
From: John Sweeney <nail56@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 11:55 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Please!

No 8% property tax increase!

John Sweeney
Nail56@gmail.com
425 614 7641

From: Paul Behnke <qzpbehnke1@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Tonight's Public Hearing on Property Tax

Dear Council,

Please eliminate the property tax increase that will be a subject in the public hearing tonight. On property taxes we were supposed to have a 1% protection cap. It is very sneaky that the percentage can be saved up and then slap us with a 8% increase on the County's General Property Tax Levy. The government should have to tighten their belt and budget just like the individual. Those of us that are seniors and those just starting out with home ownership are unduly burdened.

Sincerely,

Paul and Sharon Behnke

Sent from my iPad

Oct 20, 2024

To: The Snohomish County Council (AKA Decision Makers) and Executive Dave Somers

From: Heather Bruce

16715 61st Ave SE
Snohomish, WA. 98296

Dear Council and Executive Somers,

I received Strom Peterson's newsletter on Friday the 18th at 3:39 PM stating that October 22, 2024 will be a budget meeting regarding (mostly) property taxes. It would have been helpful to have a link available to access the agenda, but thankfully with Debbie Eco's help, I was able to access the **24** point agenda in time for weekend perusal. WOW!

Perhaps I am misreading these "ordinances" but most of them appear to culminate (if accepted) in substantially increasing property taxes, which are already too high. Taxing people's property because they make improvements is counter intuitive to encouraging people to improve their homes and therefore their neighborhoods. Why should the County get money for the work homeowners do? It feels like punishment.

Those of us on fixed incomes or living off our savings cannot afford more increases. Families with children are already suffering from the economy and adding in more taxes will simply create more hardship. Most people are already financially challenged.

What happened to paying for transportation from the gas tax? I was astounded to read the long list of transportation demands. What happened to inmates working on projects like road clean up and mowing etc? And schools? I haven't had a child in school for 40 years, yet we've been paying yearly to support a system that is clearly not producing the kind of young people we'd like to see. We pay \$300 a year for libraries that we never use. I don't know ANYbody that uses the library system. I could go on, but my point is that property owners are already paying enough "rent" (taxes) on our own property!

In a nutshell, I implore you to put "**curtail tax increases**" at the top of your list of budget priorities. Adding in more fees, taxes, charges anywhere (to businesses for instance) always dribbles down the line to the people that live in Snohomish County and that is not "living within a budget".

Demanding MORE is not the solution. Curtailing spending may make some "benefits" have to be dismissed or reduced, but like my Dad used to say, "Just because you want it, doesn't mean you should have it."

Thank you for your consideration as you work toward balancing all this. I am sure it is a challenge.

Heather Bruce
360 668 7415

From: Beth Adams <ruebarb7823@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 10:26 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed Property Tax Increase

Dear Snohomish County Council Members;

First, I want to thank you for all the efforts you have made in behalf of the people of Snohomish County. We, as citizens, are watching, and we appreciate your concern for the welfare of those who live in this county. I do hope you know this fact.

Second, the proposed tax rate adjustment seems to come at an inauspicious time. With so many families struggling to make ends meet already, raising taxes would appear to undermine their efforts to make ends meet and to successfully provide for their families. In addition, with the rise of property values, increased income from the collection of taxes has automatically occurred.

I am very well aware of the increase in costs of materials, energy, wages, etc. However I feel that these changes would be more detrimental , especially to those on a limited income, young or old, than they would be beneficial.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Adams

Sent from my iPad

From: Louise Johnson <mrsmomaj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed Tax Increase

Council Members

Please do not agree to another property tax increase. I agree with Nate's proposal to freeze taxes and cut spending. Do what most responsible homeowners do, trim the expenses and live on what you bring in.

The public is far too burdened with inflation from all aspects. What we have seen with inflation in the past four years is horrific. Not everyone gets raises. My social security raise certainly isn't keeping up with inflation (of which I paid taxes on while earning for 42 years and now paying taxes on it again. Government double dipping at its best.) Families that earn decent incomes are having to go to the food bank to stretch their budget.

How can you expect young families to pay an increase in tax when they are already living paycheck to paycheck. How are they supposed to save for retirement? Homes aren't cheap. Rent isn't reasonable now. We have a neighbor living with his cousin. He is on social security (66 years old) and works 20 hours a week. He is hoping to find a place to rent for \$1200 a month. So far, he has found a bedroom for that much...A BEDROOM! How sad is that?

You raise property tax. Guess what happens next...

Rent goes up. The cost of goods, services and merchandise goes up. More people now rely on government assistance or become homeless. Who pays that government assistance? We the taxpayers do. It is a vicious cycle that needs to be stopped. You can help stop it by freezing the tax rate.

This is the worst time to be increasing taxes.

Our personal property taxes are almost \$7,000 a year. (We are 2 acres, but due to wetlands, we cannot build any new homes on it). As a retiree, I worry about the day I will be taxed out of property my ancestors homesteaded over 120 years ago.

Help the hard working families and seniors by choosing to NOT increase the property tax. You are only going to increase the County's burden at the end of the day by creating more financial assistance need of our community. Or is that the goal? Do you want us dependent on the government? I certainly do not want to be.

Thank you Nate for bringing this to our attention. We appreciate it and you!

Respectfully

Louise Johnson

Snohomish County resident since 1961

Lake Stevens, WA

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: John Festa <johnfesta295@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 7:20 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: property tax increase of 8%

I am apposed to any property tax increases let along a 8% increase for what? NOTHING that helps me or my fellow citizens.

If you want to fix your budget cut the social justice department. The citizens you work for work hard to maintain their own homes and family, and maintaining my home for my family.

NO TAX INCREASE, learn like we have to, how to take care of county business with what you make, with property values growing you already are exceeding what you bring in.

From: Kerry Hill <makkmc60@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Budget Proposal

Dear Mr. Nehring,

Thank you for your proposal to eliminate the 8% property tax increase in our county. Taxes are already too high making it difficult for seniors on a fixed budget to make ends meet. Let me know how else I can support your desire to stop this increase.

Speaking of taxing seniors; what would be great would be if the exemption amounts for those of us without children in the school districts to be able to use NET income amounts instead of GROSS income amounts which do not reflect taxes and living expenses we pay just to live in this county and state.

Thanks for all you do to help make this state liveable for those of us on fixed income who would love not to have to move out of our homes.

Kerry Hill
Lake Stevens
Firtree PCO

From: Danielle Reynard <dhreynard@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 12:12 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Issues

1) Re-allocate tax % to NOT be 60% to public schools. I am a childless individual. My property taxes are being spent towards people with kids who rent and do not contribute anything! I grew up in an affluent area attending public school (the best district in WA). We had portables. Kids can learn anywhere. I've looked at where this \$\$ has gone. Ridiculous that I foot the bill so kids can have remodeled schools. Quit writing levies that confuse the uneducated voters of Snohomish County. Make the budgets of each district easy to view in one place (website) so voters can see the waste. Nobody should have to hunt down that information.

Proposed solution: Tax on renters with school-age children. Add a line on school registration asking Rent or Own residence? Numerous ways this can be accomplished. Also provide property tax cuts to those who own without children.

2) Providing housing to addicts has not been effective. They simply do drugs and deal from these units on my taxes. Unless you can police 24/7 with gated security and searches of each person upon entry (including their shoes), you will not be able to provide "clean" housing. A curfew would have to be imposed as well. You won't be able to sustain the cost and manpower. Waste of money.

Proposed solution: Tougher sentences and tougher probation after release. Daily check ins and drug screening.

3) Leave religion out of everything. It divides our country. Separation of church and state must happen. If God is great, God would not intend for wars over religious beliefs. Religion is man-made as is scripture. Again, religion does not belong when it comes to how tax dollars are spent. Religious facilities don't even pay taxes!

There are more items but I will simply let you chew on these for now. 😊

From: John Sweeney <nail56@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 2:48 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Please, no more taxes

What with the state gouging us at the pump, we don't need the county hiring more DEI grifters on taxpayer dollars.
:-)

John Sweeney
Nail56@gmail.com
425 614 7641

From: Toby Tomlinson <toby.tomlinson11@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2024 2:52 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property taxes increase

I've owned my home in Marysville for over 30 years now and over the last 10 years the property tax increases have become so high I can't pay them. I'm retired on a fixed income and I haven't been able to afford my property taxes since 2018. Every year I have to wait for my house to go into foreclosure so I can qualify for assistance and hope there's any out there or I lose my house. I can't take out anymore personal loans because that's how I paid 2019 & 2020's taxes. I am struggling to even pay those monthly payments. I am one of many with this same story in Snohomish county and all a tax increase would do is create more foreclosures and homelessness. I don't understand why people creating budgets don't realize the impact this has on government spending. If people weren't taxed out of their homes we wouldn't need to buy hotels to deal with homelessness, try not taking away their homes with tax increases. The things I've heard over the past few years about where our taxes actually went, such as lawsuit settlements that should have been voted on, Imbeslement by city officials, excessive spending on things we never needed, and salaries for jobs that are unnecessary with titles that don't mean anything. Tax payers have lost faith in the system, our government, and now question the competency of our city officials to appropriately spend our money. Thankfully we have one person fighting for us. Thank you Nate Nehring for fighting for the taxpayers of Snohomish county. I feel that Dave Somers has been in politics that he's forgotten, or never experienced, what it's like to have to decide every month to either feed his family or keep the lights and heat on. Please don't create a mess you'll have to spend more on in the future to clean up, or worse for your children to clean up.

From: Tim Brown <57timmo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:02 AM
To: Contact Council

We support Nate Nehrings amendment, no to raising property tax they are already so high that we may have to move as we are retired and on a fixed budget. We have lived her for 38 years.

From: David Hoskins <davidh@stanleyroofing.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:41 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Do Not Raise Property Taxes

Hello,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that **I support Nate Nehring's amendment** to cut the budget and **I do not support raising property taxes** on November 13th.

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David Hoskins

Estimator

Stanley Roofing Company, Inc.



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Woodinville, WA 98072
P: (425) 786-9931
C: (425) 508-7512

From: Wayne McNamar <elite76.wm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:05 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Eliminate Tax Increase

Please stop the tax increase(s).

Snohomish County Council wants to raise property taxes November 13th. Act fast!
See the amendment by Nate Nehring to cut the budget. Email county council
contact.council@snoco.org
to support his amendment (see attached) and stop raising property tax.

Snohomish County

County Council
Nate Nehring
Councilmember, District 1

NEWS RELEASE: October 31, 2024

Contact: Russell Wiita – Legislative Aide to Councilmember Nehring

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Thanks,
Wayne "Vince" McNamar, KD7PVY
W. WA. Medical Services Communications
425-948-5097 cell
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ww7mst.org

From: Alison Weston <alisonannweston@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:06 AM
To: Contact Council; Wiita, Russell
Subject: Support Nate Nehring Budget Amendment

Hello,

I'm a Snohomish County resident and I'd like to voice my support for County Councilman Nate Nehring's proposed amendment to eliminate the property tax increase set by Dave Sommers.

The people do not support this!

Thank you,
Alison Weston

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The Executive’s proposed 2025/2026 budget increases the County’s general property tax levy by 1.5% per year as well as taking banked capacity from previously deferred tax increases for a total increase of 2.5%. Councilmember Nehring’s amendment removes budget increases over the previously budgeted amount for spending not connected to essential county government functions.

Councilmember Nehring’s amendment will be considered during the Council’s budget deliberations on Wednesday, November 13th at 10:30 AM. For more details about the Council’s meetings, visit the [Webcasts](#) page.

For more information or questions, please contact Russell Wiita in Councilmember Nehring’s office at russell.wiita@snoco.org.

From: Jon Rembold <ajpe@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 10:21 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: OPERATE WITHIN YOUR BUDGET!

I support Nate Nehring's amendment, live within your budget as we all have to do. The Snohomish County Counsel creates nothing except for homelessness for folks who can't afford their property taxes anymore. My 2024 tax assessment for my home is far beyond what it is worth on the real estate market. I thought Democrats were for the working man, that's a lie.

Jon A. Rembold
20820 86th Ave. SE
Snohomish, WA 98296
(425) 210-7171
ajpe@hotmail.com

From: Barbara Blanchard <mooreblanchards@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 10:31 AM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Barbara Blanchard
Subject: No increase to property taxes

I strongly support the amendment to stop increasing our property taxes. Please don't add this extra burden to families at a time when inflation is so high.

From: k keenan <cascades125@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 10:47 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: NO TAX INCREASES

If you raise my property taxes I will make a big fat note of your name(s) and wait until the next election and vote your butt's right out. Shrink the damn Government, it is so damn bloated we the people hate it and no you can SHRINK it, remove people in redundant positions, remove redundant groups, get back to BASIC low end Government, that's what we the people demand!

From: Garrett Pagon <garry.pagon@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 11:02 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: No Tax Increase!

I strongly oppose any increase in property taxes!

Garry Pagon
Snohomish
C: (425) 238-7632

From: Shelley Towers <sdtinsno@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 11:48 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Don't raise taxes

You have raised taxes over this period of inflation to create a windfall for the county.
You are pricing we seniors on fixed income. Out of our houses

Sincerely
Shelley Towers
Snohomish county

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From: Rhonda Tatum <r_honda043@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 12:46 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed budget amendment

Hello,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County, I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and

I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

To be clear, I do not approve the property tax increase.

Thank you,
Rhonda Tatum

From: Gregory Monce <gregorymonce@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:02 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property tax increase

Council members

Please consider decreasing spending instead of raising property taxes as council member Nehring suggests.

Gregory Monce

Snohomish county

From: Donald Ripley <ripcom@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:12 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Budget

County council members,

We are writing in support of the amendment made by Council member Nehring. Please consider and support this amendment and eliminate the 8% tax increase. It can be done.

Thank you,
Don and Renee Ripley
Mukilteo
425-348-3744

Sent from Ripley's iPad

From: brang5151@frontier.com <brang6101@frontier.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:23 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property taxes

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Ronda Newitt-Larson <rnewitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:24 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nate Nehring Property Tax Amendment

To whom it my concern,

As a property owner and resident, of Snohomish county, I wish it to be known that I SUPPORT NATE NEHRING'S AMENDMENT to cut the budget and I DO NOT SUPPORT RAISING PROPERTY TAXES on November 13th.

I am 71 years old, retired and am on a fixed budget. I have twenty acres in the flood plains of the Snohomish River. My taxes have more than doubled in the last ten years or so. My taxes are already over \$8,500/yr .I can't pay any more.

Sincerely,

Ronda Newitt-Larson

From: Bob Southard <bsouthad@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:33 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Taxes-enough is enough!

Sent from my iPad

From: Shelley Towers <sdtinsno@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:37 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Pass nehring proposal

Please don't raise my taxes

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From: Nancy McCutchin <songbird360@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:38 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Snohomish County Budget Amendment

To Snohomish County Council:

As a longtime Snohomish County resident and property owner (45 years), I am appalled and angry at the current proposal to raise our property taxes. We are already struggling with major cost increases in all aspects of our lives.

I totally support Nate Nehring's amendment to eliminate this increase from the budget proposal, along with his proposal for discretionary spending cuts. Time for Snohomish County to start living within the current budget, like my fellow citizens and I have to do every day.

Thank you,
Nancy McCutchin
13417 45th Ct W
Mukilteo, WA

From: Jennifer Buist <mrs.buist7@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 3:26 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nehring Proposed Budget Amendment

To whom it may concern,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I, Jennifer Buist, support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget, and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th. Thank you.

Kindly,

Jennifer Buist

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: KIM CUTULI <kcutuli@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 3:34 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: I support Nat Nehring's amendment to eliminate property tax increase.

I support Nat Nehring's amendment to eliminate the 8% property tax increase. He is right that taxpayers in Snohomish County have been burdened by ever increasing taxes in recent years. They have also been deeply burdened by ever increasing inflation.

Thank you,

Kim Cutuli
15829 91st Ave. SE
Snohomish, WA 98296
360.863.3611

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Thank you,

Kim Cutuli
15829 91st Ave. SE
Snohomish, WA 98296
360.863.3611

From: denys hoistad <denyshoistad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 3:46 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: No New Taxes in Everett!

I own two properties in Everett and respectfully request no new taxes.

We are barely getting by, increased taxes will mean a rent increase to my renters! I don't think they can handle much more and will then be forced to find housing elsewhere. It's unconscionable to increase taxes with the high inflation and gas rates. Government is supposed to help its citizens not bury them in taxes.

Please keep Everett affordable and reduce the budget, not put it on the back of the **tax payers who voted no tax increase.**

Thank you,

Denys Hoistad

From: Meridith Weaver <meridithweaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:08 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Taxes

Dear Snohomish County

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

All the best,

Meridith Weaver
C: (206) 612-6110

From: [Patricia Bradley](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Nate Nehring Amendment
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:15:04 PM

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th. The county has to start looking at ways to reduce the tax burden on the homeowners.

Patricia Bradley
5404 68th Dr NE
Marysville, WA 98270

From: McCarthy Investments <mccarthyinvestments@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:32 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: I support cutting property taxes

I'm supporting councilman Nehring's amendment to reduce property taxes. As a landlord this will help me make housing affordable.

Jeff McCarthy

Snohomish

Sent from my iPhone

From: Trina Olson <triniebeanie@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:48 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Jeramy Olson
Subject: Budget Increases

I do not support the budget increase Dave Sommers is purposing.

I do support the amendment put forth by Council member Nate Nehring to eliminate the tax increase. Please put this amendment through.

In Everett we just fought the levy lift because we are too heavily taxed.

I am a citizen of Everett and vote in every election & so do my neighbors.

425-322-4470 (land line)
125 46th St SW
Everett, Wa
Trina Olson
Sent from my iPad

From: mr e <mreenterprises1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 5:06 PM
To: Low, Sam; Nehring, Nate; Contact Council
Subject: Budget and Tax/Fee Increases

Greetings,

Would someone provide the proposed tax/fee/rate increases being proposed by the county and its inter agencies? How much (\$ or %) is the county, road, swm, conservation district, library, futures, etc going up? How will the new property taxes affect unincorporated areas?

Can the county council regulate tourism flights? East County is experiencing a lot of low flying helicopters that appear to be tourism or chartered flights. These flights are much lower than the typical 500 feet and above of light aircraft. Helicopters have been observed 100 - 200 feet above houses, people, farm animals, etc. FAA requires photographs for complaints.

Thanks
Jeff Estes
Startup

From: [Gail Beatty](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Absolutely DO NOT support raising property taxes.
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 5:39:49 PM

Which are ALREADY KILLING US.

Gail Beatty
21624 Echo Lake Road
Snohomish 98296

From: Joe Olson <jwolson2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 5:44 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property Tax Proposal

My wife and I are retired on a fixed income. We cannot afford an 8% property tax increase. Please support the proposed amendment to stop this increase. We have to live within our budget, why can't the county? We certainly are not getting an 8% increase in any of our retirements.

Joseph and Paula Olson
9914 Hawkins Ave.
Granite Falls

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From: landfarm@frontier.com
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 5:45 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nate Nehring amendment

Please pass this amendment. Many of us are retired and will be taxed out of our homes we worked a lifetime to have.
Lana Growe

"All I know is that my life is better when I assume that people are doing their best. It keeps me out of judgment and let's me focus on what is, and not what should or could be."
Brene Brown

From: Jeramy Olson <jeramylsfl@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 5:59 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Tax increase

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I am a citizen of Everett and vote in every election & so do my neighbors.

Cheers

Jeramy J Olson
Technical Director
Long Sleeves For Life
206-200-9615

“It’s become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.” ~Albert Einstein

From: Donna Page <donnapage52@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 6:18 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Amendment to budget

I am a property owner whose taxes are becoming unbearable in Snohomish County.

I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget.

Please streamline the spending instead of asking for more money.

I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Thank you,
Donna Page

From: Kourtney Smith <kourtneysmith@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 6:20 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Please save the working class

To Whom It May Concern,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County, I would like it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget, and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th. Our family, as well as many others, have been burdened with Washington state continuously increasing gas and other taxes and have been forced to live on a very tight budget; it is time the County did the same. Many good, respectful, hardworking, people will be forced to sell. Please make the right decision and protect Snohomish County homeowners.

Respectfully,
Kourtney Smith

From: Mandie Gavlak <clestial@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 6:40 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nate Nehring's Amendment-

Dear Snohomish County Council,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Sincerely,
Amanda Gavlak

From: khope@comcast.net
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Property Tax Increase proposed
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 6:42:17 PM

To All Whom this May Concern:

Please consider Councilmember Nehrings suggestions regarding property tax increases in Snohomish County. As a senior citizen who is able and wants to stay in their home as long as possible an increase of this magnitude would be devastating to our personal budget and ability to afford to stay in our home. A property tax increase of 8% would far exceed our ability to keep the financial pace our advisors have set up for us. If there are ways to cut spending at the County level this is the time to consider them. As a homeowner we are faced with increased costs for maintenance when we need to replace anything to keep our home up to date, and this would put us at a financial disadvantage causing us to make choices on what we can and cannot live without....clouded up windows, broken furnace, new roofs, plumbing needs, etc. Please consider Councilmember Nehrings suggestions to reduce costs for things that may not be critical to the functioning of Snohomish County.

Kathy Hope
7621 129th Dr SE
Snohomish, WA 98290
360 243 3137

From: Katie Turkington <kfhturkington@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:10 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nate Nehring Budget Amendment Support

Hello,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish county I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th. My taxes have already gone up by 24% over the last 2 years and I expect they will increase further as the value of my property continues to increase.

In a time when everyone is feeling the pinch on the increased cost of living and when many people in the country just cast a vote with that in mind it seems irresponsible to be raising property taxes on a deferred capacity.

Thanks,
Katherine Turkington

From: Janine Burkhardt <janinebur@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:13 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Prop 1

I would like to point out that we do not want to allow MORE tax dollars for failed service of safety, catching criminals, and providing peace officers for the public. It is the opposite of our wishes for you to raise taxes when we clearly said no. If you cannot supply the services you promise through taxation and government, hire this part out to private companies.

Janine Burkhardt
Maltby resident 33 years.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Suzanne Adams <suzanne98021@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:38 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Amendment Support

I support Nate Nehring's amendment and to stop raising property taxes.

Thank you,
Suzanne Adams
2018 Lombard Ave
Everett, WA 98201

From: anpv87@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:28 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: I DO NOT APPROVE THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AND SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT

Thank you.

Jim Minkoff, EA
President
anpv87@gmail.com
425.740.4550



From: Kristofer Korshaven <korshaven@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:31 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nehring Amendment

Dear County Council,

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Thank you,
Kristofer Korshaven
Snohomish, WA

From: marlagm@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:38 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property Tax Increase

To whom it may concern:

As Snohomish County Residents we would prefer to see expenses cut rather than property taxes increased. We have all had to adjust our budgets during this period of inflation and it seems that the county should be doing the same. Our taxes have increased considerably over the last few years. It seems like the county would be looking at ways to keep our taxes down especially since there has been a huge influx of people into our area who pay taxes.

Thank You,
Marla Miller
Snohomish County Resident

From: Michael Gorsuch <mgorsuch.inbox@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:51 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nehring's Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase

As a property owner and resident, I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Thank you,
Michael Gorsuch
17811 41st St SE, Snohomish, WA 98290
206-551-7713

From: f <bjmac89@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:53 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed Property Tax Increase

Hello-

I'm writing in full support of Nate Nehring's amendment to eliminate the need to raise property taxes by identifying and cutting unnecessary spending. Property taxes are all ready sky high!

This has been a horrible economy for over four years and citizens are struggling to afford food, gas, heat and basic necessities. We have all been making cuts to our personal budgets to get by. This is not the time to increase property taxes.

Please give careful consideration and full support to Nate Nehring's proposal.

Thank you.

Joni McKenzie
Snohomish, WA

From: Trevor Hardwick <truckintrev124@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 9:07 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: 8% property tax increase

Why would you want or need to increase my property taxes, especially by a whopping 8%, when there is already an absurd amount of taxes I'm expected to pay?!

When I experience budget or income shortfalls in my personal life, nobody comes to my aid, or offers to fill my pockets more, to make up for my budgeting problems.

I am simply expected to manage the money I have....better! And that is what I expected from you.

I'm an independent owner operator with very little profit margins, if any. I do my job with excellence because I'm passionate about my carrier choice. Not because it makes me rich.

I already pay some of the highest taxes in the country! Right here in my home community....

It is completely unreasonable for you to spend the money that I, and my neighbors have given, so irresponsibly. And then have the audacity to expect more. Think about this 8% increase you're proposing to take from us next time you want to spend on useless things. Learn from your own friends and neighbors... take the same advice you might give to a child.

Learn to do better with the resources you already have. You can do better. So do that before asking me for more of the money I work so hard for.

From: Liz Mitchell <fillie_1999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 9:13 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property Tax Levy Increase

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th. It's bad enough that my social security is already taxed.

No to raising property tax on November 13th.

Liz Mitchell, property owner in North Everett

From: Riyas Hussain <huzaynr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 11:43 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Tax Burden

Dear Sir/Ma'am..

Already burdened with heavy Property tax on my small and old 3B 2B home. Am still thinking from where I'll raise finances for my Roof change - Imagine how much of a burden it will be, if I have to pay more Property taxes, while I am trying to save every bit, just to maintain that property!

Regards,
Riyas

From: Tiffany Norling <tiffnorling@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 12:39 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: No to raising property taxes

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Tiffany Norling
Everett Wa 98201

From: Steve Coleman <famfour2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 5:28 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: 8% Property Tax

Hello


I really don't understand how anyone can keep putting more taxes onto the people.

Not all of us are sitting where you are or the ones in Olympia stuffing their pockets and banks with our hard earned money.

It's time that there be accountability on all of WA State money transactions.
Find out where are the fraudulent spending is and stop it immediately.

The 4 initiatives with just one passing with a yes was another fraudulent act done by the Attorney General's wording so some would have read it in such a way that they would vote No to them. Which 3 out of the 4 received.

Shame on them

I wish everyone would just wake up and leave this state and then see how you can bleed  us more for taxes.
Keep building those stupid apartments ever destroying really nice neighborhoods and see where you get property taxes from.

People are losing their homes because of you and your property taxes.

I retire in one year and this is my dream, but with you guys and Olympia, I fear of losing my home as well.

Please look at what money you do have and where you're spending it. Take pay cuts if you have to.

Thank
you

NEWS RELEASE: October 31, 2024

Contact: Russell Wiita – Legislative Aide to Councilmember Nehring

Russell.Wiita@snoco.org

(425) 626-4173

Nehring Proposes Budget Amendment to

Everett, WA – Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring proposes a general property tax levy increase proposed by County Executive Dan Riffe. His amendment eliminates the increase to the general property tax levy in the budget.

“Taxpayers in Snohomish County have been burdened by ever increasing taxes,” said Councilmember Nehring. “We can balance our County budget without tax increases that our constituents expect. My amendment does just that by identifying current needs and eliminating the need for a tax increase. Taxpayers have had to tighten the belt and government ought to do the same.”

The Executive’s proposed 2025/2026 budget increases the County’s operating budget by \$10 million each year as well as taking banked capacity from previously deferred projects.

Steve Coleman
famfour2000@yahoo.com
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Carla Grove <seanile46@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 5:51 AM
To: Contact Council

Do not raise property taxes! Too high already.

From: Mary Lou Burns <mlb_1943@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 6:36 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Raising taxes

Please Vote No to raise property taxes. We are retired and can barely pay the \$10,000 tax now. Do not increase it. It is already too high.

Thank you,
Mary Lou Burns
Sent from my iPhone

From: kels.gordon <kels.gordon@protonmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:57 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed increased property taxes

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that my family is against the current increased property taxes. We have been struggling for years financially, due to our daughter being disabled and I cannot work so because I need to stay home to take care of her. We are on 1 income and with the state of the economy we cannot afford another tax increase. We have been contemplating selling and moving to a more affordable state, which would be devastating because we grew up here and have contributed so much to this community. Please consider people like us, we are struggling despite already receiving help from the state. Please don't make us struggle anymore.

Thank you for your time,
Kelsey

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS

From: Nanette I Gemmer <nanetteigemmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:58 AM
To: Contact Council

I urge you to strongly consider and implement Councilman Nate Nehrings proposal. Cut unnecessary expenditures and stop out of control spending We definitely don't need a greater tax burden Thank you. Nanette Gemmer

From: Jason Johns <Jason.Johns40@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:05 AM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Nehring, Nate
Subject: Councilman Nehring's budget proposal

Council,

I fully support Councilman Nehring's budget proposal, and would expect a supportive vote from the elected council to do the same. This election has shown us that a large majority of the country is tired of the way things have been going, the spending, the woke politics, and we want change. Be a part of that change. It's time for the ultra-progressive experiment to end! If things don't change, I will be packing up in the near future and taking my business with me.... I think about it every day! I've lived in this state my entire life and I'm appalled at how things have changed over the last 15 years or so.

Furthermore - I just read something about an office of social justice, and I 200% support cutting that ridiculous program. Quit wasting our money. If CA can wake up, so can WA. In 2 years, we will have another chance to replace some of you. Earn your position. Lets also make a change to where people that don't own real estate are not allowed to vote on property tax increases.

P.S. Clean up the trash and graffiti everywhere. Gross.

Regards,

Jason Johns (Marysville Resident since 2008, Marysville Homeowner, Marysville Business Owner)
(360) 471-9012
Jason.Johns40@Outlook.com

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Rexana Scrimager <scrimagers@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:06 AM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Rexana Scrimager
Subject: No new taxes

No new taxes. Support Nate Nehrings admendment to cut budget.

Rexana Scrimager
33-years experience
Home Realty Inc, Broker
13000 Linden Ave N #109
Seattle, WA 98133
C: 206.999.2961
O: 206-365-4700
scrimagers@comcast.net
Sent from my iPad

From: Lori Quinlan <lqquinlan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:16 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Nehring proposal

As a citizen please do not raise taxes. We have been under so much financial stress please do not put more on us. As many of us have had to cut Snohomish County must do the same and not put additional burden on its citizens.

Lori Quinlan

Sent from my iPhone

From: bob carmody <bobcarmody@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:25 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: property tax proposal

I am 100 percent in favor of Nate Nearing's proposal regarding the property tax program submitted by Dave Somers. Mr. Nearing's plan to balance the budget includes freezing the property tax at the current rate, reduced spending in many areas, eliminate unnecessary programs and general belt tightening makes perfect sense to me and my neighbors.

Please consider Mr. Nearing's proposal as a sound and practical plan that will be supported by your constituents.

Thank You,
Bob Carmody
11815 166th Dr NE
Arlington, WA
bobcarmody@comcast.net
509-881-8571

From: Elaine Johannsen <elainejohannsen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:31 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Real Estate Tax Increase

The 8% tax increase needs to be stopped.

People can barely afford to buy groceries and live in this state.

Raising taxes is not an option curb spending.

Joyce Elaine Johannsen

Sent from my iPhone

From: DAWN ALEXANDER <alexander2k4@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:46 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase

Dear Nate Nehring,

As residents of Monroe WA for 28 years we have seen many tax increases over the years. We want you and Snohomish County Council to know that we appreciate your Amendment to eliminate this new tax increase.

These past few years have been tough with the pandemic and price increases on just about everything. Plus, as retired Seniors now every dollar counts.

We ask that you do everything you can to pass Nate's Amendment to eliminate this tax and find your funds elsewhere.

Kind Regards,
Dawn & Ken Alexander
338 S Blakeley Street
Monroe, WA 98272

From: Mary Lohnes <makaloh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:08 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: No property tax increase

I support Nate Nehrings amendment to eliminate the property tax increase. Our taxes have increased so much over the last few years. What are you doing with it? We all have to tighten our belts. Sadly, when the taxpayers ask you to do so, the counsel's response is to eliminate necessary programs that serve the taxpayers rather than eliminate unnecessary personnel and areas of waste or redundancy.

Thank you for listening,
Mary
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Sharon Swann <swann2000@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property Tax increase

Dear honourable council member's. **Please do not approve the 8% property increase**. This tax increase will certainly be a huge burden on my finances. I can barely pay the existing property tax. Please look at alternative cuts to balance the budget by eliminating the Office of Social Justice (travel and conference expenses are not a necessity!!) and other ancillary services that are not really required. PLEASE PUT YOUR CONSTITUENTS NEEDS FIRST

The more people I speak to are seriously considering leaving this state due to making it too costly to live here. I am also considering a move and I have lived here for 30 year.....it is just becoming to cost prohibitive.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sharon Swann
Mukilteo WA

Have a wonderful and blessed day!
Sharon
425.349.1807

From: Leslie Somes <ljsomes@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:15 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property taxes

I am writing in regards to the proposed property tax increase, and the amendment that Nate Nehring has proposed. Please do not raise property taxes! We are retired as many are and cannot afford this increase!

Thank you.

Leslie Somes and David Cernich

From: Rick Johnson <rjohnson98036@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:17 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed 8% Property Tax Increase

We are retired and on a fixed income. With the prices of groceries, gas, etc. skyrocketing, we simply cannot afford a property tax increase of this magnitude. I urge you to reconsider, and think about the impact it has on ordinary citizens.

Richard Johnson

From: Anicleta Lopez <mamaloca53@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:23 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Stop raising property taxes!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Chris Moore <snoweatter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:24 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: November 13th budget hearing.

To Whom it may concern,

I oppose Dave Somers' proposed 2025/2026 budget increases to the general property tax levy.

I support Councilman Nate Nehring's alternative option to make cuts on spending and not increase any taxes.

Christopher Moore
Snohomish County resident
425-397-6447

From: Mark Eppley <mark.eppley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:25 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: No property tax increase

With our inflation hit already, please do not pile on with another property tax increase.

Mark Eppley

From: john Conderman <john.conderman@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:28 AM
To: Contact Council; Bob Colinas
Subject: 8% Property tax (NO)

The people of the Nation have made their views known. NO on any more Taxes and spending. Do not add to our tax burden and remove all extra or added spending.

John Conderman
425-218-0245

From: kurtis lepidas <steelerdude@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:40 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property taxes

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Thank you,

Kurtis Lepidas

From: Andy Lubresky <lubreskyandy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:49 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Please support Nate Nehring Amendment to stop the 8% property tax increase.

I am writing to respectfully request that the council support Nate Nehring's Amendment to stop the 8% property tax increase.

Thank you,

Andy Lubresky

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sara Belden](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Snohomish County 8% Property Tax Increase // No Thank you!
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:51:10 AM

Sara Belden
2811 Cavalero Rd,
Lake Stevens, WA 98258
sara.belden@gmail.com
425.220.6831
2024.11.08

Snohomish County Council
3000 Rockefeller Ave
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Members of the Snohomish County Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 8% property tax increase and to voice my support for Councilman Nate Nehring's Budget Amendment, which aims to eliminate this tax hike.

As a resident and taxpayer of Snohomish County with my senior citizen grandma, I am deeply concerned about the significant financial burden this increase will place on myself and other homeowners, particularly during these challenging economic times. The proposed tax hike comes at a time when many families are already struggling to make ends meet due to rising costs of living, stagnant wages, and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. An 8% increase in property taxes will exacerbate these financial pressures, potentially leading to increased foreclosures and financial instability for many residents.

Councilman Nehring's Budget Amendment provides a viable alternative to the tax increase by identifying and reallocating funds within the existing budget. This approach not only avoids placing additional financial strain on homeowners but also demonstrates fiscal responsibility and a commitment to efficient use of taxpayer dollars. It is crucial that any budgetary adjustments prioritize the well-being of our community without resorting to measures that disproportionately impact homeowners.

I urge the council to adopt Councilman Nehring's Budget Amendment and consider alternative solutions to address budgetary shortfalls, such as cutting unnecessary expenditures, improving efficiency in county operations, and exploring other revenue sources that do not disproportionately impact homeowners. It is essential to balance the county's financial needs with the economic realities faced by its residents.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the council reconsider the proposed 8% property tax increase and support Councilman Nehring's Budget Amendment. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sara Belden

From: i»zjulie <jneff2009@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property taxes

Property taxes are high enough. Stop raising them. You are taxing people out of there homes. Many of us have been paying for 30-40 years & now find ourselves wondering if we can afford to stay in our homes!! stop expecting the middle/lower class to support all the homeless, drug addicts & criminals. You need to support the hard working, law abiding citizens that are trying to survive without public assistance & handouts!!

Thanks

Julie Neff
825 126th ST SE
Everett, WA 98208

From: [J. Michael Wilson](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: Nehring's Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:16:30 AM

As a property owner and resident, I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th. Stop increasing the cost of living for residents; stop inflationary government spending.

J. Michael Wilson
17811 41st St SE, Snohomish, WA 98290

206-271-0988

From: Diane Neill <dianeneill@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:24 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: tax increase

To our county counsel:

We do not need an 8% property tax increase! People can barely afford what is already levied! Vote for Nehring's amendment to eliminate it. A balanced budget can be achieved by spending cuts - not tax increases!

Diane Neill

Snohomish, WA. 98290

From: Tom Singleton <tsingle@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:47 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Against proposed Property tax increase

Housing in Snohomish county is very expensive and one reason is the property tax. The tax increases each year as the assessed value increases. That is fine if you are going to sell, but it makes it more and more difficult for those of us on a fixed or limited income who bought many years ago.

Some relief needs to be considered for those of us who are retired in place and have no increase in income to match these increases. Something like California's Prop 13 limiting tax expense would be welcome for us long-time residents. The low-income threshold is so low that it offers no relief to most middle class retired people.

Have Mercy! My house is never paid for with this annual bill to the County.

Wm. "Tom" Singleton
13004 Ingraham Rd, Monroe, WA 98272
360-672-2217

From: Betsie Blaine <betsieblaine@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 12:05 PM
To: russellwiita@snoco.org <russellwiita@snoco.org>
Subject: Councilmember Nehring's budget amendment

To My County Council and County Executive Dave Somers,

I am a Snohomish county senior citizen resident and homeowner. I am concerned that there is a possibility of raising my property taxes higher than they already are. Support of schools and protection services have been high on my priority list and has received my support in the past.. However, I am being taxed immensely and may need to make different decisions in the future if you pass greater than the 1% increase. Please consider those of us who are on fixed incomes who purchased our homes before the values skyrocketed. I could not afford to buy my home today!

I support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to balance the budget with cuts like many of us have needed to do. We don't get a raise above the cost of living. Please do not raise the property tax more than 1%. 8% is overwhelming!

Respectfully,

Betsie Snoey
18610 55th St SE
Snohomish 98290

From: DEBBIE HAMMER <orca54@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: NO WAY

I do not want our property taxes raised.
Send me any paperwork to prevent it from happening

Debbie Hammer

From: Celina LovesRamen <celinaleann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property tax increase

As a property owner and resident of Snohomish County, I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut the budget and I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

From: VLADIMIR SHEPSIS <sashaleo@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 1:57 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fwd: Support for Councilman's Nate Nehring alternative proposal

Dear Counsel,

My name is Vladimir Shepsis.

I strongly support Councilman's Nate Nehring alternative proposal to make cuts on spending and not increase any property taxes.

I have resided in Edmonds WA since 1996. During this period of time, politicians, like Dave Somers lied and manipulated us (during elections), promising improvement of living conditions and tax reductions.

Stop to lie.

Stop increasing taxes.

Sincerely
Vladimir Shepsis
435 231-2488

From: Eric Todd Wallin <tntwallin@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 2:05 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: property tax increases

Washington is off the charts expensive already. Please **do not increase** property taxes.
Thank you
Eric Wallin

From: Randall Marris <marrtians5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 2:05 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: HELP!!!!!! Zero tax increases.

Dearest Councilmembers,

I and most other of your constituents, whom you in theory work for, are dead-set against any increase in property taxes!!! Elderly, minority and less fortunate normal people are struggling to make ends meet- especially after we just lost all 4 of the citizen initiatives on the recent ballot! We are sick of being targetted by government to make up for waste and for costs of programs that just feed homelessness, illegal immigrant, pro- criminal and pet environmental projects! We are officially sick of this. Look to deep blue California...mass political changes are coming to WA, please be on the winning side. We love you all!

Hazel Marris

From: Randall MARRS <marrtians5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 2:26 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property tax increase

Dear Council,

Dearest Councilmembers,

I am absolutely against any increase in property taxes!!! Not all of us are Boeing or Longshoremen who are getting massive wage increases. Retirees, families and new professionals are trying to make ends meet- especially after we just lost all 4 of the citizen initiatives on the recent ballot. We are sick of being targetted by government to make up for waste and for costs of programs that feed homelessness, illegal immigrant, pro- criminal and pet environmental projects while our roads and justice systems suck money yet get worse yearly. We are officially sick of this. Look to deep blue California...mass political changes are coming to WA, please be on the winning side. Howard about zero tax increases without 100% transparency about how our money is already being wasted? Work with the people, not against us. Thank you-

RandyMARRS

From: Melody Johannsen <melody.johannsen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 2:50 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Real estate tax increase

The 8% tax increase needs to be stopped Thanks Sent from my iPhone

From: DARLENE KOSMIN <pykedlk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:03 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: No more taxation

I support Nate N.'s proposal to find cuts in the budget and no more taxation. Our county deserves better as many folks are truly struggling in this economy of high inflation.

Thankyou
Darlene K. 98208
Sent from my iPhone

From: Kimberly Moore <realestatekimmie@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:21 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: November 13, 2024 public hearing on budget

To whom it may concern:

I do not support Dave Somers' 2025/2026 budget increases regarding the County's general property tax levy increases.

I support Snohomish County Councilman, Nate Nehring's proposed budget amendment.

Kimberly Moore
Snohomish County resident
425-397-6447

From: David Stewart <dave@vistaclaracoffee.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:40 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: David Stewart

Greetings Sno Cty Council! I support Nate Nehring's amendment to stop property tax increase in Snohomish County! This is out of hand and needs to be reconsidered.
Regards, Dave Stewart 206-794-6860

From: John McDonnell <jcmcdon3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Rhyne, Paula <Paula.Rhyne@co.snohomish.wa.us>
Subject: Proposed Property Tax increase

I write to strongly oppose the proposed tax increase. It is my hope that sanity will return to the Snohomish County Council. INFLATION has been killing us for the last four years with annual increases in property assessments and property taxes of 21% since 2020.

My current 2025 assessment increases the home value by a mythical 7.6 % from \$677,000 to \$729,000 or 7.68% with a comparable increase in the likely tax rate in the face of an Imminent economic downturn.

Surely you understand that regardless of the election, we are already in recession and people are fed up with taxes and witless government. It's time to balance the budget and to acknowledge the times by cutting spending. I'm an angry at this proposal to raise our taxes an additional 8%.

You may think that the election is over and Washington is safe but I will tell you, you have trouble coming. We now know that Snohomish County sales taxes are the highest on the West Coast. The pressure is building. We'll see how my neighbors feel about additional property taxes on top of \$0.95/gal. gas taxes. I think your administration is headed for big problems.

I suggest that you go to the budget and rethink before you come to your citizens and stick it to us again.

John McDonnell

From: Nancy Symonds <machiaswa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 5:12 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Property tax increase

I genuinely hope council member Nate Nehring is not the only member who realizes the devastating impact the inflated prices have had on the citizens of Snohomish County. Please elect to not raise out property taxes. Thank you, Nancy Symonds Sent from my iPhone