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Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Contact Council; Nehring, Nate; Dunn, Megan; Wright, Stephanie; Mead, Jared; Low, Sam; Somers, Dave J
Subject: Tax increase

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 3

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Before you get in a big rush to increase taxes, can you at least get your employees in various departments I have dealt with the last few years, to just do their job! Also this working from home does not seem to be suited for the level/quality of people that have been hired. None of them seem to have any skill sets for the dept they are working in! The nonsense they spew at me is not worthy, of me agreeing that I am getting any service for what I already pay for!!

Then there are this group of council members, if my info is correct, none of you reside outside of a city limits, so you do not have to rely on the county for your services like some of these older neighborhoods still do! You were unwilling to listen to a very large neighborhood group, who are trying to prevent situations from occurring again, so you the county aren't flushing more money out the door for something that is soo preventable. We don't know who you are listening to, but they are not giving you the facts, just bad intel. I have attended meetings that were presented to all of you with all the facts, yet you vote to go along with it! Want details on all of this, feel free to contact me! Your ears will be on fire when we are done.

So that is a Big Fat NO on raising taxes!

If you do raise them, I will campaign for your opponent no matter where in the county you represent! We are done with nothing happening for way too much money being taken. Stop wasteful spending! Learn to run this county within your means!!! We have not had our moneys worth in my neighborhood for decades!!

Shelley Droz
resident since the 19's
All of my neighbors have been bcc, we can hope they will speak up in an email and not feel defeated again!

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<https://snohomish.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9847773&GUID=E5ED7425-17CC-4E84-8A84-37B08158C912>

ORDINANCE NO. 21-085 AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN ROAD TAX REVENUES 7 FOR PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED IN 2022 *increase of one (1) percent from the previous year.*
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From: 1patriot@frontier.com
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Subject: Tax Proposals

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EXHIBIT # 4

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Dear Snohomish County Executive and County Council Members,

Please reject any and all tax increases proposed. It's outrageous at this time in history when thousands of citizens have lost their jobs due to the governor and business mandates for no fault of their own for whatever reason they've chosen; it's their body, their health and their choice. On top of that there are shortages due to the collapse of our Supply Chains perpetrated by the failure of leadership in D.C. where they believe it's more important to pay people to stay home than work, transport goods across the country and in so doing, strengthen the economy.

We've already seen higher prices for goods and services; expected to rise for energy (gas, oil, electric) this winter, so the households that haven't suffered the loss of employment are still having to make ends meet with less than this time last year.

It's not like the County is suffering with revenues for Home Prices are up over 18.5% over last year at this time and gas prices on average in 2020 were \$2.73 per gallon and they're now up to around \$3.85 per gallon in 2021, with the expectations of going higher. All of this translates to the County higher tax revenues when homes are selling and transportation revenue increases are a given.

This is the worst time to consider raising taxes when our economy is hitting a buzz-saw with inflation, higher unemployment, prices and great uncertainty. The public at large need leaders that work within their means and not look to make it harder for the taxpayers, *i.e. your constituents*, to make ends meet, put food on the table, fuel in their vehicles, pay their bills to keep the lights and heat on at their home which are all basic necessities.

In fact a just released Zogby poll revealed that *3 in 10 are Missing Meals due to the current economic status*. <https://zogbyanalytics.com/news/1050-the-zogby-poll-because-of-the-biden-administration-s-inability-to-control-inflation-has-the-increased-cost-of-food-resulted-in-you-or-your-family-having-to-skip-meals>

In September 2021, Snohomish County home prices were up 18.5% compared to last year, selling for a median price of \$640K. On average, homes in Snohomish County sell after 6 days on the market compared to 7 days last year. There were 1,671 homes sold in September this year, up from 1,643 last year

<https://www.redfin.com/county/2/WA/Snohomish-County/housing-market>

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Please reject any tax, fee or rate increases across the board; our economy and the public at large are suffering immense pressures to deal with the ever changing uncertainties placed upon them by the governor, the administration and the health officials who are always moving the goal posts on the public which is just trying to survive.

Sincerely,

Dan Kessler