world1@frontier.com](mailto:wally.world1@frontier.com)  
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**From:** [Valorie Chalk](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:55:25 PM

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Please vote against this ridiculous tax hike. We already can barely afford to live here in Washington state with higher than national average grocery costs, higher than the national average housing costs, the capital gains tax, the highest gas taxes in the nation etc. Raising our taxes AGAIN will price many out of the area. Out of our homes. Rents will increase for people who are already paying too much, families will loose housing only exacerbating the homelessness crisis.

This cannot pass. Budget better on what you're already taking from residents.

Valorie from Marysville

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tyler Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Property Tax Increase 11/13  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:13:04 PM

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My name is Tyler Jackson and I am a citizen and homeowner at 10229 133rd Pl Se, Snohomish (near the old Kenwanda golf course). I know that you plan to vote on the increase of an 8% property tax, and I would like to respectfully ask you to vote "no" on this proposal.

I feel that as a part of the county council your job is to be representatives of your constituents and what they both want and need. We the people of Snohomish both do not want or need an increase of property taxes and just voted Nov. 5 to resoundly reject another county tax. I'm sure that you have the best intention of wanting to use that increase of revenue. However, I believe that the county should prove to their community that they can spend the money already allocated to them in the budget, not ask for more money, as Snohomish county already has one of the highest property taxes in the state and country.

With high inflation, overpriced housing, some of the highest grocery prices, and ever increasing gas prices, additional increases on our property taxes are not only untimely and tone deaf, but an undue burden on your constituents. Therefore, I again urge you as a husband, father, taxpayer, and homeowner of Snohomish county to please vote NO.

Thank you,

Tyler Jackson

**From:** [Tom Kleven](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:04:33 PM

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I hope you will do the right thing and REJECT this huge and unnecessary property tax hike during the vote tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tim Carothers](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:06:49 PM

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I strongly urge ALL council members not approve another property tax increase. We already are paying too much and can't afford more taxes on our homes.

Many live on a fixed income as I do and don't have the money in our limited budget to pay more.

It's time to cut programs instead of always trying to spend more.

Thanks for Listening  
Tim Carothers

**From:** [Steve Saunders](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:38:26 PM

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I support Nate Hehring's amendment to not raise the taxes and to find more cuts in the future.

Sincerely

Steve Saunders

STOP THE INCREASES PLEASE!

**From:** [Steve Luplow](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:23:40 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please vote “no” on the property tax increase.

There are many people like ourselves that have a retirement income. Our income does not go up at the same rate of property tax increases. With inflation the way it is now, our purchasing power has been significantly reduced. This property tax increase will also affect renters. Landlords will have to raise rents when their property taxes increase.

Please vote “yes” on Nate Nehring’s proposed budget cuts. Real estate market is at an all time high. The county has received a windfall in the amount of property tax generated. The county can spend within their means rather than raise taxes.

Steve Luplow

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Steve Gustafson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:28:01 PM

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To WHOEVER has some SHRED of common sense:

From: Steven Gustafson

Can I be honest here!?! I'm not a person that swears much and I try not to get my dander up easy... but have y'all looked around and seen where the economy is as of late? We already pay STUPID amounts of tax on a home we got stuck with due to the housing collapse of 2008! Last I checked we were OVER \$17,000 per year! That's \$4000 more than I made as a contractor in 2008 when we were forced into buying the building!!!

You want to add another 8% to our taxes for PRODUCTS AND SERVICES WE WILL LIKELY NEVER USE!!!!!!! It makes me want to swear!

For the LOVE!!! Learn to live inside a budget like the rest of America does!

Sincerely,  
Steven Gustafson  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Signe Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising property taxes by 8%  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:06:23 PM

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Please do not raise property taxes. We are retired and on a very fixed and tight income and cannot afford more taxes.

We live within our budget and expect our county officials to do the same!

Thank you!  
Signe Jackson

**From:** [Noel Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** VOTE NO TO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:29:58 PM

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Noel and Patricia Johnson  
1507 Mukilteo Lane  
Mukilteo, WA 98275

**From:** [Steve Bachman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:11:47 PM

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Vote no on the 8% property tax hike! We are already over taxed.

**From:** [RACHEL KAPERICK](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax hike - NO MORE TAXES  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:14:15 PM

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You guys are killing your citizens. I don't think you should get to raise taxes without citizens voting on the hike. If you do it without us you are just common thieves!!

Sincerely,  
R. Kaperick  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sarah Karr](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose - Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:15:32 PM

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A property tax increase would further financially burden my family. I oppose the property tax increase. I support Nate Nehrings proposal to freeze property taxes. The people of Washington state have had enough tax hikes and rising prices. This state is making life impossible. STOP THE TAX INCREASE. Listen to the people - we have had enough!!

Sincerely,

Sarah Karr

**From:** [Scott & Georgene Faries](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I Vote NO on Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:31:34 PM

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County Council,  
I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family.  
We are on a fixed income. Our income does not increase.  
I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.  
Please do not increase our property taxes.

Thank You,  
**Georgene Faries**



Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith. *Ronald Reagan*

**From:** [Ruby B](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% General Levy Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:31:44 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Read the room. The result of last Tuesday's election should be obvious. Citizens have had enough of being taken advantage of via inflationary taxes, government overspending and overreach.

What exactly has been achieved with the current budget received from property taxes? Increases such as the one proposed only speaks to irresponsible use and mismanagement of public funds.

Before ANY proposal of increase is considered, a thorough audit should be performed to review current processes and allocation of resources. It is the intelligent and responsible thing to do. Snohomish County can set a new precedent, by regaining the trust of its citizens. An internal audit and accountability is a way forward.

Your constituents are awake, aware, and watching your actions as elected public officials. You were hired by US, and thus, have a duty to US to correct any previous mistakes, learn from them, and progress the right way with optimal results. Don't be small minded by seeking the "easy" solution. Vote NO on the proposal to increase general levy property taxes. Thank you for your attention.

Regards,  
Ruby Barrus  
Resident of Marysville



**From:** [ROBERT FERRIGNO](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** raising property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:41:35 PM

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My wife and I are on social security. Raise our property tax and we'll vote against anyone who votes for this.

Robert Ferrigno

**From:** [Russ Larson](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** 8% is not 1%  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:58:52 PM

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*The voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 747 and for 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%. It is beyond outrageous that you're seriously considering voting to raise property taxes AT ALL. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you're actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% cap and doing it without asking voters permission. Don't do it. It's vicious, cruel, and disrespectful to the people you're elected to represent. Vote no on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now.*

**From:** [Scott Tomkins](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:04:03 PM

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Council Members,

My name is Scott Tomkins. My wife and I have lived in Arlington since 2001, initially enjoying the small-town atmosphere of the city.

However, as a retired senior on a fixed income, I read with some dismay the proposed property tax increase the council is considering. Though my property value has decreased, the property taxes keep increasing every year. Does not the Council members realize the financial conditions of seniors living on a fixed income and having to cope with the ever-increasing costs of groceries, home and auto insurances, gas, natural gas, electricity, garbage collection, etc.?

I have read Nate Nehring's response to the property tax increase and I agree with his suggestions.

I urge the Council members to please consider the plight of all retired citizens living in Snohomish County and reject this property tax increase.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours Truly,

Scott Tomkins  
360-403-9565  
pine-22@outlook.com



**From:** [Kathryn Lacalli](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:52:31 PM

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To whom it concerns,

I was just informed about the vote tomorrow concerning the property tax increase and hope and pray that you will vote no on this. We in Washington already pay a huge amount in taxes and it would come as a large burden to increase the taxes now. With inflation up and the other many taxes we have to pay, it is hard enough to make sure my family has everything we need. The holidays are already upon us and I know for many, another tax increase would cause the holidays to not be so jolly and instead become a hardship. Please consider the many families in Snohomish that need the money they have to go toward their families needs and vote no to increasing taxes.  
Sincerely, Kathryn Lacalli

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [davincishammer.soukup](mailto:davincishammer.soukup)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:03:54 PM

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Snohomish council,  
I am against the proposed 8% property tax increase for Snohomish County. It is time to curb the spending.

Thank you,  
John Soukup  
10120 Kenwanda Dr.  
Snohomish, WA 98296  
[davincishammer@gmail.com](mailto:davincishammer@gmail.com)

**From:** [Melanie Lee](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Sales tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:04:14 PM

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I'm a seventy year old woman living in Lynnwood for 24 years. I live on my Social Security, which is \$1475 a month. My car is a 2005 PT Cruiser. I simply can't afford to live. Please do not raise the sales tax!

Melanie Lee  
15207 25th Ave W  
Lynnwood  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jill Grant](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:06:12 PM

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I can't attend the meeting Wednesday, but I do want to comment. I've been in my house in Lynnwood for 44 years. I've been on a fixed income for 12 years. During that time my taxes have gone up many times. I can't afford another tax increase. Please consider all your senior citizens and young people trying to make a living when you think about raising taxes.  
Sincerely, Jill Grant



**From:** [Mike Atkinson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:08:12 PM

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Dear Council members,

As a lifelong resident of Snohomish County I can say that an 8% increase of our property tax without putting it to a vote of the public is NOT cool. If this passes I can assure you that you'll be losing my vote and the vote of many others in this community as well. Please consider putting this to the vote of the people.

Respectfully,

Mike Atkinson  
Stanwood, Wa

**From:** [Marcos](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:18:24 PM

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Good afternoon council

I'm a everett resident and saw and heard all over X (formally known as Twitter) about the proposed 8% tax increase and find it really ridiculous. We are already taxed on bunch of things and this past election with the 3/4 initiatives failing to save our selves some money in our pockets i believe this 8% tax increase isn't right as I speak for most people who don't know how to contact you guys or know much about the real world . Please vote against it and abolish it

Sincerely

Everett resident

**From:** [garth](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Adopt Nate Nehring's amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:21:43 PM

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Snohomish County Council,

The uncontrolled spending of the budget needs to be put in check. Many of Snohomish County's residences cannot handle further increases to the rising cost of living here. I purchased both of my properties here due to the rising costs of living in King County but was forced to commute, (additional time for commute, frustration and money for fuel). I am upset with how we as taxpayers have to deal with less money in our budgets due to rising cost of living and the County leadership doesn't seem to have to "stay alive" by living within the budget, spending "our" tax dollars prudently. Maybe all of these county involved projects should wait, maybe there are other areas to save money, that's why you were elected. To wisely use the taxes already within the budget. I strongly support Nate Nehring's amendment to help accomplish some fiscal responsibility at the county level.

Best Regards,  
Garth Crouch

**From:** [Diane Deveau](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council: 8% is not 1%. Don't violate the 1% property tax cap! Ask voters' permission if you want more.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:23:20 PM

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Diane Deveau Williams

**From:** [Mark Avdeyev](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8 percent levy NO  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:33:26 PM

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As a Snohomish resident I do not want any taxes raised for property. It is already expensive as it is and we do not need more of your taxes. Vote against this tomorrow!

-concerned citizen of Snohomish county.

**From:** [David Wagner](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote against the 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:39:55 PM

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Snohomish County Councilmembers,

As a resident of the county and a home owner, I would hope you do the right thing and vote against raising property taxes by 8%. Yes, I'm sure costs and budget expenses for the county have gone up. But myself and other middle class families are struggling to get by. Inflation has been very hard-hitting and on top of that, this state is hellbent on increasing taxes. The gas cap/trade tax for example is set to increase the cost of gas in this state by another estimated 40 cents a gallon in the Dec/Jan timeframe.

Politicians should not keep doing this to their citizens! Maybe you find ways to be more fiscally responsible and trim the least ineffective programs from the budget.

But I implore you to please not raise property taxes.

A Concerned Resident,  
David Wagner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [N Blesie](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote no on the property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:43:42 PM

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My family budget is already hurting from inflation and other tax increases in our state. Please vote NO on this 8% increase and learn to balance your budget like my family has had to do with ours.

-Nicole Stevens  
Bothell, WA

**From:** [Joseph Sandoval](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Concern Regarding Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:44:34 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am concerned about the proposed 8% property tax increase. If this increase is approved, my family and I will be at risk of losing our home. The previous tax increase has already taken our budget to its limits. We have eliminated all unnecessary expenses, and our budget is already as lean as possible. There are no further cuts we can make that would allow us to manage another tax increase. It is disheartening to think that we could be forced out of our home due to circumstances beyond our control. Please consider the real-life implications of these tax increases on not only my family, but also on other families in our community.

Sincerely,

Joseph Sandoval  
206-372-2126  
[joseph.sandoval@yahoo.com](mailto:joseph.sandoval@yahoo.com)



**From:** [DONNA CROSS](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed rate hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:47:06 PM

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Please -- reconsider this outrageous proposal - people are really hurting already -- our property taxes are sky high and it is making it next to impossible for seniors on fixed income to be able to keep their homes = we are in that camp! However, where do seniors even find affordable housing if we have to move from here?

I would suggest you listen to the proposal by Nate Nehring - surely all of you must sacrifice another part of your budget - our budgets are being broken by gas, housing, food, TAXES, and everything combined makes this a horrible part of the state to live in!

Thank you for your very careful consideration to find another way,  
Donna Cross

**From:** [Kathy Baker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 11/13 County Council Meeting/ Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:47:57 PM

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Hello,

I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family!  
I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Thank you,

Katherine Baker  
13809 247th Ave SE  
Monroe, WA 98272  
425-765-6359

**From:** [Diane Tillman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** no to tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:52:03 PM

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I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family!  
I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

**From:** [Brian L](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Balance the Budget without Tax Increases  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:55:49 PM

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As input to the 11/13/24 Snohomish County Council hearing regarding the 2025/26 biennial budget.

As a Snohomish County property owner, I oppose increasing property taxes and instead favor reducing the least critical (most narrowly focused) services & capital budgets.

Nate Nehrings alternative budget proposal is much more appropriate and in line with the spirit of recent voting trends around taxation.

Any tax increases will be unpopular and we'll ensure not forgotten approaching upcoming county position elections.

Thank You,

Brian Luke

**From:** [Mike D](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:57:43 PM

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I cannot believe the level of greed!!  
This proposed increase will seriously impact my family's ability to make ends meet  
I support Nate Nearings approach to freeze spending increases.

Mike Deacy  
Mill Creek

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**From:** [Michelle Erickson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding budget proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:00:27 PM

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*Dear Council Members,*

*Thank you for your service to our community and your time to research deeply each need in the county. We are especially thankful to Mr. Nehring and the time he has taken to propose an alternative budget proposal that cuts unnecessary spending while balancing the budget. We are opposed to a general levy tax increase of 8% proposed by Mr. Somers. The cost of living has been rising and wages are unable to match the increase needed in spending for household living expenses. Families are needing the monies they have earned for their own basic expenses. The tax freeze on property taxes is appreciated.*

Thank You!

Michelle Erickson  
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Jennifer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE the property tax increase, in Snohomish County  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:03:24 PM

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I OPPOSE THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY!  
IT WILL BE A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON MY FAMILY!!

I SUPPORT NATE NEHRINGS PROPOSAL TO FREEZE PROPERTY TAXES.

RESPECTFULLY, JENNIFER DEACY

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**From:** [Nancy Williams](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**Cc:** [nate nehring](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% rate hike in property taxes - Snohomish County  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:04:37 PM

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**To whom it may concern - was not exactly sure where to send this email. If you can please forward this onto SnoCo County Council members it would be appreciated.**

We are writing concerning Snohomish County's meeting Wednesday, 11/13 at 10:30 am (Budget deliberations). Taxpayers in Snohomish County have been burdened by increasing taxes the last few years; We are senior citizens living on a fixed income who are extremely burdened by what property taxes are running in Snohomish County. Inflation is already out of control in so many areas - and again senior citizens are taking the brunt of everything!! Nate Nehring has proposed a budget amendment to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase proposed by County Executive Dave Somers for the 2025/2026 biennial budget. Councilmember Nehring's amendment will remove budget increases over the previously budgeted levels and discretionary spending not connected to essential county government functions - there is TOO much waste. Citizens of Snohomish County voted down Prop. 1 with a 56% "NO" vote - but you continue to try to find ways to raise property taxes. We want to be able to remain in our home - please support Councilmember Nehring's amendment.

Thank you for taking the time to read our email.

Sincerely,

Gary and Nancy Williams



**From:** [Nick Alvanos](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:17:43 PM

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No, No, No property tax increase!!!

The Mayor got her response from the voters in Everett: work with what you have, No Tax Increase!

So, we're telling you the County, work with what you have, No Property tax increase!!!

Somers and some council members are going to get a Lot of money not to keep them in power but to "OUST" them out in the next election if you guys don't, "Heed This Warning!"

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Thrower](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:18:08 PM

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Council Members,

I am just hearing about this tax increase of 8% for property owners.

We live in Lake Stevens and this will directly impact us at a time when the inflation of the last 3 1/2 years is taking its toll. While YOY inflation has abated the cumulative inflation is still with us and continues to increase. Workers have not received pay increases that compensate for this cumulative inflation.

Many in our Snohomish community are hurting and living pay check to pay check.

The elderly and poor will be hardest hit by this increase.

Honestly have you folks lost your minds?

The economic conditions in America are not as good as the Biden administration has claimed. Many have lost their jobs and replaced them with two or three part time jobs to make ends meet.

This tax increase comes at a time when Americans have used up their savings and credit card debt and defaults are at an all time high.

I am petitioning you to reconsider and to hold off on this egregious tax hike.

Show some common sense and think about your neighbors and the people of snohomish county.

We are not the counties personal bank account to raid anytime the county pleases.

John Thrower  
425-367-7445

**From:** [Mat Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** SCCAR's Written Statement for Public Hearing on 11.13.24  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:18:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [Snohomish County Public Statement 11.13.24.pdf](#)

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Distinguished Councilmembers,

On behalf of the nearly 1,600 REALTORS® in Snohomish County, I am writing to you on behalf of the Snohomish County-Camano Association of REALTORS® to voice our support of Councilmember Nehring's amendment to the proposed budget - to remove the 8% property tax increase and eliminate unnecessary spending to balance the budget.

As many REALTORS® are aware, increasing the property taxes will directly impact the housing market and those who are already struggling to afford the cost of living in Snohomish County.

The proposed property tax increase raises several critical concerns:

1. Economic Strain on Homeowners

Our community is already experiencing significant financial strain due to rising housing costs. In Snohomish County, the median house costs upwards of \$730,000 - a cost that has outpaced wage growth. Moreover, approximately 50% of renters and nearly 30% of homeowners with a mortgage are considered cost-burdened, meaning they are paying more than 30% of their income on housing. A property tax increase would exacerbate this situation, leaving many residents in a deeper hole. Property owners are already feeling the weight of inflation and rising costs across all aspects of their lives. Meanwhile, those who have recently bought a house are still grappling with high interest rates. Adding a tax increase to this burden will only place more of our residents at risk of financial hardship.

2. Decreased Housing Affordability

Washington State ranks fifth worst in the nation for housing affordability. A property tax increase will only worsen this crisis. Adding tax increases would negatively affect housing affordability; This impacts everyone, from first-time buyers to retirees on fixed incomes. A tax increase also adds yet another obstacle for families attempting to enter or stay in the housing market. During a time when we should be working to increase housing availability and improve affordability, this tax increase would push us further from that goal and place much strain on a market where many are already stretched to their financial limits.

3. Broader Negative Impacts

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Nehring's proposed budget cuts offer a way to balance the budget without further burdening homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Mat Johnson**

Director of Government and Public Affairs

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12 November 2024

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Everett, WA 98201

Distinguished Councilmembers,

On behalf of the nearly 1,600 REALTORS® in Snohomish County, I am writing to you on behalf of the Snohomish County-Camano Association of REALTORS® to voice our support of Councilmember Nehring's amendment to the proposed budget – to remove the 8% property tax increase and eliminate unnecessary spending to balance the budget.

As many REALTORS® are aware, increasing the property taxes will directly impact the housing market and those who are already struggling to afford the cost of living in Snohomish County.

The proposed property tax increase raises several critical concerns:

### **1. Economic Strain on Homeowners**

Our community is already experiencing significant financial strain due to rising housing costs. In Snohomish County, the median house costs upwards of \$730,000 – a cost that has outpaced wage growth. Moreover, approximately 50% of renters and nearly 30% of homeowners with a mortgage are considered cost-burdened, meaning they are paying more than 30% of their income on housing. A property tax increase would exacerbate this situation, leaving many residents in a deeper hole. Property owners are already feeling the weight of inflation and rising costs across all aspects of their lives. Meanwhile, those who have recently bought a house are still grappling with high interest rates. Adding a tax increase to this burden will only place more of our residents at risk of financial hardship.

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**From:** [Mike Galbraith](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:18:44 PM

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We adamantly oppose any increase in already exorbitant property taxes. The American dream is dead. Washington needs a program similar to California's Prop 13. It is a life and home saver for millions of California's and we deserve the same sense of security. Fail us and we will remember you at election time.

Very Sincerely,  
Michael S. Galbraith  
14011 272nd St NE  
Arlington, WA 98223  
360 435 3375

**From:** [Kathy OR Steve Luplow](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote "no" on proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:25:06 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please vote "no" on proposed increase of property taxes. We are being taxed out of our homes and to put more of a tax burden on taxpayers would be extremely difficult. With the drastic increase in home values, there is already extra income coming in. We literally built our home ourselves, we are on a fixed income and will be forced out.

Please vote "yes" on Nate Nehring's proposed budget cuts. The county can spend within their means and cut unnecessary spending.

Kathy Luplow

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Kim A Neuhardt](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** SnoCo Budget Proposes a 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:27:02 PM

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I am a Snohomish County Property Owner.

I reject Executive Dave Somers' proposal for the 2025/2026 budget to increase the County's general property tax levy by the state-allowed 1% each year as well as taking banked capacity from previously deferred tax increases for a total increase of 8% over the biennium.

I do agree with Councilman Nate Nehring proposal for an alternative option to make cuts on spending and not increase any taxes.

With the drastic increase in home values the county should have plenty of extra in their budget to work with.

Councilman Nehring's budget proposal to eliminate the 8% property tax increase to the county's general levy. Nate's proposal would freeze county property taxes at their current rate and would balance the budget by cutting unnecessary spending, including the Office of Social Justice (\$2.5 million/biennium), travel & conferences, proposed new staff, and a number of other miscellaneous cuts.

I agree with Councilman Nehring's Budget Proposal.  
Kim

***Kim Neuhardt***  
*425-308-5130-Direct*

**From:** [Michele Marshall](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:27:52 PM

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As seniors, we can NOT afford more tax on our home!!

**From:** [Michelle Calfy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No to your insane 8% tax hike.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:29:03 PM

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No, you don't get to raise the county portion of the property tax by 8%. The population has greatly increased. You are collecting a ton of property tax as is. Your taxation is theft. You have not put the money to benefit any of society that actually needs any type of funding. You are killing the single parent and the elderly. No to your ridiculous tax!!

No.

Michelle Calfy  
Tax paying citizen.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jack McPherson](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Tax increase is against the law  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:29:33 PM

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To all of these elected public servants,

Stop this attack on our freedom. Confiscating more money from the people is mandated each year to a maximum 1%, even that should not be automatic.

We've been taken over by Liberal politicians for the last 40 years, your policies only impact those that can least afford it.

The middle class has been ravaged by Liberal lunatics like Biden/Harris that operate on orders by the "Elite" of their party, no longer concerned with the working class but find them more as an easy target to support your woke agenda.

Stop, Stop this attack.

Learn to live within the funding limits already provided for, just like the middle class is forced to do.

Sincerely,

Jack McPherson

**From:** [Melinda MacFarland](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:32:05 PM

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Dear Council,

Pls don't raise our taxes. For those of us that are retired or semi retired, this will be a huge burden. For young families, this extra tax increase will be hard to come up with, especially w/Bidenomics in place as they stand now. Paying what we do in the markets for food & gas for our cars is difficult as it is. People are struggling to make ends meet.

Pls don't place more pressure on we tax payers. We may have to leave WA. Is that what you want?

Best regards,  
Melinda MacFarland

Melinda  
[melinda.macfarland@gmail.com](mailto:melinda.macfarland@gmail.com)

**From:** [Karen Nickelson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:34:13 PM

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Dear members of the Snohomish county council.

I will make this as short as possible. I have lived in Snohomish County for 32 years. The property tax burden gets greater with each passing year. Now a retired member of the committee, it is even more so.

Please do not even consider an additional 8% increase in my property taxes. This is literally too much. I think it is time to live within your means and cut back on spending, just as much as I do each time you ask for a greater portion of my income.

Thank you for your time and service.

Karen Nickelson

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Nichole Cunningham](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:37:28 PM

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Hello,

I oppose the 8% property tax increase. Property taxes have increased 40% for us and everyone else in Snohomish over the last 3 years due to soaring property value inflation. We have had to adjust our spending to accommodate this and I think you should be able to do the same.

We have an entry level home and pay \$800/month in property taxes. I am currently going through budgeting in my current role and have had to make some budget cuts. Please consider doing some budget cuts as well to avoid this unnecessary increase.

Best  
Nichole

**From:** [Mary Magdalene](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:42:46 PM

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Hello

We live in Snohomish County - working in a decent tech company!  
Every year the property taxes are going up which is making us think whether we should live here or move to a different state where we can pay reasonable taxes and still get to live in decent housing!

May I know why the plan to increase the taxes !?

Thanks  
Mary Bijja



**From:** [Kelby Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on 8% property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:46:34 PM

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I just saw that the snohomish county council is voting on a potential 8% property tax hike. I fully expect the council to vote no on this ridiculous loop hole. We are taxed way to much as it is and the county needs to find ways of not wasting tax payer money instead of taxing us more.

VOTE NO ON TAX HIKES!.

Thank you.

**From:** [Margo Weiss](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Wiita, Russell](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Rebecca Roberts](#)  
**Subject:** Tax legislation, Nate Nehring Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:00:50 PM

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Dear Council Members:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to NOT raise property taxes.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Roberts  
22705 13th Pl W  
Bothell, WA 98021

**From:** [Margo Weiss](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Wiita, Russell](#); [Margo Weiss](#)  
**Subject:** Tax legislation, Nehring Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:53:43 PM

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Respectfully,

Margo Weiss  
22705 13th Pl W  
Bothell, WA 98021

**From:** [Margo Weiss](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Wiita, Russell](#); [Amy Jo](#)  
**Subject:** Tax legislation, Nehring Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:58:14 PM

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Respectfully,

Amy Helgoe  
22705 13th Pl W  
Bothell, WA 98021

**From:** [Jim Welton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:02:32 PM

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Good afternoon,

We continue to vote down these taxes and yet you continue to punch them on us. I respectfully ask that you vote no on this and back your constituents who are tired of being taxed out of this state.

Best regards,

Jim Welton  
360-547-9921

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Keltan Roodzant](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:03:17 PM

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I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Keltan Roodzant

Sent from [Outlook](#)

**From:** [Michael Killmer Century 21 North Homes Realty](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on the 8% Property Tax Increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:04:58 PM

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To Snohomish Council,

It is inconceivable to me that in the weeks following this clear mandate from voters to not raise taxes, the Snohomish County Council will be voting on whether to approve the county executive's proposed 8 percent property tax increase to the county's general levy. Voters spoke loudly and clearly on Nov. 5, and elected officials ought to listen. It would be a slap in the face to the voting public whom we are elected to serve if the County Council were to move forward with approving an 8 percent property tax increase for status quo general services.

I encourage all of you on the County Council to vote "no" on this 8 percent general levy property tax increase proposal.

Thanks,  
Michael Killmer  
Broker/Owner  
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Email [michael@mikekillmer.com](mailto:michael@mikekillmer.com)  
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**From:** [Kristina Cobun](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:06:15 PM

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It is my understanding you are proposing an 8% increase to the county portion of our property taxes.

I am writing, as a tax paying voter, to let you know I vehemently oppose this tax increase. Our property taxes are already too high. You have a great deal of new development, so your tax fund has increased. Where is this money going? Our overall cost of housing is going to force us to move.

You have been given alternatives, which could eliminate this tax levy increase and freeze our property taxes and balance the budget by eliminating unnecessary spending.

Property taxes are outpacing inflation. There is no need for this increase. We have all had to cut back, I think it's time you cut back as well.

Sincerely,  
Kristina Cobun  
A very concerned voter



**From:** [Sheila Schweizer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [John](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:09:48 PM

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To council members of Snohomish County Council:

We oppose the proposed 8% increase to the county portion of property taxes. We ask as homeowners and taxpayers in Snohomish County that each of you stand against this proposed property tax increase.

We believe the proper stewardship of county funds would be to balance the budget by cutting unnecessary spending, and NOT to tax the homeowners of this county at a higher percentage.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

John Henry Schweizer  
Sheila Marie Schweizer  
3711-116th St SE  
Everett WA 98208

**From:** [Iorveth Xolo](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** For The People  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:12:56 PM

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People are being priced out of life in Washington. I love the west. I love the forests. I love the rain. Nowhere else exists like this in the country, but people are fleeing our state like rats from a sinking ship because we simply cannot afford to live here anymore. Even as we move up in life and our incomes climb, they can't keep up with the state's incessant need to raise gas prices and taxes.

We thought we'd be able to buy a house years ago. We had a plan. It was a good plan. And now, for several years, the money saved for the plan has been spent just trying to live in Washington's ever more expensive sphere. I'm in my 30s and still renting because we can't afford a home and that goal creeps ever further away with things like higher property taxes.

I know few homeowners and even fewer still who don't spend too much time worrying about how they'll be able to continue to afford it. I don't know many people who are comfortable financially at all. These are good people who work hard for our community here in Snohomish County and beyond. We WANT to live here. We WANT to contribute. Unfortunately, it feels more and more like our county and our state see us as nothing more than dollar signs.

At this point, it's cheaper to move out of state and give my tax dollars to a government that doesn't want to tax me into poverty. I'm trying to remain positive, but my future in beautiful Washington looks bleaker and bleaker with every day.

**From:** [Amie Beisel](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO on proposed tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:15:20 PM

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Dear County Council!

I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family and many others! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Sincerely,  
Amie Beisel  
Sultan

**From:** [Jerry Owen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Jennie Owen](#)  
**Subject:** please do not raise taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:15:42 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I've lived in Snohomish County for coming up on two years and moved out of King County partly because of the high taxes and socialistic Seattle City Council. Wages have not increased like cost of living has, and we appreciate Mr. Nehring's efforts to offer an alternative budget proposal that balances it and cuts some unnecessary spending. We don't think the cuts are deep enough, but this is vastly preferred to raising taxes.

**Please do not raise taxes.**

Cordially,

Jerry Owen  
8231 207th St SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296

**From:** [Amie Beisel](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO on proposed tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:16:14 PM

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Dear County Council!

I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family and many others! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Sincerely,  
David Beisel  
Sultan

**From:** [Gina Akins](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Budget Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:25:46 PM

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To Snohomish County Executives,

**I am writing this supporting Councilmember Nate Nehring's amendment to eliminate the 8% increase to the general property tax levy and make corresponding cuts to expenditures in the budget.**



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**From:** [shahbaz yusuf](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax hike : DSAT  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:29:55 PM

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Hi County Officials

As a property owner in Snohomish County , I do NOT support the tax hike.

Cut expenses and or lay off staff.

This is getting untenable.

Shahbaz Yusuf.

**[mobile:425-681-8463](#)**

**From:** [jackariah@comcast.net](mailto:jackariah@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No 8% increase on property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:30:41 PM

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Dear county council

I understand you are considering a budget with an 8% increase on county portion or property tax.

<https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/comment-county-execs-property-tax-proposal-poorly-timed/>

Considering the horrific economy and the increasing challenge to obtain property ownership... I would ask you NOT approve this budget and look to Nate Nehring's suggestion of holding off such increases this year.

Thanks you for your service and your consideration

Jason Davis  
Arlington, Wa



**From:** [Sharon Damoff](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:31:45 PM

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Dear County Council,

I am writing to ask you to please NOT raise our property taxes and instead to support Councilmember Nehring's amendment and proposal for cutting spending.

Inflation has made things hard enough already; we do not want our taxes raised on top of that. Cutting spending is what needs to happen.

All American citizens have full civil rights. We do not need a very expensive county Office of Social Justice. And county officials should not be raising taxes on residents so that the officials can attend conferences.

Please vote in support of Councilmember Nehring's amendment and spare residents from a tax increase.

Thank you,  
Sharon Damoff  
Snohomish County resident

**From:** [W Sapp](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase - Opposed  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:36:08 PM

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Hello. Am writing to say that an 8% increase in property taxes for Snohomish County residents is unreasonable. Our family has had to cut back on living expenses to stay within our budget. No reason why Snohomish County can't do the same.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Wanda Tilke-Sapp  
Mukilteo, WA

**From:** [Gayle Reams \(Moffat\)](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:38:50 PM

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PLEASE DO NOT RAISE PROPERTY TAXES! I am 68yrs old and taxes last year made me think for the first time I might have to sell because I'm not sure I can handle the taxes on fixed income..

Gayle Reams (Moffat)  
Sent from my iPhone!

**From:** [Martin Singer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Nate Nehring's budget proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:40:06 PM

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Council Members,

I support Nate Negring's Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase.

Year after year we have experienced tax increases on our Property Tax Statement, regardless of the valuations our home and property receive. My wife and I are now retired living on a fixed income. Our property taxes are paid by close to 20% of our total fixed income. We're lucky at that, as our neighbors in the community are not so fortunate. We have squeaked by over the last two years breaking even at the end of the year. We count ourselves fortunate that our medical insurance is covering a majority of our medical costs. Without it we would have experienced costs in the six figures due to my wife's condition.

It's time for the county to tighten its belt, just as we have. Myself and my neighbors shouldn't have to look at cutting corners month by month to make ends meet. Or worse yet, look to moving to a less expensive county or state just to survive.

Please give Nate's proposal the deepest of consideration.

Martin Singer  
[masinger57@gmail.com](mailto:masinger57@gmail.com)

**From:** [Phil Denby](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:41:22 PM

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Snohomish County Council Members,

I am writing to express my objection to a cumulative 8.046% property tax increase over the two year period of 2025-2026. The WA State Legislature continues to impose unjustified and unaccountable tax increases on the citizens of WA state, in the form of an illegal income tax on capital gains, which will after the upcoming 2025 legislative session be modified such that it applies to the middle class, the gasoline tax via the CCA which impacts the transportation cost for goods going to market as well as individual citizens cost to commute to/from work, kids activities, etc.. Cost for home and auto insurance are increasing significantly due to the legislature's soft on crime policies which has resulted in no accountability for criminals, while law abiding citizens get penalized by significantly higher premiums to cover the loss for hit and run accidents, stolen vehicles and home break-ins.

Now Snohomish County is adding insult to injury by proposing adding an additional 8.046% to our property taxes. Enough is enough! All levels of government need to reevaluate existing programs and departments for effectiveness and necessity, as well as reducing the size and scope of their organizations. I am 100% confident that there is waste in the Snohomish County budget that could be reclaimed to partially offset the proposed tax increase as well as a prioritization effort that determines the cost/benefit of existing and proposed programs that would make additional funds available to reallocate to higher priority efforts.

Until the efforts stated above are completed and the results communicated to the citizens of Snohomish County, the County is not justified in taking the easy, convenient way to solve a perceived financial shortfall. You are not able to do this for your own personal budgets, I suggest the council treat OUR taxpayer dollars as if they were your own.

Regards

Phil Denby

**From:** [Gail Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no to higher taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:48:14 PM

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No to 8% higher taxes.

Gail Johnson  
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Real Estate Photographer  
<https://propertyfinderz.com/gallery>

**From:** [Jojo Scott](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2026 Biennial budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:57:10 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am reaching out as a deeply concerned taxpayer regarding the public hearing on the proposed 2025–2026 biennial budget. This proposal, which includes an 8% increase to the county portion of property taxes, is something that many of us simply cannot afford in the current climate.

I strongly support Councilmember Nate Nehring’s alternative budget proposal, which would eliminate this tax hike, keep property taxes at their current rate, and balance the budget by targeting unnecessary expenditures.

I urge fellow community members to join me in backing Councilmember Nehring’s amendment to prevent this 8% increase and prioritize fiscal responsibility over tax hikes.

Warmest regards

Jodean (Jody) Scott~



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**From:** [bruce thomas](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support Councilmember Nehring's Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:06:27 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

Please support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes by the 8% levy.

The voters made it clear by voting down Prop. 1 that we pay enough high taxes already, some of the highest in the country.

Please support Councilmember Nehring's amendment, and to use current resources more efficiently as Councilmember Nehring suggests in his amendment.

Thank you,  
Bruce and Joan Thomas  
Bothell



**From:** [Mary Fulgham](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting re property tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:08:31 PM

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Snohomish County Council Members,

My husband Dale L. Fulgham and myself, Mary E. Fulgham are completely against any additional property tax increases.

As senior citizens our income is fixed. Cost of living isn't and hasn't been. Please don't force us out by raising taxes again.

We support Councilmember Nehring's amendment, asking for an alternative budget proposal which would eliminate the 8% general levy tax increase, freeze county property taxes at their current rate, and balance the budget by cutting unnecessary spending.

We ask that you please will be considered our NO vote on the proposal from the County Executive which includes an 8% increase to the county portion of our property taxes during Nov. 13th Council's budget deliberations.

Appreciatively,

Mary and Dale Fulgham  
15527 91st Ave SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296

**From:** [LAURIE HILL](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Property Tax Increase Vote -  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:09:10 PM

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I do not contact my local government officials often, but in this case I am impelled to do so. It has come to my attention that your County council members are about to vote on an increase of the property tax for Snohomish County residents this week. Any increase at this time would be a burden, however an 8% increase would be devastating to most property owners at this time. I find it even more curious that this vote comes, with little or no public notification. Just slip another approval into the mix for increasing costs to your citizens.

We are overtaxed as it is, prices are grown thru the ceiling. It seems about every entity from the Water department to Utilities to Cable and phones all have decided they need an increase. ... Not to mention the prices we pay daily just to get food on the table. I am living , or I should say trying to live on a very fixed income. Any increase, and all of the increases are putting my family in a situation that we will have alternatives other than to sell our house, take what money we can get out of it (assuming we can sell it) and move out of this state. A state I have lived all of my life, a state I planed to remain in the rest of my life. But this current democratic , money grabbing government facilities have made it impossible for us to live out our dream of aging in place.

I for one, not that I expect my comments to matter am totally against any increase in property tax at this time. Wait for inflation to come down at least. Learn to live within your means, just as we as citizens have to live within ours.

Sincerely,

Laurie Hill  
Edmonds Washington Resident of 72 years.

**From:** [Gary Hampton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT RAISE MY TAXES!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:12:16 PM

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In regards to the property tax rate hike vote NO!

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Gary Hampton

**From:** [Gary Hampton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:13:31 PM

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Vote No on the property tax increase tomorrow!!

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**From:** [Steele Newman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on 8% property tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:14:08 PM

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Living in our home here in Mukilteo for the past 14 years we are asking the Snohomish Council members to vote NO on any property tax increase.

It' time to give everyone a break in property tax increases and to come up with alternative means to balance our county budget.

We support many of the ideas coming from Nate Nehring on how best to maintain and move forward on the upcoming budget.

Thank you very much,

Steele Newman & Yaming Zhou  
10720 58<sup>th</sup> Ave W  
Mukilteo, WA 98275

**From:** [Ed Gerdon](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:15:22 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,  
Please do not increase our property taxes! I am retired and on a fixed income and a 8% property tax increase would crush me financially.  
Please do not put this in the new budget for 2025. Please find other ways to decrease spending to meet the budget needs.

Sincerely,

Edward Gerdon

Everett, WA

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Brian Patow](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:17:30 PM

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This is insane give us a break and do not increase property taxes!

Thanks,

Brian Patow  
email: [brian.patow@outlook.com](mailto:brian.patow@outlook.com)

**From:** [francisscott@comcast.net](mailto:francisscott@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:17:35 PM

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Snohomish County Council,

As a resident and property owner in Snohomish County, I vote **NO** on the proposed property tax increase. I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax at its current level. Please vote accordingly and respect the message sent by Snohomish County voters in last weeks election.

Regards,  
Scott Francis



**From:** [Mary Wood](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 2025 Snohomish County Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:18:52 PM

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To: Snohomish County Council

Re: Proposed 2025 budget

Date: 11/12/2024

Dear Council Members:

In anticipation of tomorrow's council meeting, I want to share with you my thoughts on the proposed 2025 budget. In short, I agree with absolutely every point that Councilman Nehring has made on the subject.

It is incredibly tone-deaf, but not surprising, that Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive, has proposed even MORE taxes on the already over-burdened taxpayers of Snohomish County.

It is way past due for the government, at every level, to approach budgets the way that private citizens approach their own budgets: We look at our available resources then prioritize our expenditures. For most of us, it is not possible to have everything we want all at once and sometimes we can't ever afford some things.

What we DON'T get to do is go to our employers and say "I want to spend some money, but I don't have the money to spend, so you will be required to give me the money".

My understanding is that the State of Washington, and Snohomish County in particular, already have some of the highest taxes in the nation. In addition to that, apparently Boeing is getting ready to lay off 17,000 employees and it seems reasonable to believe that will have an additional impact on our local economy.

I urge all of you to support Councilman Nehring and decline to increase any

taxes and use the available resources responsibly, which is going to mean cutting some spending.

Best regards,

Mary Wood

**From:** [Jennie Owen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no on tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:19:23 PM

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Hello Council members,

Thank you for your service to our community. I am writing to ask that you **do not raise taxes** though the proposed levy, but instead please pass Councilman Nate Nehring's proposed budget. I buy groceries for our family, and it is getting more expensive by the month. Everything is more expensive! We are looking for ways to save and conserve at home and want our county government to do the same, not make life even more expensive for us. Please do not raise taxes.

Jennie Owen  
8231 207th St. SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296  
425-890-2243

**From:** [Jetctywa](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:21:56 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing with regard to the vote to be held tomorrow to increase property taxes in the county to 8%.

I would like to register my opposition to this increase as many of us who reside in the county cannot afford yet another increase on property taxes.

I am a disabled widow who is reliant on Social Security and pension disbursements to pay the bills. I like many others are still dealing with inflation caused by many policies that are contrary to sensible practice. To now increase already incredibly high property taxes will add to the hardship many are already experiencing.

With a change in federal leadership I expect that inflation and other pernicious taxes associated with it will come down, but until such time the people of this County need some stability and relief not a tax increase.

As I am sure that you are aware, Washington State, especially Western Washington, is horribly expensive to live in. Many of my neighbors have already left the state with a more seriously considering to do the same. The taxing of citizens is not sustainable and will only further harm homeowners and investors in this county and the state overall.

I would ask that you take this into consideration when casting your vote on this matter.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Tina Lissandrello

Mill Creek/Bothell

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS

**From:** B  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase?  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:22:38 PM

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I saw in the Nextdoor app. that there is a proposal for a tax increase. I am for financially supporting what our government needs. But in this age with so many people struggling and what a lot of us see of fraud waste and abuse, I am concerned that taxing has gotten out of control. I did a quick study of how Washington rates to other states and we are number 5 of all states. In our state Snohomish, King, and Pierce are the highest. We NEED to see where our taxes are going. A lot of people feel there is not enough accountability and checks and balances to prevent fraud, waste, and, abuse. We see tax rates go up for something but then it seems to be spent on something else. Maybe because most of the public does not see all of this some misunderstanding and mistrust is going on. It's like a shell game. Thank you for your time.

BTW...We live in Marysville and we like what your father has done for our town. Whenever I bring up a concern to him he responds quickly to it and whomever he forwards it on to.



[Sarah B.](#)  
[Lake Stevens Cavelero Hill](#)

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If you're reading this, you are likely affected: The County is proposing an 8.046% increase to their portion of property taxes—a rise that will impact homeowners, renters, and families across our community. Whether through higher rent or increased living costs, this tax hike will be felt by all. Why does this matter? This increase comes at a time when many of us are already struggling with rising costs for groceries, fuel, and utilities. This tax burden could push some residents to the brink of financial instability and force those on fixed income out of their homes. What can you do? Your voice is powerful. The County Council needs to hear from you—they need to know how this tax increase will impact your family, your neighborhood, and your future. Email or call your council members: Let them know that you oppose the tax increase and urge them to agree to Nate Nehring's Amendment to work within the current budget. Email: [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org) Attend the upcoming meeting: There is an important County Council BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 10:30 AM at Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor Robert J. Drewel Building in Everett, or via zoom at the link below. Webinar Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772>. This is your chance to speak directly to the council and express your concerns.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 24-075

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN GENERAL TAX REVENUES  
FOR PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED IN 2025 AND 2026

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on November \_\_\_\_, 2024, following public notice as required by law to consider the County's biennial budget, including revenue sources for calendar years 2025 and 2026, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, the County Council, after hearing and duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, including evidence and testimony presented upon consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 24-074, has determined that an increase in general tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increases resulting from the addition of new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbine facilities, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property under RCW 84.55.010, and from the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, is necessary in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the County and in its best interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, that an increase in property tax revenues for taxes collected in 2025 and 2026, in addition to the increases resulting from the addition of new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbine facilities, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property under RCW 84.55.010 and from the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, are hereby authorized in the amount of \$4,152,796 for the 2025 general levy, which is a percentage increase of 4.0446 (four and four hundred forty-six thousandths) percent from the previous year and \$4,500,000 for the 2026 general levy, which is a percentage increase of four (4) percent from the previous year.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

Grammar and spelling checked by Grammarly.

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Brian K. Houk

**From:** [tayrick31@yahoo.com](mailto:tayrick31@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:23:55 PM

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We have two properties that we pay taxes on in Snohomish County. This is very hard to take. Living in this County and seeing it degrade everyday and not seeing anything being done to make it better is beyond frustrating. We just had someone break our outside lock box to our lake property and we are concerned about squatters. We don't have laws to protect us, or law enforcement to do anything about it.

All we are seeing around us is apartment buildings being built. We see a lot of people moving here and that should increase the money going to the county. Also we see people doing drugs openly on the streets. For example I saw three people doing drugs today at an ampm in broad daylight. This past summer my son and I saw a homeless person in his underwear trying to bath and brush his teeth with a bottle of water, on the street next to a church. We have a house in our development that is clearly a drug house, we see people doing drugs in front of it in their cars. We see those addicts walking through our neighborhood. I came home from work one afternoon and had a drug addict in my front yard staring at my tree, then he proceeded to go to my backyard and stand in the easement and do drugs. The cops came and of course let him go. We see garbage everywhere. People sleeping on the sidewalks and bus stops.

What we don't see is roads to accommodate all this new traffic. We don't see repairs being done to some of the roads with pot holes. What we don't see is law enforcement being about to make arrests for theft. We feel for law enforcement not being to do anything, but at the same time we don't feel safe. If anything does happen we don't feel it is worth calling the police. We don't see anything being done about the drug and homeless situations. We don't see anything getting better. We see everything getting worse.

This council needs to sit down and go through the budget they already have and appropriately allocate funds to issues that need fixing before they hike taxes. They also need to stop giving themselves raises until people start seeing changes in the right direction. Roads, law enforcement., schools, drug addicts, homelessness.

Open your eyes to what is happening now. Go through what you already get and do the right thing. The answer isn't more money. The answer is using what is already there in the right direction.

**From:** [Jim Morino](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:24:03 PM

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To the Snohomish County Executive and the County Council

I am sorry I will not be able to attend the Wednesday, November 13 morning meeting in person. But I do want to let you know that I oppose ANY increase in my Snohomish County property tax.

I have lived in my home for over 30 years. From 2015 to 2024, my property tax has gone up 41.64% and now you are contemplating increasing it 8% in one year. I have heard that you have some "Banked" years that you did not raise taxes, but I think it is time to look at reducing expenses vs raising taxes. You didn't raise the rate but increasing values still caused the tax to go up to the county residents.

I owned my own business in Lynnwood for 32 years and know it is painful to cut staff, and tighten the belt, but it is what you have to do.

You are going to kill the golden goose. People cannot afford to live in a county that continues to fleece them to pay for programs that are not needed or wanted.

Please look at your budget and cut the waste. There's a lot!

Thank You  
Jim Morino  
958 Walnut Street  
Edmonds, WA  
98020



**From:** [durham6888@comcast.net](mailto:durham6888@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Tax Tax Levy Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:28:13 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I've not written previously, so ask for grace in being informal. First, I appreciate your community service and thank you.

My husband and I are just reaching retirement age and will be experiencing limited income. My husband owned his own small business for many years and therefore does not have a pension, and I worked in non-profit related work most of my adult life. We don't have the luxury of easy retirement.

It is our understanding that Vice President Council Member Nate Nehring is proposing a budget amendment to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase in Executive Somers' proposed budget by reducing unnecessary spending to ensure a balanced budget with no tax increase. We hope you'll heavily consider this as during a time when the economy is rough. Any measure to reduce tax payer spending is helpful.

I appreciate your consideration.

Jeanne (and Mike) Durham  
19729 71st PL W  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**From:** [Leo Fagan](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** DO NOT RAISE PROPERTY TAXES OVER THE 1 % CAP  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:28:19 PM

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IF YOU WANT MORE THAN A 1% RAISE PUT IT TO A VOTE OF  
THE RESIDENTS





**From:** [Rory Howell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no on 8% Property tax.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:29:02 PM

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Good afternoon To the Snohomish, County council,

This massive increase in property tax is going to disproportionately affect, elderly on a fixed income, and the poor who are struggling to make ends meet. This property tax increase will correlate to higher rents throughout the county and many people who own homes will be forced to sell who have lived in the county for generations.

Please vote no on this 8% property tax increase.

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**From:** [Carson Espinosa](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** In regards to the 8% property tax vote tomorrow  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:29:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [Outlook-signature .png](#)

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VOTE NO!

This is absurd we already pay way too much tax in this state. Not to mention the inflation we have endured under the Biden Administration.

Simple living expenses are already too high and taking more money out of peoples pockets, now the local government wants to take more!?

Maybe the local government needs to look at downsizing and spending less money on useless things.

Thanks,

Carson Espinosa



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**From:** [Peggy A. Perkins](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:29:46 PM

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I strongly oppose the proposed new tax increase . Vote NO. ENOUGH TAXATION ALREADY.  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Denise Cavallo](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I say NO to the property tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:30:12 PM

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Thank you  
Denise Cavallo  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nan Lucke](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:30:12 PM

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Snohomish County Council,

We as Snohomish County residents oppose this proposed 8% tax increase.

The taxes are hurting your constituents.

Please, instead, seriously consider Councilman Nehring's budget proposal to eliminate 8% property tax by cutting unnecessary spending.

Sincerely,

Concerned Snohomish residents

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Michael Delloso](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Heather Delloso](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:35:59 PM

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Dear SnoCo Council,

I just read Nate Nehring's op-ed in the Herald on your proposal to hike general property taxes. You have got to be kidding!

We the voters and taxpayers sent you a clear message last week that we don't want any more taxes!!

We have been overburdened with tax increase after tax increase these past few years! ENOUGH ALREADY!

As a 15-year resident, I urge you to STOP this 8% increase! My family cannot afford anymore taxes! We are living paycheck to paycheck as it is and cannot afford to be burdened with yet another spending spree! Cut wasteful spending at your level before you even consider coming for our near-empty wallets!

Sincerely,  
Michael Delloso  
Everett resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dave Matz](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Not enough money  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:36:42 PM

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*For 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%.*

Government will never have enough money get use to IT.

**From:** [Elliott Hersch](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote No on Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:43:58 PM

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Hello,

I have been a Washingtonian and lived in Snohomish County my entire life. We have 4 generations of family in the area and all have seen the decline over years yet seen the vast increase in taxation.

Please do your due diligence and represent the people of the county. Vote No to the 8% increase.

If this passes it shows that the county is deficient in its ability to manage financial resources from taxpayers and will work to ensure every council member that approves the increase will lose their position.

Thank you,

Elliott Hersch

**From:** [R.W](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:47:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [cidF2D5422C-194D-4F73-9022-1AAE3EC1FA00.pdf](#)

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes. Such a high increase in such a short time is detrimental to many households and causes undue stress on top of other accelerating costs of living here.

Please use the resources you have.

Thank you,  
Ramona Wijayratne  
Brier WA

**From:** [Patricia Ann](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:51:37 PM

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To the Snohomish County Council,

Right now is not the time to raise county property taxes when the current economy is already putting a financial strain on families. Voters made it clear in our recent election that they do not want tax increases. Please honor the will of the voters.

Patty Stephens  
Marysville homeowner

**From:** [Madeline Gerwick](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Increase Feedback  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:51:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Snohomish County Council.

I am writing in response to your proposal to raise taxes 8%. Did you get an 8% wage increase in the past year? I know we didn't. And on top of that, food went up 22%. Energy and housing are similar or worse. We all have desires of what we want, but under the current circumstances, your desire for an 8% tax increase is *way beyond* reasonable and *not needed*. We have tightened our belts. It's time for you to do the same. We make hard choices. So can you. We appreciate Nate's alternative proposal and highly recommend that you seriously consider implementing it. People are already choosing between food and housing payments. Or food and medicine. Or food and heating oil. This is the bottom of the barrel. I talk to many small businesses in Arlington regularly. This year is far worse than even what we experienced during Covid.

There is no additional 8% for you! Wake up to this recession and start taking more appropriate steps to balance your budget with cuts.

Best wishes for a much more realistic budget!

Madeline Gerwick

PO Box 160, Arlington WA 98223

[mgb@polarisbusinessguides.com](mailto:mgb@polarisbusinessguides.com)



**From:** [COURTNEY THARP](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:52:32 PM

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Time to make growth pay for growth! I have lived here all my sixty eight years and have seen many changes. Most not for the best. It appears the developers get all the tax breaks they want as the rest of us get a worse quality of life in crime, traffic, schools, and infrastructure! If people cannot afford to live here because of housing cost So Be It!! Time for an excise tax on all new growth for housing and business! You folks in office rubber stamp all development while waiting for your constituents to tax themselves more to try to keep a fair quality of life they can afford without moving to Arkansas ( my sister) or some other backward state.

Courtney P Tharp (Democrat)  
Lake Stevens

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Branthoover](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:53:36 PM

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Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - Re: Proposed Property Tax Increase

**Council Members,**

My name is John Branthoover. I have lived in Arlington for the past 20, while enjoying the small-town atmosphere and amenities.

However, as a retired senior on a fixed income, I read with more than some alarm about the proposed property tax increase the council is considering. Though my property value has decreased, the property taxes keep increasing every year. Do Council members realize the financial conditions we seniors living on a fixed income are having to cope with ?

The ever-increasing costs of groceries, home and auto insurances, health care, gas, natural gas, electricity, garbage collection, etc. are placing a strain on everyone's budgets. I have read Nate Nehring's response to the property tax increase and I agree with his suggestions.

I urge the Council members to please consider the plight of all retired citizens living in Snohomish County and reject this property tax increase. I do not believe the County has a revenue problem. It does, however, have a spending problem that needs to be brought under control.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours Truly,

John Branthoover - [jmbranthoover@comcast.net](mailto:jmbranthoover@comcast.net)

Phone 360 435-3668



**From:** [Mary K](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax increase--NO!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:54:03 PM

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*I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.*

**MARY KLEIN**

The most noble acts of kindness  
can't compare with what God has done  
to rescue one struggling sinner.

**From:** [Nithyanandan](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Wiita, Russell](#); [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Not in favor of increasing property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:58:05 PM

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Dear Snohomish council members,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I am supporting Nate Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes on November 13th. It would be great if details on what the money collected from increased property taxes is intended to fund is communicated to SnoCo residents and majority approval is got before the decision is made to increase the taxes.

Thanks and Regards,  
Nithy & Chella

**From:** [D.S Frost](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please reconsider property tax increas  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:59:11 PM

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To the Snohomish County Council.

Councilmember Nate Nehring, the Snohomish County Council Vice President, is proposing a budget amendment to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase in Executive Somers' proposed budget by reducing unnecessary spending to ensure a balanced budget with no tax increase.

Please vote for this amendment. We are elderly and cannot afford a big tax increase of 8%. We live in Snohomish County.

Thank you.

*Darcy Frost*  
*1124 Park Cir*  
*Bothell, WA 98021*

**From:** [Sandy L](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% property tax increase agenda item 11/13  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:00:59 PM

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I am opposed to the proposed 8% property tax increase scheduled for council discussion on November 13th.

Sandra Liedtke  
Mukilteo

**From:** [Ken Hale](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO on 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:01:39 PM

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Please vote no on tax increases.

**From:** [Janine](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish Citizen - property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:01:44 PM

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I can barely afford to get by as it is. I am tired and I want to have a little money to send my son to college. Please DO NOT raise property taxes.

Janine

**From:** [Todd Andrews](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No tax increases  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:08:27 PM

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Dear Council,

I'm writing to voice my concerns about an 8% tax increase in the counties property tax lop hole that you are voting on! If this is true this is an absolute travesty that you would even consider doing this! If you do pass this I assure you I will do everything in my power to make sure that you are defeated in the next election!

The average person is already overtaxed and can barely forward their mortgage as is. Don't make the mistake of thinking this will go unpunished on your end if you vote for this.

Since

James Andrews

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dean rocky barrick](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% property tax increase.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:09:49 PM

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Greetings: I have been paying taxes for my house in Snohomish County for over thirty-five years. An increase of eight percent on my current property tax is outrageous. Cost of living has escalated dramatically to say the least over the last few years and this additional increase could very well cause serious financial problems with those who are on fixed or limited income; meeting the current property tax is already a hardship. I urge you to seek alternatives for increasing the county revenue, or better yet, cut some services and consider lowering the property tax by eight percent. I say "NO" on the proposed increase. Thank you for your time and consideration, Dean Barrick



**From:** [John Patterson](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** DO NOT raise property taxes more than 1%!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:10:27 PM

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Snohomish County Council,

Do not raise taxes more than 1%! Why would you do that? You are required by law to request the voters approval if you want to raise taxes more than that. Surely you know there will be a lawsuit to reverse any tax greater than what is allowed by law. Come on. Play by the rules.

John Patterson

**From:** [Dan](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Tax Increases!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:11:10 PM

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Snohomish County Council,

The county continues to grow, with ever increasing numbers of taxpayers, homes being built, that is undoubtedly growing the coffers of the county. It's not a revenue problem for the county; it's a SPENDING problem.

Our property taxes have DOUBLED in 10 years despite seeing endless new home construction of 7 figure homes and above along with the massive increase in high density housing. There is not a shortfall of money coming into the county. The voters just rejected another money grab in the election because the taxpayers have real budgets where we decide what's important like food, gas, home repairs, rent, etc. just to make ends meet.

The county council and executives office need to take a good look or better yet a proper accounting of where the taxpayers money is going rather than demanding the public to just pay more.

Just how many programs could be reduced or eliminated as they are outside the governments role which could save tremendous amounts of money and be spent more wisely on necessary programs?

Please support Nate Nehring's amendment to eliminate the tax increase and freeze current property tax rates.

Sincerely,

Dan Kessler  
Brier

**From:** [Phyllis Roberts](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% real estate tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:11:31 PM

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Council members.

The increase in real estate tax proposal is concerning. At a time when cost of living has increased, is it possible to just keep within the budget? I appreciate Nate Nehring's Amendment and ask that you consider it further.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Phyllis Roberts  
13622 Kenwanda Dr. Snohomish, WA 98296  
425 512 1192

**From:** [Elizabeth](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent Plea Regarding Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:13:08 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed 8% property tax hike. As a single mother and a teacher, this increase could have dire consequences for my family's livelihood, and I implore you to reconsider this decision.

My situation is as follows:

- I am the sole provider for my three children, receiving no child support or financial assistance.
- My income from teaching does not suffice, forcing me to work an additional job from Friday evening, after I am done teaching, through Sunday.
- Despite working seven days a week, and a double shift on Fridays, I am not merely living paycheck to paycheck; I am currently in a cycle of debt.

The proposed tax increase would mean:

- An immediate and significant increase in my monthly financial obligations at a time when I am already stretched beyond my limits.
- The likely loss of our home, as I cannot foresee a scenario where I could manage the additional financial burden with my current income and expenses.

I am not alone in this struggle. Many families in Snohomish County are fighting to keep their homes and provide for their children under similar constraints. An increase in property taxes at this level would:

- Displace numerous families, including mine, leading to increased homelessness.
- Further strain local support systems already at capacity.
- Negatively impact the education and welfare of many children, including my own, due to the stress and instability it would cause.

I am begging you to consider the human impact of this decision. I am already working myself into exhaustion, and any further financial strain could push us into homelessness. Please, do not make a decision that would punish those who are already struggling to survive.

Thank you for considering this plea.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth  
Snohomish County resident

**From:** [Teri Boggs](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Probably tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:22:41 PM

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Do not raise out properly tax! We are senior citizens, barely getting by making your house payment because the taxes are so high health insurance is so high and everything else groceries, gas is so high our Social Security barely covers our health insurance cost.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Christopher Ferguson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase in property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:30:51 PM

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Dear Council,

I am not entirely clear on the proposed property tax increase by the SnoCo Council.

Why did I vote earlier this year for the initiative that failed by a vote of the people? And now the council is working to add 3% to the state mandated maximum of 1% per year, for 2025 and 2026. The total increase will be 8% for two years and is proposed to be adopted immediately to upcoming tax assessments. This is taxation without representation. Do not allow this proposal to be enacted!

Christopher Ferguson  
6404 Olympic Drive  
Everett, Wa.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [hansenfamily1996](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:32:21 PM

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Councilmembers,

I am writing to encourage you to reject the proposed property tax increase, and instead freeze property taxes and balance the county budget through spending cuts as proposed by Councilmember Nehring in the linked article.

Councilmember Nehring's article does an excellent job laying out the reasons, so I won't restate them here. I will only add that our state government continues to be on a taxing and spending binge. Adding to Snohomish County residents' ever increasing costs with more property taxes only hurts your constituents.

<https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/comment-county-execs-property-tax-proposal-poorly-timed/>

Sincerely,

Sean Hansen  
17015 31st Drive SE  
Bothell, WA 98012

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Chris LaBerge](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council proposed Property Tax Increase.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:33:37 PM

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Hello Snohomish Council Members,

I support Nate Nehring and support the proposal to eliminate the 8% property tax increase, freeze property taxes at their current rate, and balance the budget by cutting unnecessary spending. I do not want the tax increase, and wish instead the council seek reductions in special interest and other programs.

Thank you,  
Chris LaBerge



**From:** [Ron V](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:39:17 PM

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Hello,

I would like to voice my opposition to your proposed 8% tax increase. My taxes already went up for 2024 nearly \$2000. We are at our max in this area.

We cannot afford another tax increase!

Ron Verburg  
27616 Grandview Rd, Arlington WA.

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**From:** [Denise Ann Kom](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:35:01 PM

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Hi

We have lived in our home for over 30 years. This increase is so unnecessary.

We vote no as a county But someone always finds a loophole.

Why is it that our leaders work for us but as Washington residents we have no voice? We need to put a budget in place and stick to it. Stop paying for people to do street drugs. Stop paying for people that do not want to work. We have to work to support our household. But at the same time we are paying for others. We need a snohomish county voice that cares about the people that pay the money and the wages of the council. We are not Seattle. We do not want Seattle issues in our county. Run the county like you would any other business. Create budgets and stick with them. Do not just find loopholes. Start doing your Jobs and help all of us. We need to start caring about our community. Stop the nonsense. Create a better city. Bring more businesses in stop running them out. Create a community we can be proud of. Not one that is only for the homeless and the lawless. If you council the community and show the business owners you care they will come. That will create revenue for our county. We don't need more taxes. People that vote are the residents that contribute to the community. Stop the increase so we can pay our mortgages taxes and insurance without going bankrupt. Care about the snohomish county community.

Thank you

Deni k

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Troy Hammersmith](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:41:33 PM

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This 8% increase is ridiculous. You all should be ashamed of yourselves.

Everyone is struggling to survive and put food on the table and you want to gouge the hard working home owners again.

If you didn't catch the national news people are tired of the status quo.

You have a member proposing common sense cuts that will freeze home taxes and save you money.

Yes some things will get scaled back. It will be fine, the sky is not falling, and doomsday isn't coming, yet anyway.

Do something different for once and go the common sense route. You wouldn't run your home budget like this.

Troy Hammersmith  
206.679.3469

**From:** [William Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [Tim Eyman](#)  
**Subject:** Please stick to the 1% annual cap on property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:42:07 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

*Please, Please, Please.....The voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 747 and for 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%. It is beyond outrageous that you're seriously considering voting to raise property taxes AT ALL. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you're actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% cap and doing it without asking voters permission. Don't do it. It's vicious, cruel, and disrespectful to the people you're elected to represent. Vote no on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now.*

*We are on a fixed income and we currently pay \$15,400 in annual property taxes. This is our largest expense annually! Almost 13% of our annual income!*

*Please vote against this onerous increase!*

*Thank you*

William Kelly

Woodinville

**From:** [Jack Ladd](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:45:17 PM

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Please vote down the proposed 8% property tax increase. People are being priced out of their homes. We are trying to raise our families the way that we were raised. These excessive taxes are hurting our society. I believe, if you look for ways to save the tax payer dollars and eliminate wasteful spending, the needs of the government can be met.

Thank you for listening/considering..

Sincerely,

Jack Ladd

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**From:** [Roberleigh Randle](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% real estate tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:48:04 PM

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I do not support this proposal. Our home taxes are high enough now and we do not need to be paying more and more for general county expenses that are not necessary for the operations of the county government.

It seems to me this county is bent on getting rid of senior home owners by increasing the home taxes to where we cannot afford our homes. We can't afford to sell our homes because of the capital gains tax and can't afford to rent anywhere as our current home mortgage is less per month than the current \$2,000 rent per month for a one-bedroom, one bathroom apartment in a secure building.

If we as seniors have to tighten our belts so should the county government.

Thank you for reading my comments.

**From:** [BORIS ZARETSKY](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Reject proposed 8% increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:48:40 PM

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Dear Council members,  
I urge you to reject the 8% increase in property taxes proposed by Snohomish County Executive Dave Sommers. Instead, I ask that you accept council member Nate Nehring's amendment, which balances the county budget without a tax increase and without eliminating key county services.

Sincerely,

Boris Zaretsky  
6016 122nd Place SW  
Mukilteo, WA 98275  
425-501-5616

**From:** [nhjcallihan@frontier.com](mailto:nhjcallihan@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to 8% property tax increas  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:54:53 PM

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Dear SNO CO Council Members,

There are several reason and some financially responsible ways to not need a 8% increase in property taxes next year.

First, land taxes are going up and up and thus tax revenue will be going up and up with that.

Second, there is a rational, financially responsible proposal by Council member Nate .

Third, four of the three ballot initiative to repeal taxes were struck done just a few days ago...meaning more taxes will be coming to Wa. residents.

BTW, do you think this is a welcomed timing for such a measure?

If all or most of the Sno Co residents KNEW of this meeting in the middle of the week, in the middle of the work day and COULD LEAVE their work without inconvenience and perhaps financial loss, the meeting room would be PACKED with YOUR CONSTITUENTS giving a resounding NO to this raise in property taxes.

A Sno CO resident since 2006,  
Nancy Callihan



**From:** [Beverly Heuer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:00:37 PM

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Dear Council Members:

I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be an additional financial burden for me!

I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Beverly Heuer  
Everett WA

**From:** [mike leaman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax increase re: 11/13 council meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:05:22 PM

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Snohomish County Council members,

My wife and I have been homeowners and residents in Snohomish County for 25 years. First of all, what part of NO don't you all understand? Prop 1 was voted down by a majority for a 1 % tax increase and now you think it's ok to thumb your noses at the majority and raise our taxes 8%? You need to listen to the majority of the people. NO more tax increases!

Thank you

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Mike & Susan Leaman

**From:** [Nancy Hedges](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Voting NO on Snohomish Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:05:22 PM

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We are being taxed to DEATH! We, like many other seniors, live on a fixed income. Although we planned for inflation the continual increases in taxes is beginning to force us out of our 20 year home! This has to stop!!!  
We support Nate Nehring's Ammendment!  
Nancy & Dick Hedges  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John and Peggy Klein](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** re: taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:08:06 PM

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Property owners and renters are way overburdened with taxes and other living expenses. We as Snohomish county residents are really fed up with the high cost of living we are already experiencing and our council members will be voted out if they even think of raising our taxes higher. I have already called into the county offices on the ridiculous prices we are all paying now. We are extremely tired of all the costs that are being dumped on us. That is another one of the reasons Trump was voted in, in a landslide and the existing people in the current administration have been voted out.

**From:** [Dennis and Lori Borders](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting November 13th 2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:14:08 PM

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To the Snohomish County Council Members:

I humbly request that you do everything within your power to adhere as closely to the 1% (per year) Constitutional Limit for increases to property tax, which has kept seniors and working poor from being taxed out of their homes.

I-747 was intended to increase the taxing powers of districts to an unreasonably high percentage. Both the King County Superior Court and the Supreme Court of Washington declared Initiative 747 to be unconstitutional. Now our legislators have written a law (which would also be found unconstitutional if challenged) which gives you the power to increase taxes in an irresponsible and punishing way.

Please do not add this burden to the extreme inflation and the economic distress which resulted from Covid to the backs of hard working citizens.

If you raise our taxes more than 1% per year; I will work hard to fight your next reelection, if you vote for unreasonable increases.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lori Borders  
Stanwood, WA 98292

**From:** [Heathervanvoorst](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support Nate Nehring  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:14:23 PM

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I am a property owner, local business owner of a contracting company, and a licensed real estate agent in Snohomish County.

I support the alternative budget proposed by Nate Nehring and reject any and all raising of property taxes. They should be frozen immediately to support the economic growth of our county and area.

Sincerely,

Heather Van Voorst  
360-926-2727

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [Russell Clarke](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No 8% tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:53:06 PM

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No 8% tax increase! A group of average citizens could find 8% to cut in the county's 3 BILLION dollar budget. We've all had to make cuts in our household budgets, YOU CAN TOO!

**From:** [Mike graves](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:16:37 PM

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The proposed tax increase you will be considering will hurt working families, retirees, and the rest of the community.

Not only that, but many of you have stated that you will not raise taxes.

STOP and vote this down.

LOOK at county government and find ways to trim and reallocate.

Don't be big government. That's not what the tax payers in Sno Co want!!!!

Michael Graves.

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**From:** [Troy Wahlbrink](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025/26 biannual meeting opposition  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:17:56 PM

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I am writing to expressed another onion that the 8% tax increase that is proposed should not go through. We are already having more than enough taxes levied on homeowners and other options should be considered. An article in the Herald lays out a better plan to address the terrible increase that is proposed. We have rejected proposed taxes and yet you have also ignored your constituents wishing by moving forward anyway.

An article printed today by Nate Nehring addresses this issue and can solve it while simultaneously allowing the Council to listen to the residents that pay the Council's salary every year. I am not clear on why the Council believes it has the gall to make this decision despite our wishes. You need to find this money somewhere else without reaching into our pockets as if you own us.

*Thanks and have a great day,*

***Troy Wahlbrink***

206-384-8300

**From:** [hollym3 \(null\)](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Do not increase our property taxes!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:18:15 PM

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This is insane!!!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jeff ZHANG](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising real estate taxes another 8%  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:19:35 PM  
**Importance:** High

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County council,

We really concerned about your potential which seems to raise property taxes another 8%.  
With the current financial situation, it will be difficult for us to afford it.  
Please re-consider it.

Thanks,  
Jeff and Sophie Zhang  
13711 51st Dr. SE  
Everett, WA 98208

**From:** [Kacy Couture](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT RAISE MY PROPERTY TAXES!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:19:36 PM

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We are already being taxed into poverty! If anything meaningful was being done with the money it would be one thing, but our state and county continue to plummet into despair. Roads are screwed everywhere, crime is through the roof and we have bums in every corner of the county.

NO NO NO!!!

Thank you.  
Kacy H.

**From:** [T.P](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No - 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:20:55 PM

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This is becoming sad. We have all endured ridiculous property tax increases since 2019 as we saw our property assessments double and have seen less in return from the local Government. You have a budgeting and spending problem's. It all correlates nationwide with Federal and Local Governments forgetting how to stop spending the money that was poured out during Covid. Turn off the drain, identify the leaks, and then fix it. Taking more without an honest assessment of how you spent your way into this issue, isn't the answer.

I chose to move here for my last billet in the Military to retire here. I'm a 100% disabled and retired veteran with a special needs son (forever baby). You're pricing us out of our home and ability to live here when you continuously increase property taxes while combining that with extremely high sales taxes, increased labor costs, a 30% increase in homeowners insurance (because of the regulations and costs to rebuild a home here), and skyrocketing car insurance rates.

This is already on top of families that had to sacrifice wages because our kids were kept out of school for 1.5 years. This caused families to drain their savings and led to the United States to compile the MOST CONSUMER DEBT EVER.

Please do better and reassess how your out of control spending is impacting residents and their livelihoods.

Tim Perry, Unincorporated Bothell

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [khoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:khoffice13@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Counsel Meeting 11/13/24  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:16:19 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am reaching out as a deeply concerned taxpayer regarding the public hearing on the proposed 2025–2026 biennial budget. This proposal, which includes an 8% increase to the county portion of property taxes, is something that many of us simply cannot afford in the current climate.

I strongly support Councilmember Nate Nehring's alternative budget proposal, which would eliminate this tax hike, keep property taxes at their current rate, and balance the budget by targeting unnecessary expenditures.

-Snohomish County Tax Payer

**From:** [Nadine Reels](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:14:00 PM

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To those who it may concern,

As a property owner in Snohomish County I wish to express my great disapproval of this proposed hike. It is tone deaf, and will result in my efforts to remove any council member who approves of tax hike, rather than balancing a budget, which is your job.

If you can't do your job, resign. Do not resign to cause taxpayers demonstrative results because of your inability to property do a job/position which you applied for.

Shame on any board member who suggested this disgusting excuse to excuse you all for your poor management of budgets and funds.

Sincerely,

Nadine K Reels  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Terry Hodges](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** The proposed 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:09:19 PM

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To all council members:

I support Nate Nehring's proposal regarding fiscal responsibility and the proposed property tax increase. Proper fiscal responsibility is needed here. My question to each of you is, "**What part of NO NEW TAXES do you not understand?**" This last year, increased property taxes have already raised my mortgage payment around \$200/mo. Enough is enough!!

Not only no but hell no!!

Terry Hodges  
From Mountlake Terrace



**From:** [Kenneth Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote no on the tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:05:09 PM

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Dear County Council,

Please do not vote to approve this tax hike. We are not wealthy homeowners and this just adds to our tax burden.

Thank you!

Ken Nielsen

**From:** [Susan Marks](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:05:08 PM

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I'm writing regarding the proposal to increase property taxes in Snohomish County that will be discussed during the council meeting tomorrow, November 13th. I'm a tax paying citizen of Snohomish county, and I absolutely oppose any further tax increases, especially property taxes. They are already exorbitant, and I cannot believe the Council is even giving consideration to this ridiculous proposal. Rather, I agree with the proposal made by Council VP Nate Nehring, to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase in Executive Somers' proposed budget by reducing unnecessary spending to ensure a balanced budget with no tax increase.

Before the Council raises taxes, please think about looking at your current spending and where that can be decreased.

Thank you,  
Susan Marks, Mill Creek

**From:** [Gary Whitley](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase 8%  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:56:26 PM

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Council members,

I find it interesting that government officials at all levels talk about "affordable housing" all the while enacting policies that are in direct conflict to attain "affordable housing". (you know this)

Policies that lead to inflation of all goods and especially an explosion in housing prices. Those prices are reflected in erroneous property assessments.....especially after housing prices deflate...and the tax remains. (you know this)

Those citizens / voters who live in apartments may believe that they are unaffected by property tax until their rent increases to cover the new taxes. Citizens of all ages are crushed by taxes as they exist....without additional burden. How many people will be displaced by this 8% increase in taxes? Will the displaced also seek help as another homeless statistic? Does anyone care? (you know this)

Senior citizens are especially punished by increases of any prices...insurances (home, auto, health), utilities, food, medicines, gas, sales tax, property tax, rent.....the big killer is inflation. (you know this)

We seniors would beg relief from constant financial stress brought about by government inventing "new" ways to spend money rather than put in the difficult work to create an honest affordable budget. The "easy" way is to increase tax revenue. (you know this)

Consider the impact / punishment the Snohomish County Council has on your individual selves, your families, your friends, your grandchildren, neighbors.

**Taxes are forever. (you know this)**

We citizens / voters just want to be able to afford to live out the rest of our lives. Yes, you know this also and yet.....

Gary Whitley  
17830 Oxford Dr.  
Arlington, WA 98223

360-474-1178

**From:** [Neil Williams](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:50:06 PM

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Please do not pass the property tax levy.  
Thank you.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [David Castillo](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** General Levy  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:47:07 PM

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Good evening, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the 8% increase to the county levy that has been proposed by the County Executive.

Our property taxes are among the highest in the in the state and even small, incremental increases are burdensome

Here in Woodway we just agreed to a proposition that would increase our taxes for much needed services. We do have a revenue problem in Woodway. However, the same cannot be said for Snohomish County writ large.

Voter overwhelmingly rejected your tax increases at the ballot box. Please reject the proposed increase.

Sincerely,

David Castillo  
Woodway, WA

**From:** [Jeremy Siekas](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more property tax increases  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:43:35 PM

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We need to cut spending first before asking us to pay more. It is unfair to every household who has already had to squeeze budgets to pay more taxes while government does not reduce spending.

Jeremy Siekas

**From:** [Mary Sodawasser](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:43:31 PM

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To All of you,

I cannot afford another tax! Please do not vote to increase our property tax as proposed. My husband retires next spring and then we will be on a fixed income. While we have planned for these later years the best we could this would be another increase that will cause us to cut back on groceries and medications. Please don't put us in this position.

Thank you,

Mary Sodawasser

Snohomish's County resident and voter.

Sent from my awesome iPhone



**From:** [Debbie Blodgett](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:42:09 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

The proposed 8% increase in property tax is an outrageous increase to the property owners of Snohomish County. This much of an increase is an obvious government overreach. This increase will cause undo hardship to working couples with families, single homeowners, and retirees who are on limited income.

I would rather have the county look at their departments and cut the waste to make up for the proposed increase.

I support Councilman Nate Nehring's proposal.

Thank you.

Debbie Blodgett  
206-979-2709  
[Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [joe coyle](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** An 8% increase is not ok  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:39:38 PM

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Our county is not serving its people by this increase. Like the homeless issue, throwing more of my money will not help. Trim your own sails first and stay away from mine. Weren't you following the election results? This is a mandate from the people

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [Sarah Quintero](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:38:14 PM

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Hello,

I live in snohomish county and don't want an 8% increase in our property taxes. The cost of living is already through the roof!! You'll be forcing ppl to leave their homes....

Thank you,

Sarah Quintero

**From:** [Nathan Packard](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for 11/13 County Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:37:57 PM

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To Whom It May Concern-

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed Snohomish County Council budget, which increases the Property Tax by 8%.

Over the last 5 years my property taxes have increased by 31%, for an average of 6% per year. I am already frustrated by this substantial increase. The fact that the county is proposing an annual increase beyond that 5 year average is very difficult to understand.

I fully support the alternative proposal by Councilmember Nate Nehring to balance the County budget without tax increases while continuing to provide essential services. I am certain that the majority of Snohomish County residents agree with this sentiment. We are all being burdened by ever increasing taxes, as the federal, state and municipal levels. Any relief that can be provided, especially by simply electing not to increase the tax burden, is important.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nathan Packard.  
Lake Stevens City Resident

**From:** [Kalen von Olnhausen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025-2026 biennial budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:17:27 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am reaching out as a deeply concerned taxpayer regarding the public hearing on the proposed 2025–2026 biennial budget. This proposal, which includes an 8% increase to the county portion of property taxes, is something that many of us simply cannot afford in the current climate.

I strongly support Councilmember Nate Nehring’s alternative budget proposal, which would eliminate this tax hike, keep property taxes at their current rate, and balance the budget by targeting unnecessary expenditures.

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Kalen von Olnhausen  
Lynnwood resident

**From:** [Jodie Paine](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:17:35 PM

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Please, please vote no on the 8% tax increase. We are elderly and on a fixed budget and this increase will hurt us. Please accept Nate Nehring's alternative budget.

Jodie Paine  
Marysville, Wa.  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Jerry Goodale](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** The idiotic proposal of an 8% property tax increase.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:20:20 PM

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I am a retired school teacher living on a fixed income. I can't afford any increase in property tax rates. The increased valuation of my home alone should not require any additional rate hikes. Do your jobs and change the way you waste our tax dollars. You vote for any increase and I will make it my life's mission to elect responsible representatives who care about their constituents.

Jerome A Goodale  
A very disappointed voter

Sent from Gmail Mobile

**From:** [Stephen Eneberg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent Request to Oppose the 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:20:23 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident of Snohomish County regarding the proposed 8% increase in our property taxes set to be voted on tomorrow. I understand the financial needs of our community, but I urge you to consider the burdens this increase would impose on many of us, particularly in these economically challenging times.

Here are several reasons why I strongly oppose this tax increase:

- 1. Economic Hardship:** Many residents, including myself, are still recovering from the economic impacts of recent years. An 8% increase in property taxes could significantly strain household budgets, particularly for seniors, single parents, and those with fixed incomes.
- 2. Transparency and Justification:** While it's important to fund essential services, the increase seems disproportionate to the current economic climate and inflation rates. I request a detailed breakdown of how this increased revenue will be utilized, ensuring it goes towards critical services rather than administrative overhead or unnecessary projects.
- 3. Community Sentiment:** From discussions on social platforms and community meetings, it's clear there's significant opposition to this increase among residents. This decision could alienate voters and affect trust in local governance.
- 4. Alternatives:** Before resorting to tax hikes, have all other avenues of revenue or cost-saving measures been exhausted? Perhaps there are inefficiencies that could be streamlined or alternative funding sources that could be explored, like grants or partnerships.
- 5. Long-term Impact:** Continuous tax increases without corresponding increases in property values or incomes can lead to higher rates of foreclosure or residents moving out of the county. This could ultimately decrease the tax base, negating the intended benefits of the increase.

I implore you to vote against this tax increase. Consider the long-term effects on our community's economic health and the well-being of your constituents.

Property taxes are not just numbers on a bill; they represent real financial sacrifices for many families. I trust that you will consider the welfare of all Snohomish County residents in your deliberations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a decision that reflects the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Stephen Eneberg

3505 Upland, Ave  
Everett, WA 98203  
[Seneberg@hotmail.com](mailto:Seneberg@hotmail.com)  
425-478-4423



**From:** [Stephen Bergman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Nope  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:21:21 PM

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Stop being ridiculous  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [E.V](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Say no to new taxes!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:24:34 PM

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Dear Snohomish Council Members,

Please do not raise taxes on your constituents. Many of us are still hurting from the last raises and those of us who are Seniors need to prepare for retirement. We do not have a never-ending supply of funds.

Please adopt the common-sense ideas suggested by Council member Nehring. He has level-headed solutions that will stop the over-spending we see on unnecessary programs.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Vallins

**From:** [Alex Agiyants](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Do not raise a percent on taxes!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:26:23 PM

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There are single mothers who have two jobs and you're going to increase the taxes?

**From:** [Pamela Goodale](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase in property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:27:22 PM

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My husband and I are 76 years of age and have seen our property taxes increase every year. We are at the point that further increases will force us to sell our home. Our only source of income is social security and the yearly increases in it do not cover the current inflationary costs for insurance (both car and homeowners) and food. I respectfully urge the Council not to add this additional burden.

**From:** [Dan Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Snoco Property Tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:28:27 PM

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Is it true that an 8% increase is proposed? On the surface, I believe that is a bad idea. Reducing spending is preferred. Making tax payers increase their already stretched budgets is not a welcome prospect.

Please direct me to where I can find more information about this if the rumor of that tax increase is true.

Thank you.

\*\*Dan Johnson  
Picnic Point neighborhood of Snohomish County

**From:** [Christy Martin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** budget amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:29:03 PM

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Dear Executive Somers,

I am writing in support of the budget amendment proposed by Councilmember Nate Nehring to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase proposed in your budget. This increase over current budgeted levels will be damaging to our community where we are already experiencing extreme price hikes on all goods that help sustain families and businesses in Snohomish County. Additionally, I want to see discretionary spending that is not connected to essential County government functions eliminated. It is time to think of your constituents and help preserve the town of Snohomish. The rampant building is not unnoticed, and I find it very interesting that you are seeking a tax increase when tax revenues automatically increased with the many apartments and homes that are being built while our forests are being bulldozed.

It is time for accountability and while I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow, I want you to know that I staunchly opposed another tax hike. Please feel free to reach me at 253-740-2091 to discuss in greater detail.

Regards,  
Christine Martin

**From:** [David Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:33:19 PM

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We cannot afford an 8% increase in the property taxes. Home ownership is already out of my adult children's reach.

With property values continuing to rise, the tax collection increases. Live within your budget as we have to. I am retired, still work to make it and barely make my tax payments each year now.

LARRY NELSON, AGE 80  
Snohomish County resident trying to stay here.

**From:** [Brian Lorbiecki](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Pass this and get voted out like Harris  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:35:36 PM

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No way, cut the budget, this hurts please don't do it.  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Sue Ward](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget /8% Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:35:36 PM

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Dear Council Members,

In reading the Everett Herald today, I was appalled to come across Nate Nehring's letter. I was not aware until today of this proposal.

We the citizen's of this state are struggling to make ends meet within our home budgets. Without losing our homes, vehicles and belongings; WE CUT OUR SPENDING! The CUTS within our financial plan include food, clothing, recreation, dining, holiday spending, heating, gas, cable services, preventative healthcare, pet care and personal needs. This County needs to do the same damn thing. Tighten up the budget in every single department.

We have a single daughter who now lives in her own apartment and is struggling like hell to survive. She works anywhere from 11 to 15 hours a day, 6 days a week at USPS.

My parents this year had to move to a local senior care this year and paying \$6,900 a month. They will see an automatic 5% increase Jan 2025. That will also increase if the 8% increase is imposed and passed on to them!

Did the VOTERS not scream loud enough on Nov 5th regarding taxes?!

My VOTE on this PROPOSAL of Dave Somers is to follow the recommendation of Nate Nehrings. I agree 100% with every word!

Susan Ward

Arlington

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Ward](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget, 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:38:12 PM

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I agree with Nat Nehring. I disagree strongly with Dave Somers. Vote NO!!

The county exec answer to increase already high taxes is insulting. Tighten the county's belt, stop spending more than is taking in. Cut waste within. Too much bureaucracy, too much government, too much waste and poor management. Vote No!!

John Ward  
Arlington

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dave Stewart](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Sarah Dillingham](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish Country Property Taxes: We support Nehring  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:25:51 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

As homeowners and residents in Snohomish County, we support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Our current property taxes of more than \$14,000 / year are already too burdensome and continuing increases would mean we would need to consider whether we stay in Snohomish longterm.

Thank you,

David Stewart  
Sarah Dillingham

1-206-617-8606

**From:** [Bankerdean](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:19:54 PM

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It is time for you to make cuts in your budget rather than piling on Snohomish residents by increasing real estate taxes. You have plenty of fluff in your budget starting with social justice and other unnecessary budget items.

Many are struggling to make ends meet and you cannot pile on more with increased taxes.

Do the hard work.

Dean Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nancy Volpert](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No 8% tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:18:18 PM

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I vote absolutely NO on the proposed 8% tax hike. I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property taxes.

Please vote NO on the implementation of this tax increase.

Thank you,  
Nancy Volpert

**From:** [Conner Moore](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 2025/2026 budget increases  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:11:05 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I do not support Dave Somers' 2025/2026 budget increases regarding the County's general property tax levy increases. Consequently, I support Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehrings' proposed budget amendment.

As a general principle, I believe any government ought to assess and reduce expenditures first and foremost to the greatest extent reasonable before balancing the budget through increased taxation. For any individual who has overextended beyond their means, they would first begin by reducing any unnecessary spending, refraining from indulging in any bad or expensive habits, before trying to find avenues to bring in more income. This theme can and should be reflected in our government, which is why I support Nate Nehrings' budget amendment.

Thank you,  
Conner J Moore  
Snohomish County resident  
425-583-8791

**From:** [Sean Higgins](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Don't do it  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:10:52 PM

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For real, don't increase the taxes. It is wrong, and you know it.

Sean Higgins

**From:** [RushBabe49](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:04:03 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council:

You had better not saddle the suffering taxpayers of Snohomish County with yet another tax increase! Our cost of living is already up a huge percentage in the last four years. Any increase will cause home prices to go even higher, and push some struggling citizens into penury. Many of us who live paycheck to paycheck or on a fixed income may be forced to sell our homes. The government needs to start living within its means, and stop assuming you can go on spending like drunken sailors.

Thanks,

Carol Kujawa, Everett

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Tony Hightower](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Tax increases  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:58:47 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I urge you to exercise your right to vote against any proposed tax increases. Our community is already facing significant financial challenges, and any additional tax burdens would exacerbate these difficulties.

Property taxes have risen in tandem with property values, providing a natural source of revenue to offset operating cost increases. Furthermore, adopting fiscal responsibility and reducing government spending would be more effective in addressing our financial concerns.

Please consider the impact of your vote and refrain from supporting the proposed tax increase.

Sincerely,  
Tony Hightower  
Lake Stevens

**From:** [Shawn Rader](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No on 8% Property Tax Increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:57:49 PM

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I heard about the proposed 8% property tax increase through X and the Everett Herald. I would urge you to vote no on this backdoor tax increase and find ways to work within the budget voted on by tax payers. I work in the tech industry which has been devastated with layoffs the past few years, with downstream effects on other industries here in Washington state. I would urge the council to find ways to cut back and do more with less as many of us have had to.

Regards,  
Shawn Rader  
Edmonds, Washington

**From:** [Jesus Quintero](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% cost increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:52:26 PM

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Hi, I don't want the cost to go up, I live in Snohomish, the cost of living is very high, it's hard for me to buy basic groceries.

Thank you,

**From:** [Allen & Shari Peirce](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax increases  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:50:14 PM

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To the Snohomish County Council:

It's reported that you are considering property tax increases of 4% starting in 2025, and an additional 4% in 2026.

Please understand that many of your constituents:

1. Are perfectly well aware there is no such thing as a tax that falls only on property owners – few of them have enough margin between income and expenses to just write such taxes off, so all such taxes are ultimately paid by wage-earners and people on fixed incomes.
2. No matter what the new administration does, the existing loss of real incomes due to inflation cannot be restored – i.e. everyone's poorer than they were a few years ago.
3. Few people have incomes that are increasing as fast as inflation, let alone faster to allow a margin for increased living expenses.
4. Accordingly, a large proportion of the County's residents have lost and are still losing in their ability to maintain standard of living, often of things (maintenance of hard goods, savings for education, ability to handle other inflationary costs such as medical insurance) that are "needs" rather than "wants".
5. For the County to increase taxes at such a time, for what most people will consider "wants" rather than "needs", is both tone-deaf and disrespectful of the very people you should be supporting.

Please reconsider, and find a way to live within your means as we must live within ours.

Regards,

Allen E. Peirce, retired  
2610 Oakes Ave, Everett

**From:** [LORINDA PADGETT](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Nate property tax proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:44:18 PM

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I am a retired senior citizen living on a very fixed income. I cannot afford a property tax increase. In fact, I cannot afford the taxes I pay now. We are all struggling due to the cost of living.

Do Not Raise Our Taxes.

**From:** [Curt](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Prop tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:44:08 PM

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Please do NOT vote to raise out property taxes one more cent!

**From:** [Mark Drivdahl](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council: Don't violate the 1% property tax cap!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:43:20 PM

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*Dear Snohomish County Council,*

*The voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 747 and for 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%. It is beyond outrageous that you're seriously considering voting to raise property taxes AT ALL. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you're actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% cap and doing it without asking voters permission. Please Don't do it! It's vicious, cruel, and disrespectful to the people you're elected to represent. Vote no on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now.*

*Thank you for your time,  
Mark Drivdahl  
Lake Stevens Resident*

**From:** [\(null\) k.bensonk](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:41:53 PM

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Hello,

I oppose new taxes. As I am getting close to retirement money is tight. It seems like we pay more and more in taxes. We can't afford any more.

Thank you,

Kim Benson  
425-773-2071  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Lisa Gemar](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:22:06 PM

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Dear Council members:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Lisa Gemar  
Bothell, WA

**From:** [Marv Hierlihy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Council Member Nehring ammendment to raising taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:18:07 PM

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Marv Hierlihy** <[redwing05@gmail.com](mailto:redwing05@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 8:50 PM  
Subject: Council Member Nehring ammendment to raising taxes  
To: <[Russell.Wiita@snoco.org](mailto:Russell.Wiita@snoco.org)>

I am asking that you support Councilmembers Nehring ammendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is Enough!

Thank you,  
Marvin and Janis Hierlihy  
Bothell, Wa.

**From:** [Darrin Martin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Property Tax Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:14:12 PM

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Dear Council,

I am writing this email in support of Nate Nehring's opposition to the proposed 8% increase. I think this tax increase is completely unjustified given the economic environment we are in right now with high inflation and stagnate income. My property taxes have increased an average of 7.5% a year in the last 10 years. Adding a punitive tax on top of the yearly increase is completely out of line. We have already absorbed Fire District levee increases, School District levee increases, Public Transportation and Light Rail increases (which I will never use).

As a CPA, I know there are two ways to balance a budget: increase revenue or decrease costs. Every time the Council decides to increase revenue through taxes. It just doesn't stop. How about this time you look for savings through cutting cuts?

Please vote No to stop this increase. We the People deserve a break.

Sincerely,

Darrin Martin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Diane deJong](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:14:10 PM

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To the Snohomish County Council,

Please don't raise our taxes by 8% just because you can. I'm a senior citizen and a widow and each year between my taxes and insurance going up I'm struggling to maintain my home. You aren't leaving the people of this county and state enough money to do basic repairs on our homes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Diane deJong

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [J N](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:59:33 PM

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Hi there,

I wanted to write in to let it be known that we do NOT support a property tax increase In Snohomish County. Our taxes are already outrageous for being in an unincorporated section.

Thank you for doing what's right.

Jeremy Nettles  
20216 20th Ave W  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**From:** [Steven Clark](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:57:36 PM

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Please, vote down the 8% tax levy proposal on 11/13/2024

Thank you,  
-Steve

**From:** [Thomas Betts](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax. (HEARING 11/13/24)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:55:45 PM

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11/12/24

**To whom it may concern,**

**Snohomish County Council is receiving this Notification of my Intent to SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax Hike 8% in Snohomish County.**

My name is Thomas J Betts, Resident of Lynnwood in Snohomish County. I understand the struggle is real for most homeowners stabilizing work life balance after Covid-19 Pandemic. As a retired senior citizen on a fixed income, This is not the time to increase Property Taxes when people are trying to stay above homelessness.

County Executive Dave Somers budget increase will not be a positive impact on Snohomish County Taxpayers. Boeing Strikes and Layoffs has economically decreased spending is one example why we should look at the Alternative Proposal.

As the Snohomish County Council deliberates on the 2025/2026 budget, during this critical time, I ask All Five Voting Council Members to Eliminate the 8% General Property levy increase and Amend the budget. I Support Council Member Nate Nehring proposal General Fund Cuts to **Eliminate Property Tax Increase.**

I appreciate your time listening to my concern and looking forward to seeing a positive outcome for all of Snohomish County.

Thank you.

Thomas J Betts

18102 60th Avenue W Lynnwood Wa 98037

[Tbetts1958@gmail.com](mailto:Tbetts1958@gmail.com)

Cell: 425-361-8735

**From:** [Edie Beyer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Edie Beyer](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Tax Increase AGAINST  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:46:55 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

Please consider voting NO for the proposed 8% budget increase for Snohomish County. Our taxes are already one of the highest in United States, combined state and local. I live in Mill Creek with one of the highest sales tax in Washington. For what we pay other cities offer more services and amenities.

I realize the increase it not a huge amount of money for each individual since based on Snohomish portion. The issue is that Tax payers are being asked to pay more everywhere, taxes, insurance, medical, tuition and food. It all adds up and is a burden to the citizens with inflation and many of us no salary increases. When you raise our taxes we have to look at our already limited home budget to find a way to cut our expenses. Instead I ask The Snohomish Council to look at their proposed budget and make budget cuts and no increase to tax papers. The Citizen of Snohomish County voted November 5th and said "No more Taxes". Please listen to The People "Do no increase our taxes"

Thank you for your time.

Edie Beyer



**From:** [Nitin Nagpal](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No for property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:44:05 PM

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As a resident of the county. I wholeheartedly oppose any increase in property taxes.

Regards  
Nitin  
Bothell  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Pamela Abernathy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025 Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:43:39 PM

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Good Evening,

Many people In Snohomish County are on limited incomes and cannot afford an 8% tax increase, including me.

What does the 8% cover?

Do you realize most people do not receive an annual pay increase of 8% per year including those of us on social security?

No tax increase!!

Pamela  
Sent from my living room

**From:** [David Hsu](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** my retirement income in not able to keep up to the tax increased  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:40:28 PM

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I bought the house 16 years ago, and while property values have risen significantly, it remains my family's home. I'm committed to keeping it, but the continually rising property taxes are difficult to manage without selling and taking the profit. My fixed retirement income can no longer keep up with these increases.

Please pass the amendment and against the property tax increase!!

Wendy

**From:** [James O'Neill](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:34:09 PM

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I'm against the property tax increase proposed by Dave Somers and I support the proposal by Nate Nering. Please vote to reject the property tax increase.

**From:** [Jason Stirpe](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase 8% in property taxes - No!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:33:07 PM

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**Dear Council Members,**

As a homeowner in Snohomish County, I respectfully request that you vote to reject the proposed 8% increase in property taxes.

There are other ways to address revenue needs by eliminating unnecessary expenditures within the county budget, rather than increasing taxes on homeowners. The high cost of living in Washington State already places a significant financial strain on residents. This additional tax burden would make it even harder for families to afford living here.

I worry about the future affordability for the next

Thanks,  
Jason Stirpe

**From:** [shellbellemail](mailto:shellbellemail)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (HEARING 11/13/24)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:28:03 PM

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**11/12/24**

**To whom it may concern,**

**Snohomish County Council is receiving this Notification of my Intent to SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax Hike 8% in Snohomish County.**

My name is Shelly Schweigert, Resident of Arlington in Snohomish County. I understand the struggle is real for most homeowners stabilizing work life balance after Covid-19 Pandemic. This is not the time to increase Property Taxes when people are trying to stay above homelessness.

County Executive Dave Somers budget increase will not be a positive impact on Snohomish County Taxpayers. Boeing Strikes and Layoffs has economically decreased spending is one example why we should look at the Alternative Proposal.

As the Snohomish County Council deliberates on the 2025/2026 budget, during this critical time, I ask All Five Voting Council Members to Eliminate the 8% General Property levy increase and Amend the budget. I Support Council Member Nate Nehring proposal General Fund Cuts to **Eliminate Property Tax Increase.**

I appreciate your time listening to my concern and looking forward to seeing a positive outcome for all of Snohomish County.

Thank you.

Shelly Schweigert

16121 3rd Drive NE Arlington WA 98223

Email:Shellbellemail@aol.com

Cell: 425-737-1228

**From:** [Norman Smith](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: REF: Proposed TAX INCREASE ( property tax levy ) by Executive Dave Somers .....  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:22:30 PM

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----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Norman Smith <carguynorm@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Russell.Wiita@snoco.org <russell.wiita@snoco.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 06:22:16 PM PST  
**Subject:** REF: Proposed TAX INCREASE ( property tax levy ) by Executive Dave Somers .....

**Dear Councilmembers:**

**We are asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to NOT raise property taxes. Based on Dave Somers directive of increasing tax \$\$ my wife and I do NOT support this because we feel that adjusting the budget is much more sensible than once again throwing a tax increase on the shoulders of SnoCo residents !! Thank you.**

**Norm and Suzanne Smith  
Bothell, WA. 98021-9740**

**From:** [Haneberg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax increase Wed. November 13  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:24:54 PM

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I would like to add some comments on the proposed property tax increase. Please pass Councilman Nehring's amendment on this. My family simply cannot afford any higher taxes. It is just too much for our family. We can't afford it.

Thank you,

Michelle Haneberg and 4 other voters

6514 Cascade DR SE

Snohomish, 98296



**From:** [Megan Slaker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No tax increase in budget proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:25:16 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I have been a resident of Snohomish County since 1991. My husband and I are seniors on a fixed income. We cannot afford another 8% tax increase. We support Nate Nehring's alternative budget proposal.

Sincerely, Ken and Megan Slaker

*Megan Slaker*

**From:** [Dick Davenport](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** The proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:28:23 PM

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We are definitely against the proposed property tax increase. The increase in property assessed values and all of the apartment construction in this county should have created enough revenue to operate. We see no reason to add more taxes to the already increased taxes we now pay.

Please vote no to this proposed tax increase.  
Thank you.

Dick Davenport  
15404 9<sup>th</sup> Pl W  
Lynnwood

**From:** [Brett Spore](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget 2025-2026  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:32:30 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As you look at the proposed budget for 2025-2026, please remember that many of us are working multiple jobs, cutting coupons and scraping money together however we can just to try to offset some of the inflation we have seen lately. Our raises are not even coming close to matching the cost of living, and now we are looking at an additional 8% property tax! Please consider tightening the county's belt, just like all of us are having to do by cutting expenditures and finding more cost effective ways of doing things, cutting unnecessary spending and removing discretionary spending. These are the things I have had to put into place in my own household.

I understand there is an Amendment that proposes something similar put forth by Councilmember Nate Nehring. I ask that you would please remember the people who live in the county and who have lived in the county for most of their lives. We shouldn't be taxed out of our homes or forced to make even greater sacrifices to stay in the town and county we love so much.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brett Elizabeth Spore  
Bothell, WA Snohomish County Resident 43 out of my 50 years

**From:** [Jamar Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:34:40 PM

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11/12/24

To whom it may concern,

Snohomish County Council is receiving this Notification of my Intent to SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax Hike 8% in Snohomish County.

My name is Jamar Taylor, Resident of Everett in Snohomish County. I understand the struggle is real for most homeowners stabilizing work life balance after Covid-19 Pandemic. This is not the time to increase Property Taxes when people are trying to stay above homelessness.

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As the Snohomish County Council deliberates on the 2025/2026 budget, during this critical time, I ask All Five Voting Council Members to Eliminate the 8% General Property levy increase and Amend the budget. I Support Council Member Nate Nehring proposal General Fund Cuts to Eliminate Property Tax Increase.

I appreciate your time listening to my concern and looking forward to seeing a positive outcome for all of Snohomish County.

Thank you.

Jamar Taylor

12404 E. Gibson Rd APT F101  
Everett, WA 98204

Email: [Crownbus852@yahoo.com](mailto:Crownbus852@yahoo.com)

Cell: 425-320-7806

**From:** [Mason Rutledge](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [nehringn@gmail.com](mailto:nehringn@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Don't kill the Thrive! Proposed Budget Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:35:00 PM

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Snohomish County is thriving because neighboring counties are making decisions that hurt living wage families and slow local business growth. People are literally moving to Lake Stevens, Arlington, and Stanwood because we “aren’t ‘crazy’” like the counties from which they come.

Don't kill the current thrive of Snohomish County with an 8% property tax increase. We have already seen our property taxes, go up substantially two of the last three years, coming out of COVID. A third increase would stifle opportunity for homeownership and local investment. Keep Snohomish County reasonable. Stifling Snohomish County will cause many to suffer.

I'm SnoCo for life, believe in our county and want the best for all, not just those that can absorb substantial taxes.

Mason Rutledge  
(425) 350-9595  
Everett, WA homeowner  
Edmonds, WA business owner

**From:** [T J Krueger](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** please do NOT raise property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:35:15 PM

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For many of us retired aging residents we are already financially stretched  
Our incomes are not increasing.

Please

T J Krueger

Edmonds homeowner

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**From:** [Kathi DeJong](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:35:35 PM

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Dear County Council,

In a time when most of the residents of Snohomish County can barely afford to put food on our tables and put gas in our cars to get to work how can you even consider an 8% property tax increase? That is irresponsible management. This will result in even more homelessness and be a blow to seniors who are already living on a fixed income. I would suggest you make cuts in the budget before you purposely injure the citizens you are suppose to represent!

Kathi De Jong  
7630 Foster Slough Road  
Snohomish WA 98290

**From:** [Bob Rorabaugh](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**Subject:** Budget wisdom: "Spend less than you make."  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:38:53 PM

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Attention SnoCo Council,

As a 77-year-old and 37-year-resident of Snohomish County, ***I want to thank Nate Nehring's push-back to raising property taxes.*** Our property value has gone up almost ten-fold in those 37 years, and we pay increasing property taxes accordingly. We've always worked within a budget. Those of us who move here to retire here, are NOT an open pot o' money for *those whose budget wants more of our budget.* It is always time to review past services, cut back on over-billing contracted work and defer our dreams or the newest and yet to be proven programs.

Allow Council Member Nehring and any of your insightful policy wonks time to find funds that be re-allocated to priority items. We've been married for 57 years, and still say, "good enough," spend less than we make and avoid debt. We lack nothing! But have traveled the world as "middle class" earners. Please, "NO" to raising the property taxes.

Bob Rorabaugh  
22724 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl W  
Bothell, WA 98021  
Phone 206-948-9511



**From:** [RTKoffler](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:40:39 PM

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This tax increase along with inflation and raising the minimum wage will financially cripple, many middle income people let alone the low income people who are just trying to make it  
I don't understand why you won't try a balance budget without increasing taxes, especially by 8%. If Nate Nering has a proposal that we could balance the budget and not raise taxes we need to put it into action

Rick Koffler

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Steven Larson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Against tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:52:20 PM

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Hello,

Please vote against the 8% tax hike. Vote for the amendment. Reduce the bloated budget and spend within your means.

Thank you

Steve Larson  
18606 35th Ave NE

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sarah Balogh](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Property Tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:52:29 PM

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I am opposed to the increase in property tax. It is insane that we are already fighting what the city believes our property is worth, (we are not selling or planning on selling) and we are already taxed almost 5x what we owe. More than half our mortgage is just property tax.

We don't have the opportunity to ask for an 8% income increase. We have already had a lot of inflation happen. If anything- I get you guys have your budget and needs- fight lowering the inflation and bring down minimum wage not increase it.

Please, have understanding about those who live here-

Don't raise the income tax.

Learn to budget and allocate funds better.

We have to do it. Bring accountability to the process.

Thanks

Sarah

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

**From:** [LAURA STANIFORD](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:53:29 PM

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Dear Snohomish County council member's,

I am writing in regards to the proposal to increase property taxes by 8% in the 25/26 budget. As most of us in the county, state and country are feeling overwhelmed by the cost of goods and services and finding it difficult to pay just the necessities to survive, I am writing to you to know the wishes of the people you serve and this proposal is excessive and avoidable. Per Councilman Nate Nehrings alternate budget proposal the increase in taxes is avoidable. We as a collective in the community are too overburdened by the increases in everything right now. I myself am a single mom trying my hardest to keep my head above water with 1 high schooler and 2 college students at home. We all work and I work 2 jobs just trying to pay the bills I currently have. This is the case for many if not most the people I know. Please do not approve this levy. This is poor timing and completely avoidable. We all need to budget better right now and that includes the Snohomish county council.

Thank you,  
Laura N. Staniford

**From:** [Paul Williams](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:57:33 PM

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There is no need to raise our taxes. It is a crying shame that the budget isn't reduced instead of continuing to raise taxes.

I am very much against this effort !

**From:** [Eileen Swinford](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:59:34 PM

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We want to voice our strong opposition to the proposed property tax increase in the budget for 2025. Our taxes are already too high and homeowners are struggling to keep food on the table. We're sure that the budget can be streamlined to avoid such a high increase to our property taxes. And the proposed new Snohomish County campus is not a necessity right now. Fiscal responsibility is all we're asking for: give homeowners a break from excessive taxation, otherwise there could be many of us moving out of the country!

Thanks for listening.

Eileen and Milton Swinford  
21928 4th Dr SE Bothell 98021  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dwhitesell@frontier.com](mailto:dwhitesell@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No on 8% Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:06:46 PM

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We need no more taxes. Adopt a spending priority list and live be it. Safety & protection funded first.  
What's left over for social programs, not the other way around.

Thanks,  
David S. Whitesell  
Everett, WA

**From:** [Brent Robbins](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8 percent property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:07:23 PM

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Hello,

Snohomish County resident here. Please reject the 8% property tax increase being discussed tomorrow on Nov 13th. Given the very recent history of most tax hikes being rejected by the people, I find it disrespectful/inappropriate to implement this hike, even if it can be done legally.

Thank you for reading.

Warm Regards,

Brent A Robbins  
703-717-1397



**From:** [Michele Woodbury](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council: 8% is not 1%. Don't violate the 1% property tax cap! Ask voters' permission if you want more.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:09:54 PM

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The voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 747 and for 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%. It is beyond outrageous that you're seriously considering voting to raise property taxes AT ALL. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you're actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% cap and doing it without asking voters permission. **Don't do it!** It's **vicious, cruel, and disrespectful** to the people you're elected to represent. Vote no on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now.

Respectfully,

Michele Woodbury  
Lynnwood resident

**From:** [trish](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Joan Thomas](#)  
**Subject:** Don't raise taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:10:56 PM

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Dear council person,

Please accept council Negring on not raising taxes.

Enough is enough.what is this increase for?

Taxes in Bothell are high enough.

Trish Hebert

19 Years in Bothell but had to leave due to traffic and taxes.

I Loved living there

**From:** [Michele Woodbury](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council: 8% is not 1%. Don't violate the 1% property tax cap! Ask voters' permission if you want more.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:11:37 PM

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Respectfully,

Michele Woodbury  
Lynnwood resident

**From:** [Jessica Powers](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025/26 biennial budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:15:46 PM

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**To Whom It May Concern:**

**Please listen to** Nate Nehring's alternative budget proposal for the 2025/26 biennial budget. An 8% property tax increase is WAY TOO MUCH! It's absolutely inexcusable to increase our property taxes when there are alternatives.

My 1-year-old son has a chronic illness and will be in a doctor's appointment during the meeting time, so I cannot make it. I hope this email will find its way to make my voice heard. NO 8% Property tax increase!

Thanks,  
Jessica Powers

**From:** [Henry Sterchi](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Hike?  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:19:55 PM

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Hello Council,

I moved here with my family to get away from the Redmond expenses, as you continue to raise taxes what's the point anymore?

If you raise this tax, my family and I will seriously need to consider moving up north. We support all of our local businesses, and as a family of 8, spend quite a bit of money here. What is happening in this county that you NEED 8 more % property taxes?

Thank you for your time.

Henry Sterchi and family

**From:** [Natalie](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:20:17 PM

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Dear council members,

I am just hearing about the County Executive's proposed 8% property tax increase. This is not the time to be increasing taxes when people are barely making ends meet.

Taxpayers in this county already said NO on a sales tax increase on Nov 5th. I urge you to reject this tax increase and cut back spending to make the budget balance.

Thank you,

Natalie Thrower

**From:** [ralph.chen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Nehring Proposes Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:22:51 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough. The property tax had more than doubled in the last 3 years. The increase is much more than inflation and wage increases.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Ralph Chen  
Bothell

**From:** [Kathy Repp](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:28:21 PM

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I am writing to discuss the impact that the proposed tax increase will have on me. My retirement is not sufficient to allow for such a dramatic increase. I do not qualify for special senior citizen discount. I am not alone. So many of the citizens of this county cannot afford such a tremendous increase. I would rather recommend cost cutting measures.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Repp

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** [Greg Young](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Amendment support  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:44:49 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Gregory Young  
Bothell

**From:** [Laurie Ascanio](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please no tax hike!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:47:51 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am reaching out as a deeply concerned taxpayer regarding the public hearing on the proposed 2025–2026 biennial budget. This proposal, which includes an 8% increase to the county portion of property taxes, is something that many of us simply cannot afford in the current climate.

I strongly support Council member Nate Nehring’s alternative budget proposal, which would eliminate this tax hike, keep property taxes at their current rate, and balance the budget by targeting unnecessary expenditures.

I urge fellow community members to join me in backing Councilmember Nehring’s amendment to prevent this 8% increase and prioritize fiscal responsibility over tax hikes.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Ascanio  
Oso, WA

**From:** [Jack PACKARD](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:08:36 PM

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My name is Jack Packard and I live in the south county. The proposed 8% tax increase is way too large considering the rate of inflation we have experienced the last few years.  
Please vote no on this measure.

Jack Packard  
21319 50th Dr SE  
Woodinville  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marti Ottman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Comment: County exec's property tax proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:26:43 PM

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I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.  
Martha Ottman

**From:** [Christian Allen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Constituent Feedback on Upcoming Property Tax Vote  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:28:33 PM

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Dear Council,

Please do not vote to raise taxes. The voters just said no to additional taxes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christian Allen  
20218 108th Dr SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296

**From:** [Rob Fronk](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8 per cent property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:36:40 PM

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I am a senior citizen with a limited income and the already crushing property taxes, as well as outrageous sales and car taxes are making it extremely difficult to survive in Snohomish county. The high inflation intensifies the anguish of wondering how to pay for the basics of survival. I can't believe that you are proposing raising property taxes again. I've gone without many things to pay my own way and we're asked to give even more to government. I don't know what else I can eliminate from my budget so I can pay higher taxes. I ask you to please reconsider raising property taxes. It is already so difficult to survive financially.

Robert W. Fronk  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [karen einwalter](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:55:43 PM

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It has come to my attention that there is a possible tax increase on our property. First off I agree with the opinion of the note below. Secondly I CANT AFFORD an increase which would require me to sell my home or foreclose on the place I've had for about 38 years. Furthermore my daughter with two children that lives in Snohomish would definitely lose her house.

I find the proposal for an 8% Property Tax increase totally unacceptable and does not represent the County Government being good stewards of our money and spending.

Housing and commercial facilities in our County have increased exponentially as have the values of new and existing facilities and homes. The increased value of these facilities along with the substantial increase in density per acre has provided a substantial increase in County revenue. This alone should more than cover County expenditures if managed appropriately both financially and priority of real need spending.

We need to address and make sure our spending is producing returns and actually resolving issues and improvements. While also managing the amount that is being paid, making sure we are not falling into the practice of uncontrolled and irresponsible Government spending.

STOP SPENDING THAT HAS NO VALUE and understand many of us live on fixed incomes or are living on the edge of financial health with the inflation we have experienced in the past years.

Thus establish a budget that reflects NO INCREASE!!! PLEASE!!!

Sincerely,

Karen Einwalter

**From:** [Duane Fisher](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:58:54 PM

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County Board members,

This last few years have been very difficult on people from all walks of life. As you know costs of every day essentials have skyrocketed, our legislature passed bills costing us hundreds or even thousands more a year on fuel to simply get to work. Housing costs and the cost to feed our own families have all piled on top of each other, crippling those on fixed incomes and the basic household working multiple jobs to simply survive. Adding another tax increase to the mix is something most people simply can not afford at this time. Just over a week ago the voters overwhelmingly rejected the very idea of increasing taxes from nearly every request I know of. People are barely scraping by, Boeing employees may have just got a raise but they have been out of work for nearly 2 months. Again, the average household is stretched too thin and can't afford more taxes. Please consider budgeting with what you have and find ways to make it stretch, just like the citizens of which you are elected to serve.

Thank you  
Duane  
He/him  
Marysville.



**From:** [Bai Lu](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose 8% general levy tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:50:28 PM

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Hello,

Greetings!

My name is Bai, a normal citizen living in Snohomish County. I heard of the tax increase and would like to express my opinion on this.

Increasing tax is a robbery and definite killing many home owners like myself. We need tax cut and lower our burden and cut budget for government program. You cannot increase the tax every time to rob us.

I demand putting a stop to tax increase and put people first. The tax increase will dramatically impact so many people and leave many people with no choice but moving out. There shouldn't be property taxes for American citizen at all and you already increased so much in the past unconstitutionally!

Please consider Nate Nehring's proposal and stop killing work class!

Bai Lu

[Bailu2015@live.com](mailto:Bailu2015@live.com)

Everett, WA

**From:** [ZANETTE R FOUCHE"](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:47:26 AM

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No more increases. This is ridiculous. Fix your budgets in the agencies.  
You wait and see what will happen in the vote 2 yrs from now.  
Not everyone in this, increasingly awful, state has the money for this kind of  
nonsense.  
There are 39 counties in Washington state, and 25 vote Red. That number continues  
to grow.  
You need to find middle ground and trim the fat.  
Zanette Fouche

**From:** [Matt B](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 2:33:35 AM

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As a Snohomish County resident and taxpayer, I strongly support the proposed tax increase.

Times are challenging, but it is essential that our local government remains strong and solvent to provide necessary protection and services the public relies on, particularly in view of the threats to state and local funding likely to be pushed under the incoming Trump/Musk administration.

I urge the council to not be swayed by extremist internet mobs, but to think of their responsibility to the average citizen, who may not be appearing at these meetings or sending these emails. Their needs, our needs, matter more than a handful of angry and entitled people seeking to undo progress and our quality of life for their own selfish agenda.

Regards,

Matt Butler

**From:** [Mike Young](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Legislation  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 2:31:11 AM

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Dear Council Members,

As retired members of the community, we are asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes. Personally our fixed income, combined with the extra costs being incurred as a part of my cancer treatments, makes meeting everyday expenses a challenge. Additionally, our property taxes have already been increased very significantly over the past few years. Proposal of additional property taxes makes us want to scream -- Enough is enough!!!

Just as we are forced to watch our spending carefully, and are often required to forego purchases that we would enjoy but cannot afford, we implore you to use the resources you already have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,

Mike and Gail Young  
1228 235<sup>th</sup> Pl. SW  
Bothell, WA 98021

**From:** [Lisa Weiss](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:22:00 AM

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Council,  
We strongly oppose the 8% tax increase and strongly support  
Nate Nehriing's amendment to this legislation.

Thank You,  
Ray and Lisa Weiss  
Marysville, Wa

**From:** [Max G.](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** proposed new budget and 8% property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:51:57 PM

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I am against the new budget increases and against the new budget 8% tax increase.

Sincerely,  
Max Gerloff  
13815 14<sup>th</sup> Pl W  
Lynnwood

**From:** [Melanie Lee](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Sales tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:13:58 AM

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I'm a seventy year old woman living in Lynnwood for 24 years. I live on my Social Security, which is \$1475 a month. My car is a 2005 PT Cruiser. I simply can't afford to live. Please do not raise the property tax!

Melanie Lee  
15207 25th Ave W  
Lynnwood  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [adrienne hong](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO! to 8% propert tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:19:50 AM

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TO: All on the Everett City Council,

I vote NO! on the proposed tax increase. If it passes, it will be a great financial BURDEN for my family! I support FULLY NATE NEHRING's proposal to FREEZE Property Tax!

The citizens voted NO! already on Nov 5, 2024. Why are you all trying to pass this tax increase against the interests and voice of your electorate???

I believe it is against STATE Constitution to raise it more than 1% at a time to begin with!!!

No! No! No to the proposed tax increase!!!

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Hong



**From:** [Kim Pistole](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:01:22 AM

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Enough is enough! Stop taking every last cent I have.  
Sent from my iPhone Kim Pistole

**From:** [dtumbleweed1968@aol.com](mailto:dtumbleweed1968@aol.com)  
**To:** [Dunn, Megan](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com); [Somers, Dave J](#)  
**Subject:** 1% Property Tax Cap  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 4:12:47 AM

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**Hello,**

**I am one of the many low income and under 65 that can barely afford the property taxes currently imposed on us. I qualified for the property tax cut due to being disabled but if this had not occurred I literally would not be able to afford my property taxes and would have my property/home seized or forced to sell. I bought this property and home to retire in. If I recover my health, I will be screwed as I am only 56. Property taxes are currently TOO HIGH.**

**I know I am not the only one - many people are in my situation and have to choose between eating (myself currently down to two meals a day), deciding which bills to pay first and hope the other ones don't penalize monetarily for being late, and forced to keep required insurance such as homeowner's and auto. I do not have TV or cable or any other 'frilly' entertainment expenses. Eating out happens at BEST once a year. This hurts our local restaurants. These things are NOT OK.**

**I would like to remind the Council that the American Revolution was triggered by a 3% tax on tea and that an 8% tax rate increase on property is confiscatory and literal theft of real property. Americans currently work 5 months out of the year to pay all the taxes that are imposed on us. Please adopt Councilmember Nate Nehring's budget plan on property taxes and keeping in budget. It is highly critical for the Council to learn to make cuts and learn to live within the tight budget that citizens in our County and and nationwide have had to do. The citizens are not cash cows and if necessary, will revolt.**

**Thank you,**

**Denise Raupach  
23/32**

**From:** [George Dragich](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council: 8% is not 1%. Don't violate the 1% property tax cap! Ask voters' permission if you want more  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:14:02 AM

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*The voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 747 and for 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%. It is beyond outrageous that you're seriously considering voting to raise property taxes AT ALL. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you're actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% cap and doing it without asking voters permission. Don't do it. It's vicious, cruel, and disrespectful to the people you're elected to represent. Vote no on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now.*

George & Kelle Dragich

**From:** [Linda Giesker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:14:53 AM

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I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Linda Giesker  
425-299-7579

**From:** [Jessica Greene](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:15:03 AM

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11/13/2024

To whom it may concern,

Snohomish County Council is receiving this Notification of my Intent to SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax Hike 8% in Snohomish County.

My name is Jessica Greene, Resident of Everett in Snohomish County. I understand the struggle is real for most homeowners stabilizing work life balance after Covid-19 Pandemic. This is not the time to increase Property Taxes when people are trying to stay above homelessness.

County Executive Dave Somers budget increase will not be a positive impact on Snohomish County Taxpayers. Boeing Strikes and Layoffs has economically decreased spending is one example why we should look at the Alternative Proposal.

As the Snohomish County Council deliberates on the 2025/2026 budget, during this critical time, I ask All Five Voting Council Members to Eliminate the 8% General Property levy increase and Amend the budget. I Support Council Member Nate Nehring proposal General Fund Cuts to Eliminate Property Tax Increase.

I appreciate your time listening to my concern and looking forward to seeing a positive outcome for all of Snohomish County.

Thank you.

Jessica Greene

12404 E. Gibson Rd APT F101  
Everett, WA 98204

Email: Ebeybeach@yahoo.com

Cell: 360-661-7836

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [@Frontier Mail](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax Hike - NO!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:21:02 AM

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Snohomish County Council - With the inflation we are experiencing, I can't believe the council would consider raising the county's general levy by any percent much less 8%. The loophole needs to be closed.

The council IS capable of balancing our county budget without increasing our taxes. I expect you to do your job of identifying unnecessary county spending and eliminate those expenses. I don't expect you to raise my taxes!

Council members can be replaced, my money cannot. Don't increase our taxes!

Respectfully,

Marie Bradford

**From:** [WILLIAM M PEHL](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:22:22 AM

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To Council,

It is unfathomable to me that you would consider placing YET ANOTHER tax increase onto your constituents at a time of historic inflation such as this.

I am the primary provider to two kids and a wife with Multiple Sclerosis who can't work full time. I cannot continue to shoulder more and more increases to fund every pet project that comes down the pike. It is absolutely ridiculous to me how much money schools alone are receiving right now and still can't manage better than a 2.5 star rating in our district. It is not up to taxpayers to keep opening their wallets every time the effects of fiscal irresponsibility rear their heads. Learn how to function within a budget as every one of your constituents has to do (an ever changing and tightening budget by the way thanks to things like this).

I find it frankly insulting this would even be on the table at a time like this. We aren't seeing much of anything as far as results for the money already being blown.

Vote no on this.

Best Regards,  
William M. Pehl  
Sent From My iPhone

**From:** [KK](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Prerty tax increase.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:26:02 AM

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Your job is to budget the taxes you have in place. If you have raise our property tax again, then you are not doing your job and should step down and get someone who can do the job you were put in place for. We already pay way too much in property tax, and you're taxing all of us out of our homes! You know everybody is struggling even more these days, but you think this is a good idea? No more tax increases!



**From:** [Sandy Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax 8% increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:32:02 AM

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Distinguished Council Members

While we all feel the punch of rising prices every day, all must learn to live within our budgets.

Businesses, households, and government agencies feel the crunch all too well.

I strongly believe at this time, that raising the property tax would be so detrimental to businesses and households that many who are living on the edge will fail.

This would be counterproductive to the goal at hand.

Budgeting is just that.

We all certainly wish we could simply vote ourselves a higher budget, but that is not the case.

Please consider the amended budget proposed .

Sincerely,

Sandra Taylor

**From:** [Bartley Stokes](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Hello, I am Bartley Stokes, We do not want a 8% tax hike, I live in a tiny 666 sq ft home I bought 8 years under 200k and now it's over 300k and I have nothing but repairs and that would hurt my family. Manage our money better you guys have enough!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:38:30 AM

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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23+ 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

**From:** [Renee N](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed 8%tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:48:44 AM

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Good morning,

I sent a letter yesterday against the proposal for the property tax hike and asked for consideration of Nate Nehrings proposal. After further review, I would like to withdraw that and support the tax. Nate Nehrings proposal comes with deep budget cuts to essential departments in the county that I can't imagine would add up to unnecessary spending and could lead to job loss with the current economy. I feel his proposal could have found the money in unnecessary spending somewhere else. The tax hike would take care of these essential employees. Nate's plan with his deep cuts to certain departments shows disregard to their significance and the important role they have in the County.

Sincerely,  
Renee Navlet

Renee N.

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**From:** Renee N  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:21:35 AM  
**To:** [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org) <[contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org)>  
**Subject:** Proposed 8%tax hike

Dear Council members, As a homeowner in Snohomish County, I am requesting that you not vote in favor of the 8 percent property tax hike at the 11/13 meeting.

Times are tough. Costs have skyrocketed in food, gas, electricity, home goods, essentials and cost of living has not kept up with the increases. People are now getting laid off from their jobs. This State just passed initiatives that will impose further taxes and more money being taken out of my paycheck even though I will not benefit. I am a single income trying to afford my home and this further tax is going to help force me right out of it. Please implement the plan Nate Nehring is suggesting to reduce spending so we can continue to try to financially survive during these tough times.

Sincerely,  
Renee Navlet

**From:** [Holly K](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase Vote  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:51:51 AM

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Dear Council Members,

Please consider my vote in support of **Nate Nehring's amendment** to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase by **reducing unnecessary spending**.

Respectfully,  
Holly Kirkpatrick  
Bothell, WA 98012

**From:** [MIKE PATTERSON](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:00:40 AM

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Snohomish County Council,

Any property tax increase in this county is a non starter. It's impossible to raise taxes in this economic environment. Every time I read a report on what the tax money buys these days it usually involves, (don't laugh,) a trail for bicyclists or some equally green nonsense that will cost an exorbitant amount of money and deliver next to zero for the residents of the county. The Everett School District already has enough trouble passing a levy. Don't make it any worse.

Sincerely, Mike Patterson

**From:** [jvandonge@frontier.com](mailto:jvandonge@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase property tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:02:29 AM

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We are property owner in Snohomish County.

We have had our property taxes consistently increased over the years we have lived here. We understand taxes pay for important things, such as schools and we have always been supportive. If property taxes continue to increase as they have, we will not be able to continue to live in our home as we will be "taxed out". We oppose this increase in property tax. We support Nate Nehring's budget amendment to eliminate the increase in general property tax.

We say NO to more property tax.

Elva Van Donge  
Jerry Van Donge  
Clearview

**From:** [None Ya](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase Rejection Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:03:21 AM

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Hi,

Please do not raise our property taxes until the DTG issue is resolved. I am on Yew Way in Snohomish. We cannot sell our places currently with the DTG issues still pending. Our property values have gone down significantly because of this.

Thanks,

Bill Witzel

**From:** [Hunter Moore](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Nov 13th budget hearing  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:04:06 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am not in favor of the 8% tax increase and would much rather see the budget balanced and any frivolous spending cut like Councilman Nehring has proposed.



**From:** [Paola Albanesi](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:07:38 AM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,

Paola Albanesi  
Bothell, WA

**From:** [James Woollard](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Writing to protest 8% property tax increase proposal.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:15:23 AM  
**Attachments:** [2025 Budget Amendment Press Release.pdf](#)

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Dear Council-members,

I am asking that you support Council-member Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes. See attached.

These are hard times for many and a hike like this will cause folks to struggle even more.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
James Woollard

Bothell (unincorporated Snohomish County)

**From:** [Robin Morrison](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:24:45 AM

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This is RIDICULOUS!!!

Our property taxes are already high, higher than a lot of other counties.

What in the world could you need another \$21M dollars for?

For many this 8% increase of property taxes can make the difference in not being able to afford those property taxes. I am absolutely against this.

Please review what you are spending our tax dollars on.

Lets not spend another \$21M dollars on things we do not need.

Robin J Morrison  
Property Owner  
1522 196th St SE  
Bothell, WA. 98012

**From:** [Alisha Gosline](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:30:33 AM

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Dear council

I would implore you to decline this hike. The people are struggling to get by. My family chose to live in Shikoku a county years ago because we could not afford king county. With all the expenses and our property tax ever increasing with property values. This hike would be another blow. It's becoming unaffordable for average American families across the board, but especially unaffordable in WA state please PLEASE give the people a break and moment to breathe! Please decline this tax.

Sincerely  
Alisha Gosline

**From:** [Sherry Reed](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising property taxes, again.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:31:37 AM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Sherry Eeed  
1116 235th Pl SW  
Bothell WA  
206-850-5386

**From:** [Debra Stevens](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:37:41 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I do not support an 8 percent increase to the county's general property tax levy.

Debra Stevens  
3010 121st Pl SW, Everett, WA 98204  
425-420-5137

**From:** [Morgan Maurer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:42:22 AM

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Dear Council,

As a voter and a property owner in Snohomish county, I strongly urge you not to vote to increase property taxes in the county. For businesses this means inflated prices of goods, and for renters it means increased rent cost. For regular home owners it means higher tax included mortgages and higher prices for daily goods. It's hard enough in the state of Washington with all the taxes we pay.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [josiah.reiser](mailto:josiah.reiser)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:44:04 AM

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Hello Council Members,

I have heard of the proposed 8% increase on property taxes that you all will be discussing today. I was quite alarmed at the drastic increase in taxes. My parents live on fixed income and will not be getting any more money to pay for the extra taxes you may levy on them. Times have been hard enough with inflation eating away at the value of our dollars without such an increase in property taxes.

I have also heard of Council Member Nate Nehring's amendment to eliminate this tax and balance the budget by being more prudent with out tax dollars. I am very much in support of this idea and would like to express my support of his amendment. I would ask you all to consider the concerns of your citizens such as my parents that live on fixed incomes or are just scraping by now and vote for Mr. Nehring's amendment.

Thank you all,

Josiah Reiser  
Snohomish County resident



**From:** [Bobi Haugen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:46:49 AM

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Hello,

We are aware that you are voting today regarding property taxes.

We share a property line with DTG “recycling “.

Please vote NO on raising our property taxes. We have had to go to court in the last two years fighting the illegal practices of DTG and formally United Recycling. Our property is no longer what it use to be since these “recycling “ companies have decided to run their companies illegally. Please note all the litigation regarding DTG and formally United Recycling.

Properties around DTG have actually gone down due to the vicinity of living by this recycling company.

Life has become almost unbearable due to the environmental noise, increased traffic, etc.

Again, please vote no. At least until DTG is held accountable for their unfair business practice leaving its neighbors with decreased property value and diminished way of life out here in the country.

Bobi J Haugen  
10605 196th st SE  
Snohomish, 98296.  
425-344-0176

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Familia Alvarado](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:55:13 AM

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Dear Council members,

The massive amount of property taxes we are paying on our home has tripled over the last 10 years - over 300%! Yes, that is because the value of our home has gone up, but our income has definitely not increased very much. We are being financially crushed by the weight of these taxes and soon will not afford to live in our own home, and we are not the only ones.

Please do not burden us any further. Please say no to this tax increase.  
Denise

**From:** [Familia Alvarado](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:56:37 AM

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I forgot to give contact details on my email sent 1 minute ago.

Denise Alvarado  
206-802-4448  
Edmonds

**From:** [asoffes](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** proposed budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:05:33 AM

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I heard that Executive Dave Somers is proposing a budget that would bring a massive 8% property tax hike in Snohomish County. As a resident here for 35 years, I hope you will not let this happen.

Life has become so expensive in this state as it is with the super high gas prices and Snohomish County already having the highest sales tax. Enough with taxing residents to no end. First stop the Snohomish Government waste of tax payers money you already have.

Sincerely,  
Antoinette Soffes

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [keenebg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** General Levy Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:15:39 AM

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Honorable Council Members: More taxes - really - when your constituents are having financial issues with the inflation in this county and you want to impose more burden on them? How about fiscal responsibility and living with in the confines of the finances that come in now?  
I vote NO on the proposed tax increase! Passing this will be an additional burden on my wife and I, for we are seniors on a fixed income. I DO support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property taxes.

Thank You for your time  
Brian Keene  
[keenebg@protonmail.com](mailto:keenebg@protonmail.com)

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Viola Nejad](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish 8% tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:19:48 AM

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Hi,

**As a homeowner I would like my voice to be heard and say absolutely NO to the 8% Property Tax Hike Proposed in Snohomish County; my family and I are already struggling with the increase of inflation of every day items please do not not increase taxes!!**

**Best regards Viola**

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**From:** [Jennifer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting on taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:20:04 AM

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As a very concerned small business owner in Snohomish and Island County . After going through the covid era and Bidenomics I feel we should wait until were done suffering those two issues before even thinking about raising property taxes.

Thankyou  
Very concerned citizen  
Ted Kitchner 425 422-7983)

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bryce Teigen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** County property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:23:20 AM

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the 8% increase to the county portion of the property tax. It is no secret how difficult it is to afford a home in the area. Home prices are far too high and getting higher all the time. Ever increasing assessed values are continually raising our property taxes. Combined with ever rising insurance rates, property taxes are increasing mortgages beyond sustainable levels for many people.

For example, from 2023 to 2024 alone, my property taxes shot up from \$2826 in 2023 to \$3599, a whopping \$773 increase. When I purchased my home in 2019, my monthly mortgage was around \$1650. Today it is \$1950. This is on a fixed rate mortgage, with the increases just being for property taxes and insurance. The assessed value of my property for this year has my home somehow increasing in value by \$67,000 from one year ago, which of course will send my property taxes and my mortgage skyrocketing yet again.

Pay raises are already not keeping up with the massively inflating costs of owning a home. I'm sure I am not the only one getting dangerously close to having to make a potentially life changing decision of having to find a new job or sell my home, possibly even both. This is a very bad time to even consider increasing our property taxes even further than they have been already. I urge you to find other ways to meet the county budget and to not pass this new property tax increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Bryce Teigen



**From:** [Suejohnson04](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Possible 8% increase in Property Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:26:10 AM

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the council considering increasing our already high Snohomish County Property Tax to 8%!!

My husband and I are recently retired with a fixed income. We have lived in Mill Creek since 1989 and have hoped we could remain here. We have seen prices rise in this area and in the state in general to a point that is causing difficulty for us and many others.

I implore you to NOT raise the property tax to 8% and instead take the time to CUT costs to keep OUR costs down.

The push to use our money to fund social justice practices is a waste of tax payers money. We will be watching which of the members votes against the people of Snohomish County on this issue and we will vote according in the future.

Thank you,  
Susan L. Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ed Fritch](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** property taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:26:32 AM

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As elected officials you should be doing everything possible to reduce taxes and be more efficient with our money. This proposed increase is insane, start focusing on reducing the burden on tax payers.

**From:** [Amy Stazel](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget Hearing  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:27:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [2025 Budget Amendment Press Release.docx](#)

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Hello,

I am a tax payer in Snohomish county and I am writing to ask to please vote no for this property tax increase. People of Snohomish county can't afford this increase and there are other proposed budget cuts that would help. Please consider these instead. With the Boeing strike and other tax increases the people can't do this and we have already voted no to prop 1.

Respectfully,

Amy Becker

Snohomish county resident/homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Diego Coca](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget Hearing  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:29:04 AM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,

Diego Coca

**Bothell WA**

**From:** [Yen Le](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I don't want property tax increased  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:29:17 AM

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Dear Sirs, my name is Truc Le, reside in Snohomish county. I oppose the property tax increase 8%.

Sincerely,  
Truc Le  
(425)343-8509

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [jesse avilla](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Is Mass Transit involved/sponsoring this Tax increase.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:36:20 AM

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I live near Lake Goodwin. How is Mass transit going to help me? What percentage of Snohomish County residents use Public Transportation? Will the School and Library Levies go away? If you combine all the riders for one day on the Lakewood Rd-Stanwood bus route, would it fill one bus?

Let's cut the waste. Support education and not more greedy corporations.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Avilla  
jjavilla@msn.com

**From:** [Hali Langton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Tim Langton](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase?!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:37:15 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

Please vote against the proposed 8% raise of our property taxes.  
My husband and I agree with the proposals of Nate Nehrings and we hope you will thoughtfully consider his recommendations.

We already pay almost \$10,000 PA in property taxes, and meanwhile we're living with roads full of dangerous potholes. Not to mention the extremely loud dump trucks (thanks to DTG "recycling") 6 days a week.

The thought of this increase is upsetting, on a personal level. We are currently housing our 28 year old son and my 87 year old father, so our budget is already stretched to the limit.

If we enjoyed the peace and relative tranquility that we thought we'd have in this rural area, we'd likely think it would be fair, and worth paying for. As it stands now - given that DTG is still getting away with disrupting our lives with constant noise as well as polluting the air and water, we think it is 100% unacceptable.

If you would take Mr. Mead's lead, and visit the area, and the homes surrounding DTG (the Yew Way plant) then you will certainly understand why ANY increase in property taxes would just be adding "insult to injury".

Thank you for your time,  
Hali & Tim Langton  
Yew Way at 180th St. SE

**From:** [Paul & Ruth \(Bisondalen\)](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget hearing public input  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:38:10 AM

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I wish to register my opposition to the proposed County budget that includes a substantial (8%) increase to the property tax imposed on Snohomish County properties. This is onerous by adding to the already substantial increase we have experienced due to significant increases in property valuations. The property tax bill on our home and farm will soon dwarf our mortgage payment making our home less affordable. Likewise it will contribute to an increase in rents and retail prices. Instead of improving the livability of our county, the consequences will be devastating to the economy of our community.

I support very strongly the amendment proposed by Councilman Nate Nehring, which balances the budget WITHOUT any increase in property tax.

I have been a resident and tax payer for 35 years, and have no current plans to leave. Please save the vitality of our community by shaving excesses out of the governmental departments and serve the people efficiently with only the most necessary services. We have all had to cut back to make ends meet in this economy— so should you.

Ruth Brandal  
1309 Sunnyside Blvd  
Lake Stevens WA 98258



**From:** [JENNIFER LACHAPELLE](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** meeting nov 13th  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:39:19 AM

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From: Donna Kitchner [tdkitchner1@yahoo.com](mailto:tdkitchner1@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Goodmorning Jen  
Date: Nov 13, 2024 at 7:08:47 AM  
To: Jennifer Lachapelle [jenlachapelle@comcast.net](mailto:jenlachapelle@comcast.net)

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Could you please redo this email for Ted and Send to [Nate.Nehring@snoco.org](mailto:Nate.Nehring@snoco.org)  
He wants it printed so you could just sign Teds name then scan and send to that email. If possible by 8.00 AM

As a very concerned small business owner in Snohomish and Island County . After going through the covid era and Bidenomics  
I feel we should wait until were done suffering those two issues before even thinking about raising property taxes.

Thankyou  
Very concerned citizen  
Ted Kitchner (425 422-7983)

*Ted Kitchner*

**From:** [Josephine Fodge](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget Hearing  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:41:32 AM

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Dear Council-members:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Josephine Fodge  
Bothell, WA

**From:** [Tina Stewart](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Do NOT approve the proposed 8% property tax hike in the 2025 / 2026 biennial budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:43:20 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hello,

I'm writing to oppose the proposed 8% tax hike. Residents cannot bear yet another tax burden when salary increases are not keeping pace with increased costs and job availability is slowing. County residents cannot unilaterally increase their own wages. Employers are not as generous with wage increases and are limiting common sense strategies like remote working. Residents are facing increasing costs in many areas – daily expenses but also essential services like medical and property insurance.

Please do not add to property taxes until Snohomish County has done the hard work of reviewing County costs and eliminating wasteful spending. Only then should you ask for County residents to take on even a “small” additional tax. We all know taxes never actually get lowered – a new “need” pops up and consumes any excess funds. Please be careful and respectful of County residents.

Thank you,

Katrina Stewart

Snohomish County Resident

**From:** [Jennifer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:43:55 AM

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We feel strongly just coming out of Covid era and prices are high enough as it is right now we are barely struggling to make it working plenty of overtime. Please do not consider raising taxes. I believe you're going to tax people right out of state we cannot even afford our property taxes as it is a big note for us.  
BRAD and Jennifer Lachapelle

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Neil Sharp](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:48:25 AM

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The people living in Everett have suffered enough! We don't want higher taxes! Use the brain God gave you to do things with the money you have. Balance your budget without extra money, Just Like the Rest of Us!

**From:** [John R Harvey](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:49:20 AM

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What are you thinking?! No one can afford this. Totally incompetent people running this county government. How about cutting costs instead and lower our taxes! I pay exorbitant taxes now and still roads don't get paved. Snohomish County continues to be run into the ground. Businesses are closing and your response is to raise taxes? Vote this down! Paula Harvey.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tim N. Thometz](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No Tax Increase Please !  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:52:36 AM

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I respectfully request that you do not raise property tax rates in this time of inflationary hardship.

Real prices on everything have increased close to 30% overall and we cannot afford to just live.

I am 72 years old and don't want to be taxed out of my lifelong home.

Please look for other ways to reconcile the balance sheet.

Respectfully yours,

Tim N Thometz  
Marysville WA  
425-405-0098



**From:** [Scott Glover](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:54:24 AM

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I oppose any tax hike in snohomish county!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** [Kris and Carl Gronvold](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:54:41 AM

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No ! To future 42  
We pay way too much already for terrible mishandling of existing funds.  
No ! To future 42  
Misleading promises

**From:** [rickmantd](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 24-083 VOTE NO!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:55:37 AM

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Ordinance 24-083 increases taxes for all of Snohomish County. This will put a tremendous strain on the middle and low income households. It will also make, the already unaffordable house market even more so. The families that were just barely able to afford a house in the last two year will struggle to make their mortgages, forcing them to make sacrifices in other areas of their budget.

It is time for the county to tighten their budget rather than passing the cost on to families who have been living with higher costs for food, housing and other essentials for the past four years!

Please vote no on Ordinance 24-083.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [stuart lawson LAWSON](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:56:22 AM

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Please do not increase this Tax people are leaving this County in Doves, use the alternate proposal.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [ca.murray@frontier.com](mailto:ca.murray@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:56:58 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

I understand that you are considering an 8% increase in property taxes. I encourage you to reconsider. I purchased my home 36 years ago. It was a starter home in a modest neighborhood. I still live here. The difference now is that I am retired and live on Social Security, plus the money saved while employed. I no longer receive regular salary increases that cover the rises in taxes, inflation, etc. This year, my property tax was 10% of my living allowance. The 8% tax increase would be a significant jump in expenses for next year and take a chunk out of my household budget. Please consider alternative cost-cutting budget measures before increasing an already substantial property tax. Thank you.

Carol Murray  
Snohomish County Citizen

**From:** [Gregg Kramer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:58:03 AM

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Hello,

My wife and I are business owners and a homeowner in Snohomish county. We are vehemently against the tax increase proposed for 2025-2026. Our business is barely scraping by with the minimum wage and current taxes the state already imposes on our business. Doing our due diligence we do know the county can make necessary adjustments and growths with the current taxes that are being assessed.

As a 20-year homeowner in Snohomish county the taxes are fair for the territory. We are adamantly against any increases that will take away from where our money is needed more.

Gregg Kramer

**From:** [Eric Brinster](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose 8% Land Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:59:26 AM

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I want to voice my opposition to the purposed land tax increase. Please vote in opposition.

Eric Brinster

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**From:** [Dan Witherow](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Propty tax increase: No to 8% increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:59:28 AM

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Hello,

To those of who are voting on an increase to property tax please vote this down. My property taxes have already sky rocketed the past two years and have significantly impacted my household. This is unprecedented and surprising given the amount of new housing developments that should add to the countys revenue.

Thank you,  
Daniel witherow



**From:** [Sandra Schnell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes, retroactive  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:59:53 AM

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The past is past.

Snohomish County is an attractive place to live. The property taxes are a little bit lower. To raise the property taxes after the fact is likened to false advertising.

**From:** [steve trimble](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:01:11 AM

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TO the Snohomish city council

I believe the 8% tax proposal would add undue burden to majority of households who already have struggled with high prices in everything

we buy or pay for now, especially retired fixed income people. 8% is an extraordinary amount with most home values over 500,000 dollars

increasing home taxes between \$4000 and %5000 a year. I request you reconsider your priorities and think of the voters that put their

trust in you to serve in our best interest

Thank you

**From:** [Pam Reeves](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No on property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:01:32 AM

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To whom it may concern,

**Snohomish County Council is receiving this Notification of my Intent to SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax Hike 8% in Snohomish County.**

My name is Pamela Reeves, Resident of Stanwood in Snohomish County. I understand the struggle is real for most homeowners stabilizing work life balance after Covid-19 Pandemic. This is not the time to increase Property Taxes when people are trying to stay above homelessness. I'm a retired Senior Citizen who has lived in my home for 58 years. My husband is still working part time to make ends meet.

County Executive Dave Somers budget increase will not be a positive impact on Snohomish County Taxpayers. Boeing Strikes and Layoffs has economically decreased spending is one example why we should look at the Alternative Proposal.

As the Snohomish County Council deliberates on the 2025/2026 budget, during this critical time, I ask All Five Voting Council Members to Eliminate the 8% General Property levy increase and Amend the budget. I Support Council Member Nate Nehring proposal General Fund Cuts to **Eliminate Property Tax Increase.**

I appreciate your time listening to my concern and looking forward to seeing a positive outcome for all of Snohomish County.

Thank you.

Pamela Reeves

29106 68th Ave NW

Stanwood WA 98292

425-330-8236

[Preevesrq@gmail.com](mailto:Preevesrq@gmail.com)

**From:** [Chris Danson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Excessive Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:03:26 AM

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An 8% tax seems very excessive considering how high the property tax is currently.

Chris Danson  
21124 29th Pl W  
Lynnwood , WA 98036  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [rebecca pope](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No tax increase!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:05:15 AM

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Good morning

Many of my friends myself included our retired and our unlimited income continuing to increase our property taxes will only push us out of our homes and then where are you suggesting us to live ?

Please, carefully about this tax increase we can't afford it nor can we afford to go find housing somewhere else

Thank you, kindly

Cheers reb

rebecca sue clark pope

UWAAB (University of Washington Applied Animal Behavior)

PMI Project Manager

425-205-3603

**From:** [WILLIAM DAVEY](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote against the new budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:11:54 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

As a senior citizen, this proposal would be very detrimental to people on a fixed income. I feel that this proposal needs to be voted down.

William Davey  
18423 63 rd pl w  
Lynnwood, Washington  
98037

**From:** [Michael Crumpacker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject the 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:15:11 AM

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Members of the Snohomish County council,

My name is Michael Crumpacker, and I have been a register voter and resident of Snohomish County for over forty years. Over that period, I have watched our property and sales taxes skyrocket with very little benefits if any to account for that spending. My wife and I are retired and living on a fixed income and are finding it increasingly difficult to live in the Perrinville area any longer, I understand that there are many other retired people living in Snohomish County that are in a worse financial position than ourselves and I know that I speak for them as well. Our property taxes have consistently gone up year after year except for one year to my memory and it is becoming apparent that our county and state leaders are completely blinded as to the needs of all its residents. We are tired of constant tax increases and if the government keeps increasing our expenses we will be forced to move away from our children and nine grandchildren. I honestly think that this letter will fall on deaf ears, and you don't really care about anything except your agenda, but I really want you to know that you are impacting the community that you are supposed to represent in a very negative way.

Michael Crumpacker

17826 69th Ave W

Edmonds, WA. 98026

**From:** [Michele Tiffany](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:16:06 AM

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PLEASE ~ NO on 8% property tax increase.

Michele Tiffany  
(206) 679-0050  
Mountlake Terrace



**From:** [Susan Davis](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Somers, Dave J](#); [Low, Sam](#)  
**Subject:** Vote against the 8% tax increase!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:17:25 AM

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Good morning Council Members and Mr Somers,

We live in unincorporated Snohomish County off Old Owen Rd, and just received notice that our home insurance rate is going up \$1,000 a year over our current rate! In talking with our insurance broker, we heard that lot of people are getting rate increases or notices of non-renewal because our homes are suddenly in an area identified as having a higher fire risk - in Western Washington!!

**We can not afford to pay \$1,000 more for insurance AND 8% more in property taxes!  
Please vote against this tax increase.**

Very sincerely,

Susan & Lonnie Davis

**From:** [Tracy Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:18:44 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident in Lake Stevens. We DO NOT want more taxes! We pay enough and with inflation we are already struggling to make ends meet. If you care about the citizens of this county, you will vote NO to more taxes. We are watching ALL OF YOU and will never forget what you do, so I hope you make the right decision for the people who PAY YOU!

WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL YOU DO!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Tracy Wilson*

507-993-2000

11908 10<sup>th</sup> PSE

Lake Stevens, WA 98258

**From:** [Kyle Rix](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO - property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:22:33 AM

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Hello,

This is the worst timing for an increased property tax. Just like individuals and businesses in Snohomish county, when times are tough it is time to get LEAN. We are all spending more and more money on things we can't control. For the time being, Snohomish county can not increase property taxes. It will further inflation in goods, rent, services, etc. Businesses will pass their cost down to the customers while Snohomish county citizens will pay higher property tax on homes and even more for everything else in their lives.

There will be a better time for this, but right now the County needs to get lean and buckle down to make their money work. We already are paying 50% more property tax from 5 years ago due to increased property values.

This is not a good time!

Thanks,  
Kyle Rix

**From:** [Donald MacPherson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:24:49 AM

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Please do not increase the property taxes. It's just not an affordable option. Too many of us stand to lose our homes if this is passed along with renters who will no longer be able to pay their rent. The homeless problem will get worse if this is passed. Thank you for your consideration.

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

**From:** [mary.55@comcast.net](mailto:mary.55@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No new taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:30:01 AM

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Please do not implement any new taxes for Snohomish County residents. We are already heavily taxed on our property and purchases. Thank you! Mary Simmons, Bothell, WA

**From:** [Kris Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No new property tax.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:31:06 AM

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I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden for my family! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Samantha Di Paola](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Hike Nov 13th, 2024  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:31:56 AM

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Hello Council,

I am a resident of 98290 in unincorporated Snohomish County. I heard there is a tax hike being discussed today at 10:30 regarding an 8% tax hike being applied to a portion of property tax (or something of that nature).

I strongly, strongly oppose the Council approving such a measure. Please reject this outright. Let the people decide directly by vote if they want it, but this constituent definitively does NOT want it and I find it questionable ethically on multiple grounds.

Sincerely,

Samantha Di Paola  
[Sdipaola908@gmail.com](mailto:Sdipaola908@gmail.com)  
908-472-8447

**From:** [John Allen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025/2026 Budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:33:54 AM

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Snohomish County Council  
3000 Rockefeller Ave.  
Everett, WA 98208

RE: 2025/2026 Budget

Dear Councilmembers,

I support Councilman Nehring's proposed budget amendment to eliminate the 8% general property tax increase proposed by Executive Somers for the 2025/2026 biennial budget.

Please approve his amendment as written and put the burden of budget reductions on the departments instead of property owners.

Sincerely,

John Allen  
2723 92nd Pl SE  
Everett, WA 98208



**From:** [jbretthauer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:35:58 AM

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I understand you are considering a property tax hike. I am pleading with you to please do not move forward with this hike. Prices for groceries, gas, medical, sales tax and other items are all too high for citizens. My husband and I are just entering retirement and this is scary for us. How are we going to afford necessary items? We love the community we live in and don't wish to sell our home and leave Snohomish county. Our medical may be \$1,900 a month. Prices are out of control. You need to learn to work with your current funding and stop asking for more. As the public does not get these types of increases through through wages and social security to keep up.

Thank you  
Joni

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Nick K](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council: 8% is not 1%. Don't violate the 1% property tax cap! Ask voters' permission if you want more.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:36:03 AM

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*The voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 747 and for 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%. It is beyond outrageous that you're seriously considering voting to raise property taxes AT ALL. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you're actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% cap and doing it without asking voters permission. Don't do it. It's vicious, cruel, and disrespectful to the people you're elected to represent. Vote no on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now.*

**From:** [Mary](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 8% Property Tax Increase.....  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:36:12 AM

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My question for you as a senior soon to be on a fixed income:

Question # 1) Why is your yearly salary for each one of you on the council?

Question # 2) What is the yearly salary for: Mary Fosse, Sam Low and Strom Peterson serving in the State Legislature in Olympia?

These 3 Representative having two incomes which are way out of touch of the voters in Snohomish County to have even consider approving this kind of tax!

This tax and any other future taxes need to stop! Cut the spending!

Lastly, a new resolution needs to be approved so that Snohomish Council County representatives cannot run for for both positions! This is stifles more debate and representation when the same person is controlling decisions from the county and state level.

Mary Kiel  
Marysville, WA

**From:** [Joan](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:38:05 AM

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The frustrating aspect about government increases is that funds are poorly managed and we, the consumer/homeowner suffers in the end. I have to live on a budget and the government should too. We shouldn't have to suffer cost increases because of poor management.  
Thank you.

**From:** [FRED G WERNER](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% general property tax levy increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:38:57 AM

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Thank you for reading this email...

We are residents of Snohomish County and have retired in the last two years. Our income is being impacted with hikes in car insurance premiums, homeowners insurance and other increases for daily living. We have seen our property taxes go up and up year after year and now are extremely concerned about this 8% tax increase. We are doubtful that we can accommodate such an increase with our income and it raises questions about our future here in a home we have lived at for 39 years.

Please, please address this issue with this amendment.

Fred and Kristen Werner

Lake Stevens, WA

**From:** [Janis Dymont](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:39:04 AM

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Totally against the proposal for the 8% property tax increase. Cut spending, reduce property tax, will cause major families to move elsewhere.  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Elizabeth McGee](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Low, Sam](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:40:41 AM

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Dear County Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concern regarding the potential increase in property taxes in our county. As a resident who is already living paycheck to paycheck, the financial strain from inflation has made it increasingly difficult to cover everyday expenses. Given the current economic climate, I am deeply concerned that any rise in property taxes would exacerbate these challenges for myself and many other families in our community.

The rising costs of essentials—such as food, gas, and utilities—are already putting a strain on household budgets. Many of us are struggling to keep up with these growing expenses, and the thought of additional financial burdens due to higher property taxes is unsettling. The increase in property taxes, especially at a time when inflation is already stretching household budgets thin, could potentially force many residents into difficult situations, including having to make hard choices between paying for basic needs or staying current on their property taxes.

While I understand the need for funding essential county services, I respectfully urge the county council to reconsider any proposed property tax increases. Instead, I ask that you explore options to reduce the tax burden on homeowners or, at the very least, freeze any increases for the time being. By doing so, you would help provide much-needed relief to those who are already struggling in this challenging economic environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will consider the financial pressures facing your constituents and make decisions that will best support the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth McGee

415-860-2094

[Lmcgeeca@gmail.com](mailto:Lmcgeeca@gmail.com)

**From:** [Linda Davey](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:41:26 AM

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With taxes already high and home ownership already out of reach for the average family, it is outrageous that you would consider this tax increase. Perhaps if you hadn't given the apartment builders:owners such a break this would not be at all necessary. Nevertheless an amendment has been offered to reduce other spending to avoid the need for this increase and this amendment should be accepted. I urge you all to pass the amendment and refuse to put these costs on the backs of your citizens.

Linda Davey  
425-220-2386

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Katie Pelan](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:41:44 AM

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Please vote NO on a 8% property tax increase. We can hardly afford groceries and our taxes already!!!!!!! Thank you!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [LINDA LEONARD](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** tax increase..absolutely no.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:42:59 AM

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I want no more tax increases for whatever reason. Cannot get blood from a turnip.

**From:** [Michelle](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No - Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:45:32 AM

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As a sole income with 3 small children, we can't not afford this. Please do not raise taxes.

Michelle McGaughey

"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are my role model for being alive."

- Gilda Radner

**From:** [Pamela Crumpacker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax Hike Proposed in Snohomish County  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:46:03 AM

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I am asking the Council to please consider other options and not pass this expensive tax hike that will make this added on property tax hard for us and others to afford. We are retired on a limited income. Our income now is currently above the amount for us to be consider for a tax break. But still, inflation is eating our budgeted expenses away and more taxes on top of our current expenses create a crushing blow to our existence.

Also, people that are currently renting apartments, or homes will certainly face rent increases. Living expenses for younger families and those making less than \$150,000 a year will be difficult to meet. Our County Council wants to add additional taxes to create a problem for the family to meet expenses for their children and other family members will find it hard to budget for the current basic cost of living just to survive and enjoy a little bit of life.

This purposed tax hike is cruel and heartless, and it seems that the County Council is unable to put any thought into the damage of lives and livelihood this will create to others.

The stress of more taxes adds much anxiety to many of us just to figure out how we are going to meet the expenses of daily living.

What I understand and have read is that ***"Councilmember Nate Nehring, the Snohomish County Council Vice President, is proposing a budget amendment to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase in Executive Somers' proposed budget by reducing unnecessary spending to ensure a balanced budget with no tax increase."***

I am sure you are all aware of his proposed budget. The link that I have so that you can all refer to his budget amendment is:

<https://snohomish.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=13527969&GUID=0E8D20C0-A5EB-4CE1-89C1-3D078C931CDE>

Warm regards,

Pamela Crumpacker  
17826 69 Avenue West  
Edmonds WA 98026

**From:** [Beverly Carlson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase for Snohomish Co 2025 & 2026  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:51:16 AM

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I am a 22-year resident in Lake Stevens and have seen our taxes almost double in that time. There are exemptions for seniors that I don't qualify for, but by no means is this going to make my budget easier.

What all citizens of Snohomish, Wa have been through in the last 4 years, with inflation rampant and incomes declining due to the state of our economy.

I protest and strongly oppose this tax increase. The county hasn't shown they can stick to a budget, the first time I became aware of this was around 2008. Our property values tanked, but we received a letter in essence, saying that although our values had gone down, they had a budget to keep and we would not get a reduction in our taxes.

The implementation of the roundabouts is also troubling. Who has that contract and who are they friends with? There needs to be a thorough review of the increase in traffic accidents this has caused and what that means to our residents.

It has come to my attention that funds have often been borrowed from important safety road projects and funneled into other projects. The classic one was the bridge on I-5 north of Route 530 where a F-150 carrying trusses struck the bridge and it collapsed. They had funds earmarked from 5 years prior that were taken from that project for who knows what? Then they tried to pin it on the driver for the damages, when it was their fault it was in such disrepair as to be a danger.

I have a loss of confidence at this point with how these new funds are going to be handled.

Again, I strongly oppose this proposed tax increase!

Beverly Carlson  
8717A 1<sup>st</sup> PINE  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

**From:** [huntrgathrr@yahoo.com](mailto:huntrgathrr@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** County Property Tax Increase Amendment  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:52:21 AM

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Dear Council Members, Regarding your consideration of a property tax increase, I would like to express opposition to any increase to property taxes for the reason that businesses, families, and individuals have already been impacted, some severely, by all around cost increases in Snohomish County. We own a very modest rental home in south Everett which we have been able to rent at an affordable price to long term tenants who happen to be immigrants. If our expenses go up, we have to raise rents just like many others will. Our tenants and others will then possibly need help from other sources to get by. Kind of a vicious circle of expenses then ultimately needed for more services. It would then be wise to examine any proposed budget for efficiency before increasing taxes. Hard choices but necessary ones. Thank You,  
Pamela Felt, Lake Stevens

**From:** [April Gelbart](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Against proposed tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:55:02 AM

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I, like most of my neighbors, DO NOT support this proposed tax hike. Hope our voices are heard before today's meeting.

April

**From:** [rwgrove@comcast.net](mailto:rwgrove@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:57:12 AM

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As an owner of both personal and residential rental property in Snohomish County, I am opposed to this property tax increase. You should know that I try to keep rent affordable for my tenants, but I do tell them, that if property taxes increase, they can expect a corresponding increase in their rent. If the tax increase is approved, I will be sure to let my tenants know who approved it. I will remind them of this when it's time for the next election.

Robert Grove



**From:** [Breanna Eneberg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Breanna Eneberg](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent Request to Oppose the 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:59:38 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

I am writing to you today as a life long resident of Snohomish County regarding the proposed 8% increase in our property taxes set to be voted on today. I understand the financial needs of our community, but I urge you to consider the burdens this increase would impose on many, particularly in these economically challenging times.

Here are several reasons why I strongly oppose this tax increase:

1. Economic Hardship: Many residents, including my family, are still recovering from the economic impacts of the past 3 1/2 years. An 8% increase in property taxes would significantly strain household budgets, particularly for seniors, single parents, and those with fixed incomes.
2. Transparency and Justification: While it's important to fund essential services, the increase seems disproportionate to the current economic climate and inflation rates. As a tax paying citizen of Snohomish County, I request a detailed breakdown of how this increased revenue will be spent, ensuring it goes towards critical services rather than administrative overhead or unnecessary government projects.
3. Community Sentiment: From discussions on social platforms and community meetings, it's clear there's significant opposition to this increase among residents. This decision WILL alienate voters and affect trust in local governance.
4. Alternatives: Before resorting to tax hikes, have all other avenues of revenue or cost-saving measures been exhausted? Perhaps there are inefficiencies that could be streamlined or alternative funding sources that could be explored, like grants or partnerships.
5. Long-term Impact: Continuous tax increases without corresponding increases in property values or incomes WILL lead to higher rates of foreclosure or residents moving out of the county. This could ultimately decrease the tax base, negating the intended benefits of the increase.

I BEG OF YOU to vote against this tax increase. Consider the long-term effects on our community's economic health and the well-being the community who voted you into office, of whom you are supposed to support.

Property taxes are not just numbers on a bill; they represent real financial sacrifices for many families. I trust that you will consider the welfare of all Snohomish County residents in your deliberations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a decision that reflects

the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Breanna Eneberg

3505 Upland, Ave  
Everett, WA 98203  
bchecht@hotmail.com

**From:** [Tim Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE TAXES  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:00:06 AM

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I live in Lake Stevens at 11908 10th PI SE. I am hoping that this council will decide against imposing any new taxes on it's citizens. We are already paying enough in taxes and goods. To put further strain on your citizens finances is unconscionable.

Do the right thing and vote NO to more taxes and spending.

Thank you,

Tim Wilson  
612-968-2032

**From:** [seeker1@frontier.com](mailto:seeker1@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase 8%  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:02:04 AM

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Hello,

I'm opposed to the eight percent property tax increase proposed by Dave Sommers. I'm retired, lost my spouse to cancer two years ago and accordingly lost half of my income.

I've had to go on a budget to make ends meet. The high inflation caused in part by the State of Washington legislature has impacted my budget significantly.

I believe the County should go on a budget. The County needs to do a better job with its finances. We the citizens of Snohomish County are not in a position to allow our elected officials to constantly increase taxes to no end in sight. We don't have deep pockets. Manage the resources you have. If I can do it, so can the County.

I'm a registered voter. I vote in all elections. If the County Council approves the eight percent property increase, I will vote for a new County Council. I'm disappointed this is even a possibility.

Dave Sommers is out of touch with the citizens of Snohomish County. He's been in office for over a couple of decades. He's become complacent and doesn't seem to have a clue how tax increases hurt the residents of Snohomish County.

Please do not vote for this increase. Take a look at how the County can better manage the assets it has. As I said before, if I can go on a budget, so can the County.

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Johnshoy  
360-554-9674

**From:** [dhmoffett@comcast.net](mailto:dhmoffett@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE PROPERTY TAXES  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:14:43 AM

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## NO MORE PROPERTY TAXES.

EVER!

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**From:** [Liz Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 11/13/24 Council Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:15:15 AM

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I am not able to attend today, but I want to reiterate my profound opinion that there absolutely be no increase in property tax to Everett citizens. We are already crunched.

Sincerely,  
Liz Mitchell

**From:** [ihamwi@comcast.net](mailto:ihamwi@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:18:38 AM

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I do not approve of the tax hike. You did not specify the reason for the hike.

Is the hike is to pay you more money

We are having a hard time to survive. The cost of the living is too high

IK don't think you need the 8% hike

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**From:** [Gordon V. Wall](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** tax increase:  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:20:37 AM

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**Do not increase county taxes, cut your expenses!!**

**Are you trying to force us out of our homes?**

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



**From:** [Gmail](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:24:46 AM

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> ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE THE 8.046 property tax increase for 2025 and 2026. This is unacceptable especially since most of us can barely afford our insurance increases and food since inflation. Please do not let this happen. Thank you for your time in advance for reading my Email. Respectfully, Ken Mcarthur  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michele Woodbury](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council: 8% is not 1%. Don't violate the 1% property tax cap! Ask voters' permission if you want more.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:26:27 AM

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The voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 747 and for 23 years state and local governments have not been allowed to raise property taxes more than 1% per year. Anything higher requires voter permission. In 2007, the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Governor Gregoire reimposed the 1% cap. 1% means 1%. 8% is not 1%. It is beyond outrageous that you're seriously considering voting to raise property taxes AT ALL. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you're actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% cap and doing it without asking voters permission. **Don't do it!** It's **vicious, cruel, and disrespectful** to the people you're elected to represent. Vote no on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now.

Respectfully,

Michele Woodbury  
Lynnwood resident

**From:** [Kevin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Do not raise property taxes!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:27:47 AM

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The citizens of Snohomish county, including our household, have asked and voted repeatedly that you reign in expanding county budgets and do away with non essential programs and services. I do not support raising property taxes taxes.

Kevin Kaltenbach  
4111 Peninsula Rd  
Stanwood, WA 98292

**From:** [joe chevy sub diesel](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:30:05 AM

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I am opposed to the proposed 8 % county tax hike! I'm in favor of balancing the budget. The timing of this is bad since many are already overburdened with the current state of the economy. This would be a real hardship for me as a senior citizen.

A concerned citizen,  
Linda Germick

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Heidi Ford](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more new taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:30:44 AM

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Please listen to the people who put you in office. We cannot bear more taxation in this county. Balance your budget better. Please and thank you.  
Mark and Heidi Ford

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patricia Keene](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:32:45 AM

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Members of City Council:

I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. For families like myself, if this passes this will cause a great financial burden! I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Thank you to your attention to this matter.

Patricia L Keene  
tedybear9299@yahoo.com

**From:** [Debbie Greisen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Possible property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:34:28 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

Please do not raise the property taxes! I see that a proposal of an 8% increase is on the agenda for your meeting. We are already taxed extremely high as a citizen of this state. This will spell a huge negative impact on seniors, and people who are of lower income. Whether they are renters or owners, the tax will impact them.

Please consider tabling this giant increase. It seems excessive to have a tax jump greater than our cost of living abilities. I am a senior and a homeowner here in Snohomish County.

Thank you,  
Submitted respectfully for your consideration  
Debra Greisen  
2424 195th Pl. SE, Unit B  
Bothell, WA 98012

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*Debbie Greisen*

*Commissioned Colson Fellow*

'Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.' C.S. Lewis

***Soli Deo Gloria***

**From:** [Matt Guentz](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:36:44 AM

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Dear Snohomish county council,

Please do not vote to increase our property tax. We are already over taxed, burdened by 20-30 % increases accross the board.  
This tax increase is unaffordable.

Matt Guentz  
Registered voter.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device



**From:** [Jim Barrett](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase meeting 11/13/2024  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:38:17 AM

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I just saw your notice. If i am reading this right, Snohomish County is proposing an 8% property tax increase. I believe there are limits of 1% per Washington State Dept of Revenue,

"The 1% constitutional limit Washington State's Constitution limits the regular (non-voted) combined property tax rate that applies to an individual's property to 1% of market value (\$10 per \$1,000). Voter approved special levies, such as special levies for schools, are in addition to this amount."

Did the Legislature change the constitution?

And of course we need to reiterate the raising cost of everything in our daily lives. Now something like this will make family's existance even further stressed.

Sincerely, Jim Barrett

425-508-4133

**From:** [Billie Guentz](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:40:11 AM

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To Snohomish County Council,  
I am very unhappy about the lack of prior public notice of an 8% increase to our property tax  
and am very much AGAINST  
It. Vote NO!  
Billie Guentz

**From:** [Kim Donelson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:41:07 AM

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We are a married retired couple...we live on a fixed budget and can not afford such a tax increase as this. We are already overwhelmed with the extremely high cost of gas, groceries, clothing and services! Please vote this new taxing budget. Can we not have an audit of the items in the budget to see where we can trim the fat??? Please do not vote for this!

Thank you  
Kim Donelson

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**From:** [Nicole Otness](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget hearing  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:41:16 AM

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Good morning,

I live at 2224 Cady dr, Snohomish WA 98290 and I am not able to attend the meeting this morning.

I know they will be talking about the 3% tax increase and I strongly disagree with this tax hike.

I know it is not voting but hopefully as a council member you can take on to consideration someone who lives in the city. I pay very high taxes already living in the city of Snohomish. Hopefully we can restructure how they are spent before we just ask for more.

Thanks for your consideration.

Nicole Otness  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Byron Meseroll](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:43:28 AM

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Please balance the budget and don't increase my property tax!

Byron Meseroll  
9810 Waverly dr  
Snohomish WA 98296  
Thank you.

**From:** [Brian Kohn](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** proposed increase in allowed annual property tax to 8%  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:45:45 AM

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county council:

the mere idea of 5 individuals even contemplating or dreaming of allowing this to be considered is outrageous. And every one of you in favor of this should hang your heads in shame.

Instead of raising the annual increases in property taxes, they should be decreased. Sno county already gets too much tax money and just pisses it away in all sorts of worthless ways.

all i ever hear politicians do is whine. whine about "affordable housing" . Every one of you council members should stop gazing at your naval and instead look in the mirror. The main driver of unaffordable housing is who you see when you look in the mirror. Do your jobs for once. And stay out of the taxpayers pockets.

learn to live with what you got. Do not any of you know how to say the word CUT or NO?

brian kohn  
snohomish wa  
206-898-7431

**From:** [dhmoffett@comcast.net](mailto:dhmoffett@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE PROPERTY TAXES - EVER  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:46:23 AM

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This goes for income tax, as well.

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Sales tax is the only form of taxation which is fully transparent to the taxpayer, as it all is presented directly on paper with every sales receipt.

Today's proposal of eight percent property tax is outrageous!

I can't imagine for what the county needs that new revenue; but the existing sales tax already is too high and should be enough to cover all county expenses.

If not, then drastic spending cuts and efficiency measures are in order and badly needed.

The best government is that which governs least!

Sincerely,

Douglas H. Moffett

Snohomish County resident since 1959

**From:** [mr e](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Low, Sam](#)  
**Cc:** [Wiita, Russell](#); [Rhyne, Paula](#); [Thompson, Joshua](#); [Cheesman, Darcy](#); [Ewert, Angela](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:47:55 AM

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Greetings,

I am providing comments to express opposition to property tax increases. Specifically requesting that you vote no for the proposed 8% property tax increase, 1% road tax increase, and 1% futures tax along with any other tax district increase. In general, tax increases would put additional burden on struggling families in Snohomish County that have already endured hardships during COVID and inflation. The majority of my extended family work or have worked in the education field and urge you to seek ways to trim costs and be more efficient versus raising taxes. I believe one of the council members has offered an alternative and we encourage you to review and consider. The cost of living in Washington State including Snohomish County has increased to the point of being unaffordable for many residents here including long term and multi generational families..

Thank you,  
Jeff Estes  
Startup



**From:** [Barbara King](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No justification  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:52:05 AM

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I support Nate Nehring's budget proposal to eliminate the 8% property tax increase to the county's general levy. A proposal would freeze county property taxes at their current rate and would balance the budget by cutting unnecessary spending, including the Office of Social Justice (\$2.5 million/biennium), travel & conferences, proposed new staff, and a number of other miscellaneous cuts.

It is time that the Snohomish County Council learn how to set and live within a budget that all businesses and households do.

Barbara King

**From:** [Dan Stearns](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Future 42  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:56:16 AM

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I for one support Nate Nehring's ORDINANCE NO. 24-083 proposal. The county needs to keep tax payers trust by only funding necessary spending and cut the frills.

Dan Stearns

3628 147<sup>th</sup> Pl SE

Mill Creek, WA.,98012-4264

**From:** [Al Cross](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Proposed rate hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:56:55 AM

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From: AL CROSS, [ahc274@gmail.com](mailto:ahc274@gmail.com)  
Date: Wed, Nov 14, 2024 at 9:52 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Re: Proposed rate hike  
To: Al Cross <[ahc274@gmail.com](mailto:ahc274@gmail.com)>

Subject: Re: Proposed rate hike

Please -- reconsider this outrageous proposal - people are really hurting already -- our property taxes are sky high and it is making it next to impossible for seniors on fixed income to be able to keep their homes = we are in that camp! However, where do seniors even find affordable housing if we have to move from here?

I would suggest you listen to the proposal by Nate Nehring - surely all of you must sacrifice another part of your budget - our budgets are being broken by gas, housing, food, TAXES, and everything combined makes this a horrible part of the state to live in!

Thank you for your very careful consideration to find another way,  
Al Cross

**From:** [Pete Majkut](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Alternative Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:57:02 AM

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**To whom it may concern,**

**Snohomish County Council is receiving this Notification of my Intent to SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax Hike 8% in Snohomish County.**

My name is Peter Majkut , Resident of Everett in Snohomish County. I understand the struggle is real for most homeowners stabilizing work life balance after Covid-19 Pandemic. This is not the time to increase Property Taxes when people are trying to stay above homelessness.

County Executive Dave Somers budget increase will not be a positive impact on Snohomish County Taxpayers. Boeing Strikes and Layoffs has economically decreased spending is one example why we should look at the Alternative Proposal.

As the Snohomish County Council deliberates on the 2025/2026 budget, during this critical time, I ask All Five Voting Council Members to Eliminate the 8% General Property levy increase and Amend the budget. I Support Council Member Nate Nehring proposal General Fund Cuts to **Eliminate Property Tax Increase.**

I appreciate your time listening to my concern and looking forward to seeing a positive outcome for all of Snohomish County.

Thank you.

Peter Majkut

108 107th St SW Everett Wa 98204

Email: [petemajkut@gmail.com](mailto:petemajkut@gmail.com)

Cell: 425-308-1641

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Melissa Ramm](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Nate Nehring's Ammendment  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:59:13 AM

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I am writing to let you know I support **Nate Nehring's amendment to eliminate the 8% increase to the general property tax levy and make corresponding cuts to expenditures in the budget.**

Thank you,

Melissa Ramm  
Managing Broker - REALTOR  
RE/MAX Elite  
425-319-7165

**From:** [Jo Hull](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:01:42 AM

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To the Snohomish County Council Members:

Do not increase our property taxes by 8%.

Respectfully,

Jo Hull  
Snohomish County Resident

**From:** [Nikki Ramsey](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** RPAC Comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:02:56 AM

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**I agree with Councilmember Nate Nehring's amendment to eliminate the 8% increase to the general property tax levy and make corresponding cuts to expenditures in the budget. Thank you.**



**From:** [Devin Gordon](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:04:47 AM

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 8% increase in Snohomish County's general property tax levy. With the recent rejection of multiple tax measures by voters, it is clear that our community is already burdened with rising costs and is not in favor of additional tax increases.

In recent years, property taxes have already escalated significantly for essential services like schools, libraries, and fire districts, placing considerable strain on hard-working families and individuals in our county. Implementing another tax hike would further exacerbate these financial pressures, especially at a time when residents are facing rising costs of living and inflation.

I urge the County Council to explore more responsible budgetary solutions, such as reducing non-essential spending and prioritizing core services, rather than increasing taxes. Fiscal responsibility should begin with ensuring our government is using taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively.

Please consider voting against the proposed property tax increase and work towards solutions that respect the financial realities of the residents you serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Devin Gordon**  
Century 21  
206-679-2551

[Devingordonrealty@gmail.com](mailto:Devingordonrealty@gmail.com)

<https://g.page/r/CR8PAIikL83EEBM/review>

[Devin Gordon, CENTURY 21 Real Estate Agent in Kirkland, WA](#)





**From:** [danatrace](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:05:26 AM

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Do not raise property taxes. It is already too expensive to live here and people are suffering. Stop wasting money on the homelessness problem. Washington State has solved nothing on this front. Make cuts in the budget like normal human beings would do.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Kaiping Su](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** oppose 8% increase to county's portion of property tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:09:39 AM

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Hello County Council - please consider this email as my strong opposition to the proposed 8% increase to the county's portion of property taxes in the 2025/2026 biennial budget. I'm unable to make the meeting today but am against the proposal.

I support Nate Nehring's proposal instead. Thank you.

Kaiping Su

**From:** [bjpd1@frontier.com](mailto:bjpd1@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:12:56 AM

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As a resident of unincorporated Snohomish County, these increases affect me and my family quite negatively. As retired members we live on fixed incomes. Our property taxes are excessive now and to add to that burden reduces our ability to pay and decreases our quality of life. At what point do the county council members say that enough is enough? At what point do they look in the mirror as Nate Nehring has done and tell themselves to look at how tax dollars are already being spent. Look for efficiencies; look for excesses and reduce those before adding to an already onerous financial burden.

Bill Cooper  
(425) 232-1025

**From:** [Davis Backhoe Services](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** TAX increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:13:06 AM

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PLEASE, NO WE ARE OLD AND CAN'T PAY ANYMORE!

Ken Davis  
**Davis Backhoe Services LLC.,**  
Office: 425.745.0785 | Email: [davisbackhoe@live.com](mailto:davisbackhoe@live.com)

**From:** [Jonathan Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Nehring, Nate](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Low, Sam](#)  
**Subject:** Don't raise taxes without first sharpening the pencil on spending!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:14:52 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

Please don't raise our taxes without first focusing on the common-sense and reasonable measures highlighted in Nate Nehring's op-ep in the Everett Herald yesterday:  
<https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/comment-county-execs-property-tax-proposal-poorly-timed/>

The voters have already rejected tax increase proposals, it would be a snub of the nose for the Council to ignore recent voter sentiment on this issue and a form of election denial. Pushing a tax increase forward after the recent elections is very dubious and does not give the impression that our government is working for the People.

Individuals cannot "raise revenue" by simple decree like government can. Government must first sharpen its pencil and tighten the belt before trying to force more taxes on us.

Sincerely,  
-Jonathan Nelson  
1624 Rucker Ave  
Everett, WA 98201

**From:** [mark.st.clair](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:16:31 AM

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As a Snohomish County resident, I explore you to vote NO on the Executive's proposed 8% tax increase.

Thank you.

**From:** [Peter Frix](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% TAX HIKE TO HOME OWNERS  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:17:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**The proposed 8% increase is not smart business.  
It is an egregious increase to a ten percent increase to last year's expenditures.  
Time to reign in spending.  
Peter Frix, CDIA, CEIRM  
CEO, Managing Consultant  
(425) 977-4222, Ext 301**

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**From:** [Rosalia McDonnell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Nate Nehring's Amendment to the County Executive's 2025-2026 biennial budget.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:20:23 AM

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I am a concerned citizen of Snohomish County, and a property owner. I want to support Nate Nehring's Amendment to the 2025-2026 biennial budget. I support Councilman Nehring's proposal to eliminate the 8% general levy tax increase to the county portion of our property taxes, freeze county property taxes at their current rate, and balance the budget by cutting unnecessary spending.

Thank you for hearing opinion and implementing Councilman Nehring's proposal. I also strongly oppose the 8% property tax increase.

Sincerely,

Rosalia C. McDonnell

Rosalia Cardenas McDonnell

6415 - 129th Pl. S. E.  
Snohomish, WA 98296

425 359-8750

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**From:** [Laura Crouse](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:23:13 AM

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I am greatly opposed to a possible 8% increase in property taxes. I have lived in Washington state my entire life and it's like you're trying to text me enough that I am will be forced to move out of state and that idea is very depressing to me.

Sincerely, Laura Crouse  
13331 247th Ave SE  
Monroe WA 98272

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Pat Haugen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:27:42 AM

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We don't need another tax increase. You are paid to manage what funds you have and we would appreciate it if you would do just that.

We are keeping score and have a long memory.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patrick Haugen  
Marysville, Wa

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Carson Bowlin](#)  
**To:** [Low, Sam](#); [Mead, Jared](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Council > Better Manage Your Budget Before Increasing Property Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:33:22 AM

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Snohomish County Council,

Residents of Snohomish County must work diligently and responsibly to live within our financial means. Simply put, families, individuals and businesses must not spend more money they bring in. Is it too much for citizens to ask that the county government do the same?

I implore the Snohomish County Council to reject the proposed 8% general levy property tax increase proposal. The last four years marked by rampant inflation and significant increases in the basic cost of goods has taken a toll on the hard working residents of Snohomish County. It is inconceivable to me that in your elected roles you would even consider pushing additional costs on your residents.

Please do your job to protect the well being and prosperity of the citizens you represent. In your role, scrutinize spending, stamp out excessive waste and spend money wisely on public safety, infrastructure, safety and education in a responsible way.

The residents of Snohomish County don't want this new tax. Please listen to those that you represent.

Sincerely,  
Carson W. Bowlin  
1606 Rucker Ave  
Everett, WA 98201

**From:** [Tamara Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:33:55 AM

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Dear Counsel Members,

I urge you to NOT increase any taxes. Just as we homeowners have to do, you must cut fat out of your budget and stop spending in bc order to live within your means. I am caring for a grandchild right now and may not make the hearing but I want you to know I find it deeply offensive and fiscally irresponsible that some of you would push to increase spending at the expense of our future generations. Our founding fathers knew that government must not be in debt. Chief Justice John Marshall said “The power to tax involves the power to destroy.” And Thomas Jefferson explained “The forehorse (leader) of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression.”

For the sake of Pur future generation, please get back into a balanced budget without increasing the tax burden.

Respectfully,  
Tamara Nelson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [curtvanderpoel@juno.com](mailto:curtvanderpoel@juno.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't raise taxes; cut unnecessary spending  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:42:25 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:  
Please don't raise taxes.  
Cut unnecessary spending instead.  
Thank you.  
Curt Vanderpoel

**From:** [Tatom, Nicole](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO TAX BEING RAISED  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:49:30 AM

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**Dear Snohomish County Council,**

**I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 8% increase in property taxes included in the 2025-2026 biennial budget. This tax hike would place an immense burden on many families in our community, especially those on fixed incomes, who are already struggling to keep up with rising living expenses.**

**A significant increase in property taxes would make it harder for residents to remain in their homes and maintain their current quality of life. For families living paycheck to paycheck, this increase could force difficult decisions regarding essential needs. Additionally, those on fixed incomes, including seniors and individuals with disabilities, would face added financial strain, with limited ability to absorb such a rise.**

**I strongly support Councilmember Nate Nehring's alternative proposal to eliminate the 8% general levy tax increase and instead balance the budget through cuts to unnecessary spending. This solution allows for a responsible budget without passing additional costs onto residents.**

**Thank you for considering the impact this increase would have on our community. I urge you to support the proposal to freeze the property tax rate at its current level and to protect Snohomish County residents from an unnecessary financial burden.**

**Sincerely,**

**Nicole Tatom**

Realtor

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**From:** [Richard Lang](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:54:09 AM

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My wife and I have lived in Lynnwood for 48 years. We bought our house for \$56,000 in 1978. We are on a fixed income and can barely make ends meet now. Both being retired in our mid 70s we would like to stay in our home but with all the tax increases it is hard. Please stay in your budget we have no choice.

**From:** [RICHARD LANG](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:59:51 AM

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Stay in you budget I do because I have no choice.



**From:** [Mails](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:05:27 AM

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Our vote on the tax increase would be NO! But, then again, I guess public opinion is not taken into consideration. We are seniors on limited income, yet prices are and have been going crazy. Maybe the powers that have been elected by us, the people, to represent us, the people, might consider what the people want. Maybe tax increases for folks like us could and should be frozen. Schools are a big part of our taxes, yet we haven't had our kids or grandkids in schools for a long time. How about eliminating the school tax for us? Give the seniors a break!!!!, please.

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**From:** [margaret sanchez](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** taxing  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:08:06 AM

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We have enough stop these taxes

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Lake & Co. Real Estate  
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**From:** [Tony Ruggiero](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL (HEARING 11/13/24)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:13:18 AM

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**11/13/24**

**To whom it may concern,**

**Snohomish County Council is receiving this Notification of my Intent to SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO NOT INCREASE The Property Tax Hike 8% in Snohomish County.**

My name is Tony Ruggiero, Resident of Everett in Snohomish County. I understand the struggle is real for most homeowners stabilizing work life balance after Covid-19 Pandemic. This is not the time to increase Property Taxes when people are trying to stay above homelessness.

County Executive Dave Somers budget increase will not be a positive impact on Snohomish County Taxpayers. Boeing Strikes and Layoffs has economically decreased spending is one example why we should look at the Alternative Proposal.

As the Snohomish County Council deliberates on the 2025/2026 budget, during this critical time, I ask All Five Voting Council Members to Eliminate the 8% General Property levy increase and Amend the budget. I Support Council Member Nate Nehring proposal General Fund Cuts to **Eliminate Property Tax Increase.**

I appreciate your time listening to my concern and looking forward to seeing a positive outcome for all of Snohomish County.

Thank you.

Tony Ruggiero

1917 60<sup>th</sup> St. S.E.

Email:latman1@hotmail.com

Cell: 425-330-5302

**From:** [Wayne Wayson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Low, Sam](#)  
**Subject:** Property Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:16:30 AM

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Hello,

I have been told the Snohomish County Council is seeking an increase in property taxes. I have been searching the council website to confirm and for any related information.

I would appreciate you sending me any related information or direct me to the information on the county website. Also, in case this is true, I want to voice my strong opposition to any and all new or increases to existing taxes.

Thank you in advance and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Wayne Wayson

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**Wayne Wayson**

[wwayson09@gmail.com](mailto:wwayson09@gmail.com)

425-408-3766



**From:** [Lauri](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Increase not in favor of  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:19:21 AM

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I am not in support of having property taxes increased. I believe all discretionary spending needs to be reviewed. This is one more financial hit that the Snohomish County tax payers can not afford.

I am fully in support of Nate Nehrings proposal. Given all the recent changes in the economy you will see more individuals losing their homes if there is not some control. I think a thorough budget review needs to be done with work prioritized to get done. Not everything needs to be done at one time

Sincerely  
Lauri Lehman  
1900 Weaver Rd P102  
Snohomish, Wa 98290  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sarah Sewares](#)

**To:** [Contact Council](#)

**Subject:** Dear Snohomish County Council Members, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed property tax increase in Snohomish county . As a resident deeply concerned about the high cost of living in our area. I urge you to reconsider this prop...

**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 9:34:29 AM

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**From:** [Karri Norberg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:20:38 AM

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Council members,

I find it interesting that government officials at all levels talk about "affordable housing" all the while enacting policies that are in direct conflict to attain "affordable housing". (you know this)

Policies that lead to inflation of all goods and especially an explosion in housing prices. Those prices are reflected in erroneous property assessments.....especially after housing prices deflate...and the tax remains. (you know this)

Those citizens / voters who live in apartments may believe that they are unaffected by property tax until their rent increases to cover the new taxes. Citizens of all ages are crushed by taxes as they exist....without additional burden. How many people will be displaced by this 8% increase in taxes? Will the displaced also seek help as another homeless statistic? Does anyone care? (you know this)

Us as Senior citizens are especially punished by increases of any prices...insurances (home, auto, health), utilities, food, medicines, gas, sales tax, property tax, rent.....the big killer is inflation. (you know this) this why so many people are leaving the State of Washington.

We seniors would beg relief from constant financial stress brought about by government inventing "new" ways to spend money rather than put in the difficult work to create an honest affordable budget. The "easy" way is to increase tax revenue. (you know this)

Consider the impact / punishment the Snohomish County Council has on your individual selves, your families, your friends, your grandchildren, neighbors.

**Taxes are forever. (you know this)**

We citizens / voters just want to be able to afford to live out the rest of

our lives. Yes, you know this also and yet.....

Karri Norberg  
17806 Oxford Drive  
Arlington, Wa 98223



**From:** [jim schuler](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8 percent tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:25:19 AM

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To whom it concern:

Please, no more tax increases. I'm on a fixed income. It's been tough enough with all the inflation over these last several years thank you.!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Anthony Tackett](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned about Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:31:22 AM

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Hello County Council,

I live in south Everett, and I'm very concerned about this proposed property tax increase in Snohomish County.

With property values continuing to go up, property taxes are already generating more revenue for the county. Also, offering the benefit of the doubt that you're being good stewards of our taxpayer money, what items in the budget have already been reduced/eliminated that are less important or are not effective to save money and close budget short falls? Any responsible organization will do this deep dive and make difficult decisions before they reach their hand out and ask for more money. If my family's household expenses go up, or I decide I want to buy something I can't afford, I can't just go to my boss and demand more money. That's just not how it works, and it's not how the government should operate either.

Lastly, who do you think these tax increases impact the most? It will impact low and middle income families. The people least able to absorb this increase. This state already has some of the most regressive taxes in the country, yet politicians say they care about low income families? There's so much rhetoric about the lack of affordable housing, but in the next breath many of our leaders are intentionally making housing more expensive with the taxes and policies they impose. These two themes are diametrically opposed, housing becomes less affordable when you increase property taxes.

We are already overburdened with taxes in general in this state, and combine that with the historically significant inflation we've experienced recently, my family and MANY others in this community absolutely do not have any more room in our budgets for a property tax increase.

Please vote NO on this measure to increase property taxes in Snohomish County.

Respectfully,

Anthony Tackett

**From:** [Karen Findley](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% increase in property tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:47:10 AM

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I oppose the current budget proposal that includes an 8% increase in the count portion of the property tax. This is not a good time to be raising taxes. Families are already overburdened by the current cost of living.

Increasing that burden right now would be catastrophic to many families and seniors.

**From:** [Kathy fitzpatrick](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [Tim Eyman](#)  
**Subject:** Kindly Stop This Show of Greed  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:25:10 PM

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Going for 8% tax is not only wrong, your constituents cannot afford it, and it makes the Snohomish County Council look abysmally greedy.

At a time when folks are in the process of just trying to afford highly inflated and just plain expensive groceries, and hoping some day to purchase their own home or even find a place to rent that they can afford, how cruel can you become?

Please justify this new tax, convince me it is not just another symptom of the Democratic Party's typical greed (you know - the one that cost the party a presidential race). What costs has the county even begun to reduce? Do YOU receive a salary upgrade this year or even next year on the backs of folks who are struggling? Do you think you can continue to raise taxes on the backs of people who are too beguiled or too naive to vote for your opponents?

Time will only tell when the dishonest media will reveal the truth, as more people lose their homes. Was it the plan of planned growth to have people in apartments rather than houses so they will think they do not pay property taxes?

Please respond how you will vote and especially WHY?

Thank you,

Kathleen Fitzpatrick [fitkathy6@gmail.com](mailto:fitkathy6@gmail.com)  
1608 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA 98201

**From:** [Vicki Lennon](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No More Taxes!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:28:58 PM

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Exactly how many tax increases can the average family in WA afford, along with growing inflation, high grocery and gas bills? Enough already! Learn to live on a budget and manage your money! Daddy's wallet is closed!

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Clint Moll](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no on 8% property tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:43:56 PM

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You'll be pushing people out of Snohomish County, who can no longer afford to own or rent houses here.

Vote no on raising property taxes!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [christinedgrant@aol.com](mailto:christinedgrant@aol.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:52:16 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Christine Grant and Torry Estes  
Bothell, WA

**From:** [Makenna Brinster](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on increasing taxes - Support Councilman Nehring  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:52:29 PM

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Our property taxes have gone up astronomically the past 5 years. Soon you will tax people out of their ability to keep their homes or live in Snohomish county. There has been enough strain put on the people through covid shut downs, post covid inflation, Washington state gas prices, etc. Don't make our property taxes the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back.

Please support Councilman Nate Nehring in eliminating the tax increase. The burden of good money management should fall to our elected leaders. Poor money management should not fall on the already burdened shoulders of your community. Be responsible for the huge increase in funds you have already seen as a result of the increase in property taxes seen over the past 5 years, don't ask for more, be better with what you have.

- M. Brinster  
Lake Stevens Resident



**From:** [\(null\) nancycharter](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes- Snohomish County  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:56:17 PM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,

Nancy Charter  
Bothell, WA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Susan\\_Conard@comcast.net](mailto:Susan_Conard@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** property tax increase 2024-2003  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:56:40 PM

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Good afternoon...

I urge you to vote against the tax increase. Families are struggling to make ends meet and keep a roof over their heads. Having lived in this county my entire life, I am disheartened by the high cost of living here. It's concerning to see how expensive housing has become and how challenging it will be for my children to afford their own homes in the future. Many young adults are unable to move out on their own and continue to live with their parents. I'm sure you know loved ones who are in the same situation. There was also an article in the Herald stating that Snohomish County is one of the highest-taxed districts in the nation.

Sincerely,

Sue Conard  
425-870-9118

**From:** [ergepilk2006@aol.com](mailto:ergepilk2006@aol.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned Tax Payers  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:11:52 PM

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**To whom it may concern - was not exactly sure where to send this email. If you can please forward this onto SnoCo County Council members it would be appreciated.**

We are writing concerning Snohomish County's meeting Wednesday, 11/13 at 10:30 am (Budget deliberations). Taxpayers in Snohomish County have been burdened by increasing taxes the last few years; We are senior citizens living on a fixed income who are extremely burdened by what property taxes are running in Snohomish County. Inflation is already out of control in so many areas - and again senior citizens are taking the brunt of everything!! Nate Nehring has proposed a budget amendment to eliminate the 8% general property tax levy increase proposed by County Executive Dave Somers for the 2025/2026 biennial budget. Councilmember Nehring's amendment will remove budget increases over the previously budgeted levels and discretionary spending not connected to essential county government functions - there is TOO much waste. Citizens of Snohomish County voted down Prop. 1 with a 56% "NO" vote - but you continue to try to find ways to raise property taxes. We want to be able to remain in our home - please support Councilmember Nehring's amendment.

Thank you for taking the time to read our email.

Sincerely,  
Eric & Georgia Pilkington

**From:** [Greenman, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to property tax hike.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:21:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [image1000001429-id-273dd82f-24b4-45a5-963b-5e16af593971.png](#)

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I am writing to state my position as, **STRONGLY AGAINST**, any raise in property tax and will vote against anyone or any group that support it. I find it to hurt the elderly and low income. It is heartless and the wrong way to go. I feel it is my responsibility to my many clients and my community to push back on this hike. Please reconsider and abandon this tax hike.

Michael Greenman  
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**From:** [Gretchen Wooten](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No on tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:29:54 PM

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I live across from Lake Loma, and have for almost 47 years. Many out here are seniors who can afford to live where we are now but if we had to move in this economy with rents so high an low income housing waiting list is 2-3 years. Where will we go if you tax us out now? I'm 72 and have to work. Please don't do this tax increase.

**From:** [AMY GERMANO](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:36:25 PM

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As a homeowner I disagree with the this extravagant and unnecessary hike. We have seen too many tax increases over the years and it is getting harder to afford to live here. Please do not pass this!

Amy Germano  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [K](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:45:54 PM

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To whom it may concern:

As a property owner in Snohomish County for over 17 years, I would like to vote **NO** on tomorrow's property 8% increase proposal. The voters in this county soundly rejected all increases of levies and taxes. I push for this to extend to property taxes as well.

Instead, I would support Councilman Nate Nehring's alternative proposal.

Regards

Kirk Stark  
Snohomish county property owner.

**From:** [Marinda Wells](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:47:49 PM

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I am very much opposed to an increase in property taxes. I am retired and on a fixed income with a disabled husband. Any increase will have a great financial impact on us. We already have a severe homeless problem, by increasing the property taxes we will only add to the problem. It will force those of us on limited income to have to sell our homes. Then where do we go? Rent is certainly not affordable, so that leaves living on the streets. I beg you not to increase our property taxes.

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Tracy Sundby](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Potential Snohomish County Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:58:24 PM

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An 8% increase in the Snohomish County tax portion of our property tax would impose an undue financial burden on our family, which already faces the challenges of raising two young children on a single income. With living costs steadily climbing, any additional expenses disproportionately impact families like ours, where every dollar matters.

Currently, our budget is stretched to cover essential expenses—housing, food, child-related costs, and rising utilities already making cuts on unnecessary spending. Adding an extra 8% in property tax would further squeeze our finances, limiting our ability to provide for our children’s needs, save for future education, or plan for emergencies. Furthermore, single-income households have less flexibility to adapt to increased costs, making each hike in property tax especially hard-hitting.

While we recognize the need for county revenue, the proposed increase overlooks the financial realities faced by families already struggling with inflation and a high cost of living. We believe it’s essential for policymakers to consider more equitable solutions that protect young families in Snohomish County from unnecessary financial strain.

-Tracy Sundby

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No to Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 2:19:42 PM

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To the Snohomish County Council Members:

Please do not increase our property taxes by 8%.

Respectfully,

John Hull  
Snohomish County Resident

**From:** [Missi Huff](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [strom.pederson@snoco.org](mailto:strom.pederson@snoco.org); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Wiita, Russell](#); [Thompson, Joshua](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [paula.rhyme@snoco.org](mailto:paula.rhyme@snoco.org); [Mead, Jared](#); [sam.low@co.snohmish.wa.us](mailto:sam.low@co.snohmish.wa.us)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Budget Amendment - Bring Snohomish County Employees Back to the Office  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:03:19 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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To Whom It May Concern,

**Bring Snohomish County employees back to the office, hold them accountable, and eliminate inefficiencies—there's more than enough savings to avoid burdening taxpayers with an 8% property tax increase to the County's general property tax levy.**

As a local real estate broker and long-time resident of Snohomish County, I am writing to share my concerns regarding the proposed 8% increase in the county's general property tax levy for the 2025-26 biennium.

1. **Economic Impact on Residents**

Snohomish County is a diverse community, and it's important to recognize that many residents, especially renters, will bear the brunt of this tax increase. For example, a renter in Granite Falls, living in a modest single-wide home, will feel this 8% increase far more than the property owner will. It will be passed on.

2. **Affordable Housing Crisis**

Long-time residents are being taxed out of their homes. Very recently I've personally helped relocate families who could no longer afford to live in the county. Both were mortgage-free, retired, and on fixed incomes—yet they couldn't keep up with the rising costs. The burden of higher taxes, coupled with rising living expenses, is forcing many to leave.

3. **Property Valuation and Taxes**

While property values in the county have increased, the accompanying tax increases are becoming unsustainable for many homeowners. For example, a home in Snohomish that was assessed at \$819,500 in 2022 saw an increase to \$1,112,100 in 2023—an eye-popping 35.7% jump. This led to a tax increase of over \$900 in just one year, which this homeowner could not afford. They moved out of state.

4. **Efficiency and Accountability in County Operations**

I agree that Snohomish County must address its spending issues, but I believe a focus on reducing unnecessary expenditures could help alleviate some of the financial strain. A key area of inefficiency is the continued remote work policies for some county employees. Many in the private sector have returned to the office, and I believe it's time for Snohomish County to do the same. Some county employees still appear to be operating in "2020 mode," leading to wasteful practices that could be reined in.

5. **Recordings and Public Service**

Additionally, I'd like to address a recurring issue in the Snohomish County Recording Division. Despite King County's ability to provide same-day property recording, Snohomish County still delays the process—sometimes for up to two days. This started during COVID understandably and now is normal. This is frustrating, particularly for clients who are relocating, and it's compounded by poor customer service. When I inquired, I was told it "wasn't their job," and was given unprofessional comments about coworkers. Such inefficiencies do not reflect well on the county, especially when working with large employers like Boeing, Phillips, and Fluke.

I strongly urge you to consider these concerns as part of the budget discussion. We need to prioritize eliminating waste, increasing accountability, and ensuring that the county operates

as efficiently as possible to avoid burdening our residents with unsustainable tax increases.

**Bring Snohomish County Employees Back to the Office! Make the Employees Snohomish County Employs Accountable!**

In conclusion, as a community member, I believe it's not only my responsibility to voice concerns but also to offer solutions—there is significant waste within the Snohomish County workforce that needs to be addressed. Not another property tax increase of any kind.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

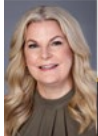
Sincerely,

Missi Huff

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**From:** [Kenneth Halliburton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Property Tax Testimony- Oppose increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:04:26 PM

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I own 3 properties in the county. My Boeing retirement has no COLA, so I'm on fixed income. I have to stay within a fixed budget, year after year. So should the government. I oppose the proposed tax increase.

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**From:** [John Palmer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:14:32 PM

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Please vote no on taxing us more. I am getting sick of constantly being taxed. I paid off my home to the bank but will never be paid off through the government because of property taxes. What's wrong with this picture? I'm on a fixed budget! The only way I could ever loose my home is because of taxes. Please don't vote me out of my home. Thank you,  
John Palmer  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [GEORGE M. KALBFLEISCH](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax hike!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:48:23 PM

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Hell no! Learn to live with what you have, like I have to. We do not need more taxes. I am on a fixed income and cannot afford much more of this type of thinking. You do not need to buy the latest and greatest and then pass the cost on to the taxpayer. We have to eat also. Is that what being a Democrat is all about, raising taxes? I'm pissed.  
George Kalbfleisch

**From:** [Terry Kruschik](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Rate hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:59:43 PM

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This will increase your homeless problem. It is as if that is that you people want. I live within a budget, and you need to learn to as well.

Terry J. Kruschik A&P Mechanic 618-975-7082



**From:** [Craig King](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Protest  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:11:42 PM

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Council Members,

I just learned you are considering a Property Tax hike in today's meeting. I wish to register my protest against this and support Councilman Nate Nehring's proposal to reduce the budget. My property taxes are already too onerous and as I head into retirement these taxes will consume even more of my budget. These tax hikes chase retirees out of Snohomish and they will be replaced with families with children that will only further strain the school system. The tax hike is foolish and short sighted.

Thank you for your time - Craig King

**From:** [Joan Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:20:36 PM

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Hello council members:

My name is Joan Anderson and I live in Snohomish County. I urge you all to vote no on the 8% increase to property taxes. We are already one of the highest tax counties.

If you approve this, you will see a larger group of people leaving this county. People cannot afford this increase.

Thank you for your time and please vote no on this issue.

Joan Anderson

**From:** [pam.bennetsen@comcast.net](mailto:pam.bennetsen@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [pam.bennetsen@comcast.net](mailto:pam.bennetsen@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tax Increase for Snohomish County  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:34:18 PM

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Dear Council,

I am hearing of an effort to increase our county taxes by you, the council. This is not a good strategy for your constituents whom you are to be representing. I am again, not surprised of this effort and am also, yet again, *shaking my head in amazement for this to have even been considered*. What a disappointment and I ask again for people of integrity and fiscal responsibility to use our tax dollars wiser than this. We are being taxed out of our beautiful state as I've had many who have moved the past several years to states with better leadership than this. Please stop taxing us and pull in your belts like we have to do! The entire nation knows our state is a tax, tax, tax, tax mindset!  
Vote NO on more property taxes! And

give us a break!  
Pam Bennetsen  
Turner Precinct

**From:** [L. Miller](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:01:55 PM

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I am very disappointed to learn the solution to balancing the budget includes an 8% property tax increase. I am on disability and will be unable to afford this increase. One of the things I was proud of myself for when I had to go on disability as a result of a brain injury was my foresight to refinance my mortgage so I could afford to remain in my home and send my kids to good schools in this area. Staying in this area also allows them better job opportunities in the future. I am afraid we will not be able to afford this increase. I am a single mom on disability with two kids and have owned my home since 2014. Please reconsider this decision.

Laurie Miller

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [j.odell@123mail.org](mailto:j.odell@123mail.org)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:10:39 PM

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Honorable Council members,

I don't think I like paying taxes any more than anyone else, but I believe that to maintain a reasonable level of government services we need to accept that taxes will increase, particularly in periods of inflation and economic distortion that depress receipts and increase expenses.

Many will write and complain about taxes. An increase is probably warranted. I have not studied the issue so can't say whether I agree with the proposed 8 percent, but I would urge you to proceed with an increase but ensure that it is balanced with value received by the tax payers.

Thank you.

Jane O'Dell

Edmonds, WA

**From:** [Suzi Knibbe](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to Property Tax increase-Yes to Nehring's Amendment  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:24:26 PM

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Hello Snohomish County Council,

I earnestly ask of you, please do not pass the 8% property tax increase! I support Nate Nehring's amendment to freeze current taxes at their current rate and his proposal to accomplish balancing the budget.

Thank you for listening!

Suzi Knibbe  
425.870.6363  
suziknibbe@me.com

**From:** [Steven Epperson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increases  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:33:23 PM

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As a senior citizen on a fixed income I am in shock that you are even considering a property tax increase at this time. Don't do it and find ways to reduce costs rather than a behind the scenes tax increase. Put it in the ballot and you will see how many citizens are against it. Ie: even the public safety measure got voted down.  
Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Amy Sprague](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:14:27 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed property tax increase. While I understand that the funding may be necessary for certain community projects, the reality is that many of us in the area are already struggling with rising costs of living, and an increase in property taxes would place an additional burden on families and homeowners.

In these challenging times, we simply cannot afford any more financial strain. Many of us are already stretched thin, and an increase in taxes could lead to difficult decisions about basic necessities.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative ways to fund necessary services without further impacting residents who are already facing significant financial pressures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Amy Sprague

**From:** [Tonya Pitts](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:25:36 PM

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Snohomish County residents were asked during last week's election to increase the sales tax rate in order to fund criminal justice and other public health and safety related functions. The voters resoundingly rejected this tax increase proposal by a wide double-digit margin. Because even "core services" are not enough to justify added taxes.

We are already struggling under incredibly high taxes in Snohomish county and it is unconscionable that you would consider adding 8% to the levy rate at a time when county residents have so clearly spoken against taxes which are already placing undue increased burden on our pocketbooks. The constituents of Snohomish county are not an unending money supply for a bloated local government with no fiscal responsibility.

Dave Somers should be ashamed. Vote no on this insanity.

Sincerely,  
Tonya Pitts

**From:** [Adam Mauch](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:26:05 PM

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NO property tax increase in your next budget!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ken Baker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:05:05 PM

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Please don't pass another tax increase.  
I am a homeowner and think we pay too many taxes as it is.

Please don't raise the property taxes.

Ken Baker

**From:** [Victoria Chan](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote!!!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:13:42 PM

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i would like to vote against the 8% property tax increase and vote for Nate Nehring's amended tax plan.

**From:** [Shanmukha Sreenivas Potti](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to property tax hike!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:19:54 PM

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Hello,

I'm a Snohomish county resident and I vote NO to the proposed property tax hike.

Shan

**From:** [zoe.sheldon](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:20:06 PM

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**I am writing to express my concern about the potential increase in taxes. Like many in our community, my family and I work hard to manage our expenses, and any additional tax burden would place a significant strain on our finances. We are already navigating rising costs in essential areas like housing, groceries, and utilities. An increase in taxes would make it even more challenging for us to afford our day-to-day expenses.**

**I respectfully urge you to consider the impact this change would have on families who are already struggling to make ends meet. Please explore alternative solutions that could support our community without increasing taxes.**

**Thank you for your time and understanding.**

I vote for Nate Nehring.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [mkwhite1280](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:02:05 PM

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It is not acceptable to raise our taxes 8%.

I can barely afford to live in this state any longer. My taxes, home owners insurance, groceries, gas etc are all too much. I used to be able to put money in saving each month but not anymore. I have a great job, but now I'm living paycheck to paycheck.

My homeowners has gone up to over 6000.00/yr and my property taxes are over 5000.00/yr. Previously before this state got out of control, my house payment for a 15 year loan was 2500.00 and now it is 3600.00. The only change is property taxes and insurance. My homeowners form states inflation has caused increased rates. This is making it impossible to live here. Please do not raise taxes more.

Melanie & Kevin White  
113 82nd Dr SE  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258  
425-501-9111



**From:** [Robert Stone](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:18:51 PM

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Council Members,

I demand that you vote no on the 8% property tax increase. I cannot afford anymore tax increases. Inflation and the slowing economy have taken a huge toll. I have to make cuts in my personal budget and I think it's only fair to ask the county to do the same.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone  
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**From:** [karol.stone](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** The 8 percent property tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:22:32 PM

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I live in Monroe and I simply can't afford another increase. My budget is already strained and this property tax increase will break me. I implore you to vote no on this property tax increase. We voted no across the board for no tax increases and this would go against the will of the people of Snohomish County.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bobbi Moody](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE TAXES!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:22:47 PM

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Council -

As the public has already expressed, we the people can't afford any more taxes. The tax assessed values are already high and an 8% increase will cause elderly and poor lose their home with the middle class raising kids already under pressure

VOTE NO!

Thank you!

Bobbi Moody  
206-295-2860

**From:** [Wayne Wayson](#)  
**To:** [Cheesman, Darcy](#); [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Low, Sam](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Property Taxes  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:14:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Hi Darcy,

Thank you for providing the link to the budget.

I am seeing two tax increases (see below). Is this correct, or are there additional tax increases?

1) p.7 para 7: *For our 2025-2026 biennial budget, I am proposing that we use banked capacity to reduce by half the cuts we would have had to absorb in the General Fund departments. This is consistent with voter approved initiatives, because there are many years when Snohomish County has not taken the minimum allowed under law. **I am proposing that this previous unused capacity now be used to help resolve this funding gap.** By taking this step, we are able to save jobs and maintain the same level of service we had last year. all of the tax increases?*

Question: Is this referring to the 3% property tax increase (see page 6, paragraph 6)?

Comment: p. 6 para. 7 *Finally, the significant funding that we received from the federal government for pandemic recovery is now coming to an end. We used ARPA funding for major community needs, including building childcare capacity, expanding broadband access, and serving those most impacted by the pandemic. That funding also allowed us to bridge our budget challenges since 2020, and ensured we could avoid layoffs, maintain services, and work on these important strategic initiatives. With the federal funding expiring, we cannot sustain the service levels they supported.*

- a) This statement indicates over-spending (at best) or mis-spending (at the least).
- b) Why was pandemic funding used to bridge budget challenges? Why would the county opt to this sending rather than layoffs, when many businesses were closed or performed layoffs?
- c) I would vote for lowering the level of some services rather than an increase in taxes.

2) p. 8 para. 8: *That is why we are asking the public to weigh in on a Public Safety Sales Tax this November. If the public agrees that we need to do more to address the public's safety and wellbeing, then they can ensure that two cents from a ten dollar purchase will go toward new and expanded programs to help.*

Question: What date and where can the public weigh in on this?

Comment: I absolutely and strongly disagree with this tax. First, there are plenty of existing ways to increase public safety. Second, "compassionate accountability" requires accountability. Criminals need to be truly held accountable, and the first priority is existing county resident needs and safety. And third, the cost of goods is already too high. More increases will continue to reduce consumer spending. Less consumer spending will result in layoffs, closures, and less taxes overall.

I appreciate the service of all council members and county staff. Thank you for providing the

information and for the opportunity for questions and comments. I look forward to the responses from my councilmember Low or other members of the Snohomish County Council.

Sincerely,

Wayne Wayson

On Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 12:43 PM Cheesman, Darcy  
<[Darcy.Cheesman@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Darcy.Cheesman@co.snohomish.wa.us)> wrote:

Wayne

Here is a link to Ex Somers budget proposal

[2025-2026-Executive-Recommended-Budget-Book](#)

Around page 6 Ex Somers talks about the counties budget and his rational for the tax increase.

You can also email the county council at [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org) to provide public comment regarding the budget, this email will go to all of the council members.

Please let me know if there is additional assistance I can provide you.

**Darcy Cheesman** | *Legislative Aide to Councilmember Sam Low*

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**From:** Wayne Wayson <[wwayson09@gmail.com](mailto:wwayson09@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:16 AM

**To:** Contact Council <[Contact.Council@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Contact.Council@co.snohomish.wa.us)>; Low, Sam  
<[Sam.Low@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Sam.Low@co.snohomish.wa.us)>

**Subject:** Property Taxes



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Hello,

I have been told the Snohomish County Council is seeking an increase in property taxes. I have been searching the council website to confirm and for any related information.

I would appreciate you sending me any related information or direct me to the information on the county website. Also, in case this is true, I want to voice my strong opposition to any and all new or increases to existing taxes.

Thank you in advance and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Wayne Wayson

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**Wayne Wayson**  
[wwayson09@gmail.com](mailto:wwayson09@gmail.com)  
425-408-3766

**From:** [Marisa Bass](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:21:50 PM

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Dave Somers should be ashamed. Vote no on this insanity.

Sincerely,  
Marisa Bass

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**From:** [David Loutsis](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please Read  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:26:36 PM

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It's easy NO on the 8% increase.

Concerned resident  
David Loutsis  
425-446-0390  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Jon Walsh](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO on 8%!!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:44:47 PM

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I'm a Snohomish Country resident and can barely afford the taxes I currently have! Raising taxes at every turn is not the answer!

Concern tax payer

Jon

**From:** [mackpack2u@comcast.net](mailto:mackpack2u@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: no more taxes!!!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:52:46 PM

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From: mackpack2u@comcast.net  
To: "contact.council@snoco.org" <contact.council@snoco.org>  
Date: 11/13/2024 10:46 PM PST  
Subject: no more taxes!!!!

No more new taxes period!!! My house payment was increased by \$200.00 DOLLARS more from your last increase. And you want more money added to our burden. You need to find ways to make cuts in your spending. and make cuts in some programs in your budget. Balance your check book like we have to do! To survive from Biden's economy!

**From:** [SauerHouse](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% RE Tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:57:03 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am expressing my displeasure for the proposed 8% real estate tax increase.

I am the owner/resident at 6830 279th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292.

Please consider  
NO on 8% property Tax Increase.  
YES to CM Nehring's amendment.

Thank you

**From:** [mackpack2u@comcast.net](mailto:mackpack2u@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** you can do it  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:02:03 PM

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Nate Nehring and Executive Somers proposed budget makes common sense step up to the plate. and follow their lead!!!!

**From:** [kirk sleister](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8%  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:09:57 PM

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Oh hell no...

**From:** [katie kane](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:27:36 PM

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My name is Kathryn Kane, and I vote no on 8% tax increase.

**From:** [katie kane](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:29:44 PM

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My name is Kathryn Kane and I vote YES to CM Nehring's amendment.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 11:27:26 PM PST, katie kane <kane\_kl01@yahoo.com> wrote:

My name is Kathryn Kane, and I vote no on 8% tax increase.

**From:** [charles zarza](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase/Boring layoffs  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:53:34 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I don't generally follow local politics although that will change. I just saw the planned vote on property tax increases in Snohomish county on Twitter in a post by Andy Stevens.

My husband just got a layoff notice at Boeing today. Even if he gets another job we're looking at probably a 20% pay cut and juggling finances through next year. I have 4 kids. If we somehow make it there are a few thousand other workers who also got lay off notices with more to come.

We rent out our old house in Snohomish county also, and I'm not raising rent on my tenants, because they are good tenants and I don't want to punish them. So we're going to take this hit twice for our home and our old home. It sounds like our gas is going up with WA taxes too and my heat bills were the highest they've ever been last winter.

Please figure out another way.

Rebecca Zarza  
cmzarza1@yahoo.com  
425-622-2309

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Linette Sarber](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax discussion  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 12:47:10 AM

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I was just made aware of today's meeting regarding the 8% tax recommendation. I have also been advised of Nate Nehring's counter proposal to eliminate the 8% tax, freeze our current tax rate and balance the budget.

I do not give anyone permission to raise my taxes. I support Nate's proposal.

With the unprecedented rise in property values over the last few years, this 8% tax levy seems like a greedy grab of opportunistic evil. If I understand correctly, a home valued at \$500,000 (which is now the average price for an entry-level home in Snohomish County) with an 8% tax increase would increase a homeowner's tax burden with an incredulous \$40,000 in extra taxes!! How in the world could this possibly be a proposal that anyone can take seriously?!

This proposed tax increase is outright insanity at the grand theft level. Balance your budget. Be a good example to the regular working class. Stop asking for more money.

Snohomish county resident  
Linette Sarber  
Stanwood, Washington

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**From:** [nitin bhatia](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Biennial Budget Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 4:00:20 AM

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Dear Councils,

This is with regards to the biennial meeting of the Snohomish County yesterday to discuss the budget. I understand the county is considering an increase in property taxes to fund their budget.

As a resident of the Snohomish county, I would strongly oppose any increase in property taxes as we are anyway badly impacted by the high inflation for past few years. As a head of a four member family, we are finding it extremely hard and challenging to fund our expenses, including mortgage.

Request you to not raise the property taxes and look for ways to cut County spending.

Thanks,  
Nitin Bhatia  
2301 Tucker Drive Snohomish, WA 98290

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris Mctee](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Tax Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 4:49:50 AM

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Hello, I would like to vote against the 8% property tax increase and vote for Nate Nehring's amended tax plan. This 8% tax hike will only put already struggling families and businesses even further into poverty and that's just not right. More budget oversight is what we need and better use of the high taxes we already pay. Thank you.

**From:** [Steven Larson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 5:20:02 AM

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Morning,

Keep Government small remove the discretionary spending and remove the 8% tax hike!

The state is already out of control with its spending and taxes, Snohomish county does not need to follow in the footsteps of the state.

Thank you

Steve Larson  
18606 35th Ave Ne  
Arlington

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [shaunangell@proton.me](mailto:shaunangell@proton.me)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote No on 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:25:23 AM

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And vote yes to CMNehring's amendment.

Thank you.

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS

**From:** [Eric Cumley](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 6:04:21 AM

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Hello esteemed Council Members,

I'm writing to express my support of Nate Nehring's alternative budget proposal and its goal of cutting unnecessary spending while balancing the County budget.

I am very much opposed to Mr. Somers' proposed 8% general levy tax increase. Snohomish County does not need more money to perform its basic functions, and its citizens do not need additional financial burden at a time when it is difficult enough for many to make ends meet.

Please register my position as you take this matter up for discussion.

Sincerely,  
Eric Cumley  
20528 76th Ave SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296

Sent from ProtonMail. Check it out for yourself at [www.protonmail.com](http://www.protonmail.com)

**From:** [Jennifer Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:05:56 AM

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vote NO on the 8% tax increase! We do not need another tax increase in the state of WA.

**From:** [JERRY JACOBSON](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Forget it!  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:06:27 AM

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Time to tighten spending and operate a fine-tuned county mechanism...the same as Grandma and Grandpa used to do. Be blessed on your fiscal journey, and thank you.  
Jerry Jacobson





*1938: Louisiana, preparing yam's for Thanksgiving. Note rope on pitcher to lower into well.*

**From:** [Rhonda Rodgers](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on the 8% tax increase and YES to Councilman Nehring's amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:15:40 AM

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Vote **NO** on the 8% tax increase

Vote **YES** to Councilman Nehring's amendment

From a tax paying Snohomish County resident,  
Rhonda

**From:** [Susan Bailey](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:24:21 AM

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Please , no !  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chuck Hickman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No on 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 5:45:32 AM

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Please vote no on the 8% property tax increase. Learn to spend within your means like everyone else.



Best regards,  
**CHUCK HICKMAN**  
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**From:** [C. Shearer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:34:31 AM

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Dear Council members,

I am writing to you today to request that you vote “No” on increasing the 8% Snohomish County Property tax. As with all residents we must balance your home and businesses budgets. It is imperative that Snohomish County focus on balanced budgets rather than target the already financially suffering residents. Please vote “Yes” on Councilman Nehring’s amendment.

Thank you for your time in reviewing our request.

Michael and Corinne Shearer

**From:** [Molly Oberndorf](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT RAISE PROPERTY TAXES  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:41:25 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes.

Enough is enough.

Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Molly Oberndorf Auble  
Bothell, WA

**From:** [Susan Sprague](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:04:21 AM

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I can't believe what I'm hearing!! I hope that as a counsel you understand the burden your constituents are under financially. I just don't know what to believe anymore and just heard of this tax hike proposal this morning..... Please VOTE NO ON RAISING OUR PROPERTY TAXES ... we can't afford one more penny!  
Sue

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**From:** [Tracy Borgen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:23:52 AM

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DON'T RAISE PROPERTY TAXES!!! We have a housing crisis and huge income disparities and older citizens that would like to age in place.

Stop putting the burden on citizens, incorporate the full cost of these new housing developments onto the corporations/developers/hedge funds that build them.

Tax the corporate entities that own them or tax higher income earners, so that it's fair for the average and lower income earners to stay in their homes.

At some point people won't be able to afford maintenance and repairs on their homes decreasing the value of their home and the neighborhoods that surround them. Don't be short sighted, think of the long term repercussions.

Tracy Borgen



**From:** [DOREN SPRAGUE](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:30:11 AM

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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

To: [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org)  
Subject: 8% property tax increase

To whom it may concern,

We pay plenty of property taxes already. Please become more responsible with the millions of dollars that you already receive and do not raise our property taxes any higher than they already are.

Being taxed to death,

Concerned citizen

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

**From:** [Matt Doran](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:08:12 AM

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Good morning council members

I am a concerned with the proposal for an 8% increase in property tax. Not only do I think this is a disastrous idea but terrible timing. Carbon cost is going up 40-50 cents in our state AGAIN, which makes not only gas more expensive but everything more expensive, like groceries. Our state is going to have a significantly higher cost of living compared to the national average over the next 4 years.

As council members, you should striving to lead the state by example. Higher tax revenue is not needing. You have to manage your revenue better. The beauty of snohomish county is the generations of families that have settled here. These families are leaving because it's impossible for the next generation to afford to live here.

Say NO to the proposal. Find a way to manage the revenue you have appropriately. You are supposed to be STEWARDS of the tax payers and citizens, not THIEFS!

Do the right thing

Respectfully  
Matt Doran

**From:** [Jill Lowery](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No 8%  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:15:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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I vote for a no vote on the 8% tax increase and vote YES on Councilman Nehrings amendment

**Jill Lowery**

Administrative Asst II | Seahurst Electric, Inc  
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admin2@seahurst.com



**From:** [Pam Koons](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Councilman Nehring re: Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:19:52 AM

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Hello. I understand there is a meeting tomorrow regarding the budget proposal from the County Executive to include an 8% increase to the county portion of my property taxes.

I cannot attend, but wanted to make my voice heard. I have lived in the same house for 45 yrs in Sno Co. The past few yrs my property taxes went up close to 100%. I am 67 yrs old and know there are a lot of changes coming with our new President. I don't need the County taxes to add to that burden. I am paying over \$5,000 a year in property taxes alone. My Homeowners also went up 300%. I'm still paying off my 15 yr mtg. The total is almost \$2,200 a month which is killing me. If we add MORE taxes to this, the increase will do me in since I can barely afford the past increases.

I wanted you to know that I wholeheartedly support your alternate proposal to freeze these taxes.

Thank you for your time,  
Pamela Koons

**From:** [Helen Blackburn](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase 8%?  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:31:40 AM

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Please do not increase property taxes. They are extremely high already. What is the reasoning for this?

Helen Blackburn

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kathie Hubbard](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Don't raise taxes  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:34:22 AM

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Middle class people and people on fixed incomes cannot afford such a huge hike in taxes. Please don't do this huge hike! Sincerely, kathie Hubbard. Bothell

**From:** [Diane Folgedalen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no to increased property taxes  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:47:00 AM

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Please vote no to increased property taxes.

Sincerely,  
Diane Folgedalen  
Lynnwood, WA  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Gaylynn Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO On 8% Property Taxes  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:50:20 AM

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CAUTION. This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

As a resident of Snohomish County I object to the 8% property taxes & YES to CM Nehrings amendment.

Sincerely,  
Gaylynn Johnson  
Gold Bar, WA