

**From:** [Debbie Baugh](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Potential Snohomish County Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 5:35:19 PM

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My husband and I are 40 year residents of rural Snohomish County and now retired senior citizens. We initially bought unimproved land— just under 1 .5 acres to raise our family and have peace and quiet over the noise Seattle neighborhood we left. We built our own home and now have beautiful gardens to enjoy in retirement. The peaceful vision that we have created over the years is now something we may lose to the ever increasing property taxes! Unfortunately, we don't qualify for a discount.

We urge you to keep fighting to stop the potential 8% increase. We are being taxed to death and we need your help to have the Snohomish County Council budget managed without needing more tax funds from us!  
Thank you.

Debbie Baugh  
Lost Lake resident  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Shirley Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Stop raising property taxes  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 12:31:50 AM

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I'm a senior and I could barely pay my property tax this year. Please don't raise my property tax again.

Shirley Johnson  
Snohomish, Wa.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Don Miewald](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 4:54:02 AM

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Hello Council,

Please vote no on the proposed 8% property tax increase.

Thank you,  
Don & Tonya Miewald

**From:** [John Graden](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 7:10:53 AM

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Please support Nate Nehring Amendment to stop the 8% property tax increase. With housing prices increasing I see no need for any property tax rate increase.

John  
Graden  
15410 91st Ave SE  
Snohomish

**From:** [garygibbs5446](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 7:38:38 AM

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Please support councilman Nehring's ammendment to stop a proposed property tax increase and instead look for budget items to adjust.

Snohomish county taxpayers already have paid their fair share and deserve an alternate way to meet resource needs.

Respectfully

Gary and Sandy Gibbs  
18227 Greywalls Dr  
Arlington, Wa, 98223

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Heather Oie](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:24:13 AM

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I support Nate Nehring's budget amendment. We must strive to live within our budgets and not continually raise taxes. Find the waste in the existing programs and use that money.

Heather Oie  
Snohomish Washington  
Resident of District 5

**From:** [billwirtz@comcast.net](mailto:billwirtz@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Lori Wirtz](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Nehring's Proposed Budget Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 11:13:43 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council:

I'm writing to express our support for councilman Nehring's proposed budget amendment to not raise taxes and explore cuts to the existing budget through program efficiencies. Just days ago, Proposition 1 was voted down by taxpayers at a rate of 56%. You as a council must respect the will of the people and find more efficient ways to run our local government with our existing funds. This can be done by prioritizing our programs, requiring performance-based efficiencies, and funding only those that provide the greatest return on our investment. Snohomish County citizens need relief from the high costs of living in our area and not an increased tax burden to bear.

Thank you for considering our input.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill & Lori Wirtz  
Snohomish, WA

**From:** [Julia McGary](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** property tax increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 1:59:51 PM

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I am adamantly opposed to this increase and support Nate Nehring's amendment.  
Balancing a budget needs to be more than increasing taxes, other areas need to be cut.

Julia McGary  
[julia@mcgarydds.com](mailto:julia@mcgarydds.com)

**From:** [Janine Halley](#)  
**To:** [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Against 8% Increase on Property Tax  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 2:14:47 PM

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I vote NO on the 8% increase on Snohomish County Property Taxes.

Thanks,  
Janine Halley

**From:** [RUDY NARSI](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No increase in property taxes  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 2:28:47 PM

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To whom it my concern,

I have heard the county council is going to increase our property taxes. You are taxing us to death and causing us to go into poverty living in the county. As a county employee I can't afford to live here with cost of living and taxes. Please reconsider and find other ways to manage the funds you already get. There needs to be an audit on the funds management in this county for the waste and where the money goes because it isn't in the county workers and not into our roads.

Rudy Narsi

**From:** [Corrine Richey](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 3:14:31 PM

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My husband and I oppose the proposed Snohomish County property tax increase believing it will have a negative effect on families to afford housing already burdened with higher prices on daily goods since inflation has risen. We appreciate your time and attention to consider our viewpoint.

Thank you,  
James & Corrine Richey  
Arlington, WA

**From:** [Brandon Howland](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to 8% property tax  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 3:21:39 PM

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Hello council,

We are a single income family taking care of my in laws and every year my property value increases which is costing us more and more money.

And there's nothing I can do to lower the assessed value.

When things were good, I worked a different job and was able to build a mother in law (DADU), but now that change has resulted in almost \$3k more in taxes per year and my income has dropped by 70%.

An 8% tax increase looks to raise our taxes by another \$60/mo or so.

Please consider the impact it would have on families.

Brandon Howland  
10109 36th St SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258

**From:** [Sandy Goodwin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO! on Property Tax Increase for Snohomish County  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 4:15:06 PM

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I moved to Snohomish county 14 years ago. My current taxes are nearly a thousand dollars a month. I see so many people moving out because they cannot afford to live here. There are many other counties in Washington state and across the United States with larger populations, than in Snohomish County, where taxes are less. I believe the budget needs to be reviewed and other measures need to be implemented. Raising taxes will negatively impact all of us. I recommend voting NO! on a property increase and hiring a private external (no government) able to investigate the current budget objectively to determine where cuts can be made first. I know of several good firms who can do this.

Sandy

**From:** [Ruthmarie LaBerge](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Nate Nehrings budget amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 5:03:01 PM

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Dear council members,

I support Nate Nehring's budget amendment to stop the 8% property tax increase. Families have been taxed enough and with the high inflation rate in recent years, families cannot afford this. We expect the council to work within the current budget or trim expenses as families in your district have been forced to do within this economy.

Thank you.

Ruth LaBerge

15728 91st Ave. SE

Snohomish, WA 98296

**From:** [Angie Donnelson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Do not increase property taxes  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 5:13:38 PM

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Dear County Council,

I'm writing as a citizen of and property owner in Snohomish county to request the council choose not to increase the county property tax levy in the new budget. Please pass the amendment to the budget this Wednesday that will instead cut costs and thus make an increase unnecessary.

As a tax payer, my property taxes already use a significant portion of my monthly income. Because rents and home prices in snohomish county are so high, I'm currently housing 3 of my adult children. We are barely getting by month to month even with everyone contributing.

We have had to cut our household budget due to cost of living increases and the county council should do the same in response to increased costs.

Thank you for listening and acting upon this citizen request.

Angela Donnelson  
Arlington, WA  
360.631.4728

**From:** [tony deeter](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more taxes you guys always want more money to blow how about us working class that can't hardly afford food and gas  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 5:16:16 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MICHAEL DUNICAN](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 6:42:30 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

You are considering raising county property tax by 8% this year. I am opposed to this action as I am not currently receiving any county services that are in-line with what I already pay (about \$4000/year). Asking for 8% more from fixed income retired persons is nothing but government greed and abuse. The amount of buiding in the county has increased your revenues through more taxes and fees. But that has resulted in too much traffic and delays getting anywhere in the county. The quality of life continues to decline here and we are not getting much help from the government that is focused on giving away services to homeless and illegal aliens. The last election clearly proved that the majority of persons voting here are idiots and want more bad government and more taxes. It is now time to say bye-bye to the crap hole Washington has become.

Michael Dunican

Lake Stevens

**From:** [SR](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** YES to Nate Nehring's budget proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:11:11 PM

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**No** to the Snohomish County Council's proposal to increase the property taxes by 8%.

**YES** and **YES** to councilmember Nate Nehring's proposal to make adjustments which then balance the budget without harming the citizens of Snohomish County.

With the economy the way it is now, we are all struggling to keep our budgets in check. Why shouldn't the government do the same?

Please respect the citizens that you serve.

~ Sue Rumsey  
Marysville, WA

**From:** [Kim Hilby](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No property tax  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:29:52 PM

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We can't afford a property tax increase again. Our taxes are already high and with inflation this is not doable for anyone let alone senior citizens living on a fixed income. Consider looking at what you're spending money on and ways to make cuts just like I have to do with my budget. Thank you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** [TIFFANY WEBB](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please no tax increase  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 9:19:16 PM

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Hello -

I am writing to ask you to please reconsider your desire to increase our property taxes. Our family is already finding it difficult to pay our taxes. My husband was unemployed during Covid. We have three children in college. I've gone back to work to help make ends meet.

Our neighbors and friends are facing similar difficulties. Inflation is high. Groceries are expensive. Many work for Boeing and while the strike is now settled, they were without the usual paycheck for quite awhile.

Families are cutting back and making tough decisions in order to keep our budgets balanced. We expect our elected officials to do it too. This is our money you are spending. I have confidence that our economy will improve and the time will come when a modest tax increase will be appropriate. But that time isn't now.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Tiffany Webb (Snohomish)

**From:** [lbentmail](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 11:29:02 PM

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Please do not raise our property taxes again. Inflation is already a hardship, without having higher property taxes. People can hardly afford to feed themselves.

Thank you,  
Lori Bentley

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Don Mich](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising Property Taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 12:53:36 AM

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Taxes are incredibly high already and the thought of raising them higher is not right. I am a retired disabled navy veteran who is not employed any longer. Me and my wife own a house at which we are paying a mortgage on too of course. Everything is extremely expensive. I just wanted to let you know that we are struggling to keep up with everything monthly as of now.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ashley Felton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned Constituent Regarding 2025/2026 Budget  
**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:58:32 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed budget for the 2025/2026 biennium. It has come to my attention that the proposed budget will increase Snohomish county resident's property taxes by up to 8%. I am gravely worried this will have a negative impact on our community and its families that are barely making ends meet in this current economy.

I'd like to introduce myself to the council, I am Ashley Felton, I am a registered dental hygienist, currently living in Arlington and I have been practicing in Monroe, WA for the past 10 years. I see patients who live in Monroe, Sultan, Gold Bar, Index, Snohomish, Lake Stevens, Granite Falls, Arlington, Marysville, Everett and Stanwood. I have gotten to know my patients very well at my practice and it is so sad to see how many are struggling to make ends meet right now. Most of my patients are relying on credit cards to pay their monthly bills already, an increase in property tax would just exacerbate this problem significantly. Expenses for groceries and gas are already strapping budgets for our local community and this increase would severely harm those already struggling. My patient base is generally blue collar workers, some coming in straight from the local dairy farm. These people are not affluent and are living paycheck to paycheck already in this economy. The only reason why they come to the dentist is because they have dental benefits from their employer. They would not be coming in otherwise, as they simply do not have the money in their budget to do so. At this time the members of our community are stressed just trying to put food on the table for their families due to the current costs of goods. When patients are telling me their struggles, some are brought to tears as they are struggling to make ends meet. I feel their pain as the increase in cost of living over the past few years has impacted my budget as well.

A large percentage of our patients have family that work at Boeing, and were impacted by the recent strike. These people are already in a deficit in their family budgets as their work hours have been reduced or they were a part of the union that was on strike. It will take many months for these families to get current as the Boeing employees just returned to work this last week. By increasing the tax burden on these families it would be kicking our local community when it's already down and when it really could use a hand up right now.

I understand that the council wishes to provide good services to our county and maintain its current operations. This can be done, but it would be best to consider the current challenges of the community and I hope this gives you a finger on the pulse, if you will, about how families are already struggling. If there is a possibility to balance the county's budget without raising taxes, I think this would be the most desirable option. I really hope that the council considers other options to balance the budget before increasing taxes of the Snohomish county citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

With gratitude,  
-Ashley Felton, RDH BSDH

**From:** [Christine S.](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Amendment to Snohomish County tax budget  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 8:30:31 AM

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Please support Councilman Nate Nehring's amendment to the budget. It is getting more and more difficult to live in Snohomish County and these continued tax increases are a contributing factor.

Christine Steele

**From:** [Michelle Evans](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase 8% in property taxes - No!  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 7:36:45 AM

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Dear Council,

I am a home owner in Snohomish County and respectfully request that you vote to reject this proposed increase of 8% on my property tax.

I feel that there are other ways to increase revenue by eliminating unnecessary expenditures within our county budget instead of raising taxes on our homes during a time where we are already burdened with an extremely high cost of living in Washington State.

How will my grandchildren ever afford to live here?

Thank you,

Michelle Evans  
Stanwood  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ally Williams](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 1:53:52 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Raising taxes could be detrimental to a lot of people, and quite frankly wouldn't fix any issues to whatever problem you think it'll fix, it won't it'll just follow with more issues.

Raising taxes will just push the seniors in the community in a hard ship, low income families who are just trying to make ends meet.

The economy and inflation is already pushing people to pay check to pay check while still struggling to pay their next bill or to put food on the table and raising taxes will only increase their struggles.

Property taxes are already high why keep raising them and pushing long time community members on the brink of losing their homes due to constant raising of property taxes.

There is always a way to fix issues without raising property taxes.

Do better and problem solve without piggybacking off hard working individuals and the seniors. We all deserve to live the American dream without it being sabotaged by people in power!

Councilman Nate Nehring has proposed an alternative option to make cuts on spending and not increase any taxes. PLEASE CONSIDER IT!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jan Kipperberg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 8:04:33 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

Hello

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

This has been a horrible economy for over four years and citizens are all ready struggling to afford basic necessities. We have all been making cuts to help with our personal budgets to live. This is not the time to increase property taxes.

Please give careful consideration to Nate Nehring's proposal.

Thank you  
Jan Kipperberg  
Marysville

**From:** [Carrie Boardman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 6:55:42 AM

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Support Nate Nehring and stop raising taxes.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device  
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**From:** [Robert Blix](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Mead, Jared](#)  
**Subject:** End The War On Taxpayers !  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:12:01 PM

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Dear Council Members,

Proposition One was kicked to the curb by your Constituents not because they oppose safe streets or a safe County for their children. Voters rejected your tax proposal because they are fed up with the abusive spending and bad Governance of their Elected Representatives.

In other words, We The People no longer wish to serve as your personal cash machines. Let's not forget the \$350 million of Federal COVID Relief funds that were re-directed by Washington State Democrats to migrants illegally entering the United States.

I suspect Mr. Somers and his supporters on the County Council will experience a similar fate as Proposition One should Snohomish County raise the Property Tax rate to 8%. At least that would be my hope in this One Party State.

Respectfully,

Robert Blix  
Colonel,USA  
Retired

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [greg ferguson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support the 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 11:04:48 AM

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**From:** greg ferguson <gghhff@me.com>  
**Subject:** **Support the 8% property tax increase**  
**Date:** November 10, 2024 at 10:58:03 AM PST  
**To:** [contact.council@snoco.gov](mailto:contact.council@snoco.gov)

As an Edmonds resident, we are faced with a huge budget deficit. Let's close that deficit and return local government to a reasonable level of service.

Raise taxes!

Cheers  
Greg Ferguson

**From:** [Lori D. Stach](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:40:42 PM

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## Property tax increase

We are opposed to the raising of our property taxes by 8%!  
Last year our property taxes increased more than \$1,000.00!  
We are seniors living on a fixed income and have no more money to give to the county!  
We find this appalling that the Snohomish County Council would do this without a bringing it to the people for a vote! Your reasons and rational for this increase will cause many people to become delinquent in their taxes putting a bigger burden on you.  
Please sincerely rethink your grievous idea!

Russ & Lori Stach  
Arlington WA

**From:** [aine.eithne](mailto:aine.eithne)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Nehring's amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 12:21:06 PM

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The people of Snohomish support Nehring's amendment to stop new taxes on property owners.

Homeowners are being crushed by property taxes, which are among the highest in the nation here.

Just valuation has nearly doubled our taxes to over 6,000 per year. I'm living on SSI because of cancer and can't afford any more taxes. In fact, we had put our house up for sale, but home prices dropped so much so fast, we couldn't drop our price fast enough on MLS to keep up.

We just can't afford to live here anymore. The price of food and medicine has gone WAY up too. Unfortunately the number of houses for sale has tripled since last year, and house prices are falling fast.

Bank repossessed houses lead to higher crime. Our fence has already been tagged twice and BROKEN twice by vandals. It has costed us over 5,000 in fence repairs recently.

Also, our streetlight at the corner of Bickford and 23rd has been out for years. I've mentioned this on several forums to no avail. Is that going to be repaired? They replaced the bulb and it went out immediately, and they replaced it again and it went out, and then they left us in the dark. Years ago... The darkness increases crime. Taxes have nearly doubled and I can't even get my streetlight fixed???

We've had enough, so we are leaving no matter how much we have to drop our sale price after we can get the house back on MLS.

Perhaps reducing taxes will save other homeowners from the same fate. We are being crushed economically right out of our homes... then what money will Snohomish have?

Regards,

Michelle Zimmer  
Homeowner  
Snohomish City, WA

**From:** [Paul Sweeney](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more taxes!  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 12:08:44 PM

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Stop! No more taxes! Do a better job managing what you got. We are drowning in taxes!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mary Hudon](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 9:39:05 AM

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Hello.

I'm very concerned about the proposed increase to our property taxes. Property taxes are already a huge burden. How can you expect people to continue to pay more. Why aren't you budgeting the enormous tax dollars that you are already collecting from us? Why aren't you making efforts to decrease property taxes, relieving us of the economic burden that we are already suffering under this economy - created by democrats. STOP asking for more.

You've ignored us on the housing issue. You've given land and property rights to big development while not updating our infrastructure and barely considering the environment. Because of this, you should already be collecting more taxes from all the new properties developed. Right?

YOU need to learn to budget. Stop expecting the citizenry to just keep paying for your overspending.

Sincerely concerned,

Mary Hudon

**From:** [Bob Schweitzer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 12:25:39 PM

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County council

Please do not raise our property taxes 8%.

Thank you  
Bob and Hattie Schweitzer

Stanwood

**From:** [Dee Hammer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal to Raise Snohomish Property Taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 3:08:20 PM

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Nate and Council Members,

I am opposed to raising our R/E taxes in Snohomish County. The County has to learn to manage the funds they already have as voted by the people of Snohomish County. Live within our means!! Cut out UNNECESSARY spending!!

**From:** [David Hope](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 4:19:13 PM

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Dear council members:

Please vote no on any increase in our taxes. In the current economic climate, we can not afford ANY increase in taxes. As a senior citizen, my Social Security is only estimated to increase by a little over 2% most, if not all, of which will be reduced by an increase in Medicare premiums. We are constantly faced with higher prices everywhere and so we have to cut back our spending and I expect you to do the same.

Thank you for your service to our communities.

David Hope

7621 129<sup>th</sup> Dr. SE

Snohomish, WA 98290

**From:** [Joe Basta](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Nehring's proposed budget amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 12:01:06 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council:

I'm writing to express my support for councilman Nehring's proposed budget amendment to not raise taxes and explore cuts to the existing budget through program efficiencies. Just days ago, Proposition 1 was voted down by taxpayers at a rate of 56%. You as a council must respect the will of the people and find more efficient ways to run our local government with our existing funds. This can be done by prioritizing our programs, requiring performance-based efficiencies, and funding only those that provide the greatest return on our investment. Snohomish County citizens need relief from the high costs of living in our area and not an increased tax burden to bear.

Thank you for considering my input.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Basta

Lake Stevens, WA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Diane Swenson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 11:44:25 AM

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I am writing to say I do not approve of the county taxes being increased. Living on a fixed income is becoming increasingly hard. Please do not increase them.  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Wayne & Nona Peterson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:29:32 AM

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Please do not raise taxes of any kind any higher. As senior citizens we cannot afford this! Nor can anyone else!  
We're taxed to death in this state! Use our money wisely and stop taking from taxpayers.  
Thank you.  
Wayne & Nona Peterson

**From:** [karen johnson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on proposed 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:55:18 PM

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Please vote for the proposal submitted by Nate Nehring which instead relies on county budget savings on extemporaneous expenses to generate the needed revenue.

An 8% property tax increase will have dire consequences for home owners like myself, who are retired and on a fixed income. Higher property taxes could translate to forcing me to sell the home I love.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Karen Will Johnson  
Arlington, WA

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [marchelle.lambert](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Freeze our property taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 5:38:53 PM

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Please we are not for and can not afford our property taxes to keep increasing...please leave them where they are and fix the budget

Thank you

Richard and Marchelle Lambert

9903 N Davies Rd

Lake Stevens, Wa

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Theresa Hutchison](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Failure Notice  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 5:09:02 PM

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Hello Snohomish County Council Members,

I am in possession of a document stating that you are proposing an 8% property tax increase. I'm also relieved to hear that some degree of thought and common sense appears to be coming from Council Member Nehring. Council Member Nehring has his ear to the ground and well aware of what these last few years have brought to the taxpayer of Snohomish County. The taxpayer is already financially stressed. Inflation has devastated many households. The Census Data shows that in Edmonds, where I reside, 75% of residents earn under \$69,000 per capita and of that 75% approximately 40% earn under \$49,000. I drive by the Edmonds Food Bank twice a week. The food lines continue to grow but recently I've noticed more newer, higher-end car models. Many folks who had jobs and were earning salaries that allowed them to purchase high end vehicles have now lost their jobs. Many are on unemployment, others have run out of unemployment benefits. You may look at property values in Edmonds and see properties and homes valued at \$900,000 and a million dollars. Many of these homes are modest homes built 50, 60, and 70 years ago and now in the hands of surviving children who are now in their 70s, 80s, and 90s. These same folks could not afford to purchase the homes they are now living in. Are you thinking about how your property increases may well cause these elderly folks to have to sell their homes and move because higher taxes have driven them out - some going bankrupt to continually appease your needs to raise taxes. Have any of you thought of budget cuts instead of budget increases? Many citizens have had to do just that - cut back on our expenses. There is waste in county government. Cut it out and restore some semblance of sanity to the budget.

**Council member Strom Peterson**, please look out for your constituents and vote to amend this 8% property tax increase.

Respectfully,

Theresa Campa Hutchison  
Snohomish County Resident



**From:** [ED COLLINS](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increasing Property Tax  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 6:43:48 PM

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I understand that you are planning to increase property taxes again in Snohomish County. This is ridiculous as the citizens of the county are paying enough taxes as it is and we have nothing to show for it. It is already difficult to make ends meet as it is and with a 8% increase it would make it very difficult for me, almost to the point of having to make a decision if I eat or pay your ridiculous taxes. You need to think about the citizens of this county, what is happening with the cost of living, which is only going to get worse with our new government and look at what you approve the tax money that is already paid and where it goes.

I ask that you do not raise our property taxes, we are taxed enough from every side already.

Thank you,  
Sue Collins

**From:** [Elizabeth Rainer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No tax increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 5:33:32 PM

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Hello,  
I don't want to have my taxes increase again! I agree with Nate Nehring!  
Thanks  
Elizabeth Rainer

**From:** [Erin VanRy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please support Nate Nehring's amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 5:43:35 PM

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Snohomish Council,

I am writing to you to support Nate Nehring's amendment to get rid of the tax increase proposal. It is important to our community, especially in this time. Thank you for your consideration.

Erin VanRy  
360-840-7016  
[erinvanry@gmail.com](mailto:erinvanry@gmail.com)

**From:** [Terry Alexander](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Proposed Increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 6:19:43 PM  
**Importance:** High

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We strongly oppose the 8% property tax increase being considered by the Council.

While you may think that is a fairly small percentage, please remember that yours is not the only increase we are facing.

Our property was valued at almost \$90,000 more than last year. That is a wonderful thing for our future when we decide to sell. It does not, however, pay the bills. We are Seniors who are fortunate enough to have our own home, but the amount of the 2024 taxes was already a heavy burden.

The majority of citizens in Snohomish county need a reprieve from the relentless increase in living costs and taxes. We have all had to balance our budgets and cut back on spending.

We respectfully request that the Snohomish county council do the same and adopt the proposal from Nate Nehring.

Sincerely,  
Rick and Terry Alexander

**From:** [Teri Vick](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 4:46:13 PM

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Greetings,

I have written my county representative and now am writing to the whole council to please consider the following:

I am against Budget Ordinance 24-075, authorizing an increase in general tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025. I am on a fixed income and prices of grocery and fuel leave very little leftover. Please do not vote to increase property taxes. The county needs to tighten its belt just as the rest of us have had to do with record inflation. Raising property taxes will really hurt those that are already struggling to get by.

Teresa Vick  
Arlington Wa.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mike Lowe](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Say "NO" to Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 4:37:15 PM

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No increase! We already pay too much property tax.  
We already pay some of the highest taxes in the nation, such as the nation's highest gas tax.  
The 8% raising of property taxes will have an adverse effect on homeowners.  
Several impacts or adverse effects are that it will impact the elderly with limited incomes (and who may have owned their homes for years) who have not had an 8% increase in their income.  
It will, as well impact renters who will need to pay more for their rent because it is now costing their landlord more money to keep the dwelling they are living in.  
It is a simple economic truth of the trickle down effect of price increases which is especially evil when it impacts the elderly, poor and struggling.

Michael Lowe  
2515 259th St NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

**From:** [Robert Modrell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increases  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 8:01:24 PM

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After the state's deceptive advertising for already raising our taxes through initiatives, after the last 4 years of over 20% inflation, after the port trying to push through a county wide tax, after the city of Everett trying to push through a city wide tax increase, the County Council should recognize that taxpayers are already over burdened. Please take Nehring's advice.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marjorie Fields](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** yes to tax increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 6:04:34 PM

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Everything is more expensive than it was. That includes running the county government and providing necessary services to citizens. Increased property tax is needed. I disagree with Mr. Nehring's proposed budget amendment.  
Marjorie Fields  
Edmonds

**From:** [Don Whitson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising taxes now not a good idea. What are you thinking? Don't you know we are in a down economy. Middle class citizens are struggling. Get your act together and balance a budget with what you are now taking taking in. people will speak and if you co...  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 8:16:39 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Lu Loree](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:13:18 PM

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Snohomish County Council,

I am a resident of Snohomish County (Edmonds) and I favor this 8% property tax increase in order to have a reasonable level of essential services.

Lu Loree

**From:** [Karen Dickson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase will hurt many  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 1:34:57 PM

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Snohomish County Council, Dave Somers:

On Nextdoor people are posting about this property tax increase. This is out of control government, my husband & I are retired with no monthly income coming in except SS & what we have saved. We built and have lived in our home since 1993/94. Our taxes, as all in Snohomish County keep going up, we cannot handle any more taxes-the almost \$8000.00 we paid this year hit hard.

For some reason our WA state, county etc. elected officials think we all our making \$500,000.00+ a year.

Please help us just trying to survive "little" folks, we worked 40+ years each to be able to retire, yet it looks like we may be having to get a job for the greedy government officials.

Cuts need to be made, maybe some government salaries cut or unnecessary positions eliminated, maybe Mr. Somers can eliminate a paid position he gave to a former sheriff who lives out of state! Speaking for all us hardworking, retired, not millionaire plain old folks, young families, singles trying to make it on their own-NO MORE TAXES PLEASE!!!!!!

I am someone who believes in helping others, yet millions/billions of dollars keep being thrown out for the homeless, drug addiction help ..... yet nothing seems to be getting done with all that money! I believe there are a lot of nonprofits making a lot of money for not getting much accomplished.

Thank you.

Karen Dickson  
Stanwood WA

**From:** [Scott Seiber](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed increase of Property Taxes  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 11:25:14 PM

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To The Snohomish County Council,

I am writing this email regarding my discord regarding the upcoming council vote to increase property taxes by 8%. This is a significant increase that citizens of Snohomish County should not have to endure. We have been burdened with enough taxes in this troubled economy. The Council should take note that the Snohomish County Citizens voted no for the latest initiative. Taxes are out of control! The county should begin managing the funds they receive in a more conservative matter.

I hope the Council takes the voices of the citizens seriously.

Respectfully,  
Concerned Snohomish County Citizen and Voter!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [William Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rasing property taxes.  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 9:40:28 PM

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I would rather see the budget cut rather than increasing our property taxes. It's hard enough making mends meet as it is being retired and on a fixed budget.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

**From:** [Julie Tinning](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:28:40 AM

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Dear Council Members:

I support Council Member Nate Nehring's proposed amendment to the budget to not raise property taxes 8% 2025/2026. I agree that the council can find other ways to work within their budget without taxing Snohomish county residence further.

I moved out of Seattle to Mukilteo 4 years ago after retiring. Seattle had become over burdened with high taxes due to all of the programs initiated. Some programs work but many do not. And taxes never seem to go down and it felt like taxes being wasted. I was impressed with Snohomish County and moved here.

However, in the four years I have lived in Mukilteo my property taxes have gone from \$550/month to almost \$800/mo. That is just shy of a 30% increase. An 8% increase will put my property tax at \$850/month. These increases are not sustainable for most of Snohomish county residences. Whether one owns or rents, all will be affected.

As a voice for many of my retired lady friends, we cannot absorb such high tax increases and stay solvent. I can't imagine families feeding, clothing, and raising children in Snohomish County being able to absorb this 8% increase in their living expenses.

I urge you to keep increases more reasonable and stay at 1%. And that means not increasing property values 20%+ to achieve the same end result. Please find ways of working within your budget and do not force residence to be burdened or forced to move. Thank you.

Regards,  
Julie Tinning,  
206 920 7866

**From:** [Jon Milkey](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Property Tax Meeting Wed. Nov. 13th, 10:30 AM  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:16:47 AM

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Good morning County Council,

Hope everyone had a great weekend!

We are emailing today requesting you do NOT raise our proerty taxes another 8%. We are unable to attend the budget deliberation since this is during our work day. However, we would like our voice to be heard.

As residents of Edmonds, we are very concerned with the inevitable tax increases over the next few years and this will only add to these concerns. As you are likely aware, the increase for fire/ems services, schools, \$20M debt and possible additional property taxes for highest and best property use will continue to take a bigger chunk of our income. We are nearing retirement and will not be in a position to retire at the rate that the taxes are increasing. Please consider your constituents and find a way to do more with less like we have...

Sincerely,

Jon and Kelli Milkey

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Snohomish County Republican Party <[chair-snocogop.org@shared1.ccsend.com](mailto:chair-snocogop.org@shared1.ccsend.com)>  
**Subject:** Property Tax Meeting Wed. Nov. 13th, 10:30 AM  
**Date:** November 8, 2024 at 1:08:12 PM PST  
**To:** [tfhutch@yahoo.com](mailto:tfhutch@yahoo.com)  
**Reply-To:** [chair@snocogop.org](mailto:chair@snocogop.org)



Take Action to STOP 8% Property Tax Levy

## Nate Nehring Proposes Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase

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**From:** [Roger Hoot](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase of taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:59:48 AM

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My wife and I live on a fixed retirement income and DO NOT SUPPORT an increase in taxes, especially those that have not been voted on by the population.

Roger and Trinita Hoot  
4831 Bayview Lane  
Everett, WA 98203

**From:** [Tom Lynch](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No More Taxes!  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:09:56 AM

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**From:** [Shelly Southwick](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget - tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:21:48 AM

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Please work with Nate Nehring's amendment to work within the budget. We don't need to increase money until you are able to manage the budget that you have.

Shelly Southwick

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**From:** [Alana Gallagher](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Pending Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:52:40 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I, as a citizen and home owner in Snohomish county, am outraged that our local county council can even consider raising our property taxes in a time when most Americans are struggling to make ends meet. It's seems our government officials are intent on breaking the backs of hard working Americans by continuing to push forward large tax increases which are completely unreasonable. I strongly oppose the property tax increase and I'm asking our elected officials to hear and listen to the people of this great county.

Sincerely,

Alana Gallagher

**From:** [Naomi Oppenheimer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:24:42 AM

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Hello and good morning, my name is Naomi Oppenheimer. I'm writing you this morning regarding the proposed 8% property tax increase. I back Nate Nehrings proposal to cut spending instead of taxing homeowners in this county. I've lived in monroe for two years and in Everett for two years prior to moving here. Out of all the many places I've lived, this county is the least racist and the most equitable and diverse. We don't need to be spending 2.5 million/ biennium on wil Johnson telling us how to not be racist, it's insulting. Because being born and raised in Seattle, and living in many places like California, Oregon, Nevada, Florida, and Germany, I have found this county to be the least racist and most equitable and diverse. That is why I've chosen this county to put down my roots and raise a family. I believe such a high property tax would equate to less equity in the ability to purchase and maintain a property here in snohomish county. I believe the property tax increase would hinder homeowners from being able to spend that money to increase the value of their homes and lives. Please consider the hardworking, already overtaxed citizens of this county when you make the decision this Wednesday and vote no on property tax increase. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dennis Soapes](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:54:13 AM

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I'm writing in support of CM Nate Nehring's proposed amendment to the 2025 budget to eliminate the property tax increase.

Retirees such as myself have been hard hit by inflation and tax increases. We need a break.

Dennis Soapes

206-276-7415 (m)

425--225-5826 (o)

**From:** [judialmaas](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:41:20 AM

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Council members,

I just heard a rumor that y'all are considering raising property taxes by 8%. We already pay an exorbitant amount per year and are on a fixed income. we can't afford this increase. Between sales tax, income tax, and property taxes we dont have much left to eat, pay elec, water, gas, etc. What happened to staying on budget!!

**From:** [d.vago@frontier.com](mailto:d.vago@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** November 13, 2024 County Council Mtg: Support of Nate Nehring's approach to budget  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:40:47 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

Re: November 13, 2024 County Council Mtg: Support of Nate Nehring's approach to budget

Inflation is outpacing taxes and wages. As you know, there are two remedies- Increase taxes or cut spending.

Increasing taxes to avoid cuts in spending creates further burden on already strapped residents, especially lower income brackets, and have a downstream effect on the local economy.

The responsible action is to cut spending first, before asking for more tax money. Ultimately, balancing the budget responsibly, with a primary focus on essential services, can help stabilize the local economy without overburdening the taxpayer.

Let's first take a look at the \$2mil budget for the Office of Social Justice and ask, what is the return on investment for this program when prioritizing essential infrastructure such as roads, sewer, water, public safety and the employees that support those functions?

The budget should reflect these priorities focusing on critical services. Keeping core services robust, can stabilize the local economy and safeguard the well-being of residents, much like a body prioritizing vital functions during shock.

Thank you for considering my support to prioritize essential services and prudent spending cuts.

Donna Vago  
Snohomish County Resident - Mukilteo  
[d.vago@frontier.com](mailto:d.vago@frontier.com)  
425.422.8920

**From:** [Fawn Schumaker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising Property Taxes 8%??  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:43:40 AM

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Snohomish County Counsel,

Everyone that I know managing their money, and watching their money very closely. Whether you are a Boeing worker that just got back to work after two months on strike, or if the cost of butter, milk, bread, peanut butter or everyday groceries are 80% higher than they were just four years ago...we just cannot afford more taxes right now. Inflation is at an all-time high, interest rates on credit cards are rising, every is tightening their budget and not overspending. The county needs to do the same. Please consider the proposal from Nate Nehring to cut spending instead of raising the property taxes, just like every working family in the county is already doing. We just can't afford it right now.

Thank-you,

Eugene and Fawn Schumaker  
9826 35th Ave SE  
Everett, WA 98208  
(425)876-3431

**From:** [Tom Lynch](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:22:22 AM

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NO MORE TAXES! AS SENIORS ON SOC SEC AND A PENSION WE DONT HAVE A LOT OF MONEY TO SPEND, ESPECIALLY ON NEW TAXES! EVERY TIME WE TURN AROUND WE HEAR OF MORE REASONS TO SPEND OUR MONEY ON MORE AND MORE UNNECESSARY PROJECTS AND THEN AT ELECTION TIME WE ARE TOLD THE ONLY WAY TO BE SAFE IS MORE TAXES? SPEND WITHIN YOUR MEANS LIKE WE HAVE TO , NOT LIKE YOU HAVE A BIG PIGGY BANK TO RAID EVERY YEAR!

**From:** [William Tuckett](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Amendment to Eliminate 8% Property Tax Increase for 2025/2026 Budget  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:54:26 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Member,

Please prayerfully consider reviewing the budget for the 2025/2026 period and finding ways to reduce costs and not impose an 8% increase to property owners. Many of us live on a fixed income and with the increases in prices from fuel, groceries and medical cost, adding another burden through property taxes would impose an additional hardship.

I believe that Snohomish County and the Council need to review the proposed budget line by line and find ways to cut costs to stay within the more reasonable 1% increase as called for by state law. The unused bank capacity should not result in an open checkbook to increase spending.

Thank you for your consideration in this decision.

Sincerely,

William E. Tuckett

**From:** [Shelley Towers](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Don't raise taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:36:53 AM

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Don't raise taxes we are reeling from the increases caused by inflated home prices already

You will tax us out of our homes they will get sold to big corporations that will raise rents exponentially

Only the rich will be able to afford to continue to live here

Long time homeowner and senior citizen  
Shelley Towers

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**From:** [Nathan Ukrainetz](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I do NOT support the property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:50:01 AM

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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 13<sup>th</sup> .

Thanks,  
Nathan Ukrainetz

**From:** [Leigh Larsen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No new property tax in Snohomish County  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:40:03 AM

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Dear County Council,

Please do the difficult, but necessary job of restructuring the budget with the current funds. Raising property taxes year after year will create a vacuum of renters, both from the working middle class and young adults, and this revenue stream will dry up. My family will be moving out of the county if this happens. We are no longer participating in the mismanagement of Snohomish County's budget.

Sincerely,  
Leigh and Scott Larsen

**From:** [Joshua16015@comcast.net](mailto:Joshua16015@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance No. 24-075  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 11:13:08 AM

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Ordinance No. 24-075 is ill-informed, wasteful, and a pure example of government gold digging and greed. Ordinance 24-075 should be rejected.

This increase is contemptuous of the public and has no bearing in the reality of the current economic environment. Ordinance 24-075 should be rejected.

Ordinance 24-075 is an example of government trudging along doing the same old song and dance and trying to take an ever-increasing percentage of constituents' earnings. Ordinance 24-075 should be rejected.

The most appalling lack of regard for budget maintenance and control is evident when the ordinance states "...in addition to..."

Property values have almost doubled, creating a tax windfall for local and state governments.

Not satisfied with the egregious amount of cash collected on the increased valuations and already increased tax levels the county is unable to manage its budget and control costs, wantonly spending and wasting and then simply asking for more money. No. Ordinance 24-075 should be rejected.

No further money should be authorized for any government agency unable to manage it's budget and recent windfalls.

Joshua Henriot

Snohomish County Resident

**From:** [Mike Colvin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 11:12:08 AM

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Council members,

It is absolutely unacceptable and out of touch with the community to even consider any kind of tax increase, property tax in just a few short years has greatly increased for most home owners..  
The only acceptable budget changes should be reduced spending.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [ARDYTH BONOGOFSKI](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax increases.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:30:27 AM

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I'm against the proposed Tax increase. This will definitely have a negative impact on my fixed income.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kenny W](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** We can not afford property tax hikes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:39:49 AM

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I am apposed to the proposed l property tax increases. Families cannot afford this on top of inflation, skyrocketing property values, and increased interest rates. The county needs to budget within the existing available tax collected and limit expanding spending. Families are forced to do the same and our government needs to lead by example with fiscal responsibility.

Kenny Whitman  
Sultan, WA

**From:** [Barbara DeNike](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 11:19:25 AM

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Dear Council Members:

It was with shock and dismay that I read a tax proposal of 8% is being considered for our property.

I actually find that inhumane. Not sure how you expect the seniors of this county to keep taking these tax hits.

Our *homeowners insurance* went up \$300 per month recently. That was an astronomical hit in itself. Then to read that you want to raise property tax 8% is incomprehensible. With inflation threatening to bury us seniors and the cost of EVERYTHING reaching heights unseen in recent history I'm not sure you are in touch with reality for those of us constituents who are the backbone of this nation. We've raised our families but continue to have to work to make some sort of semblance of the American dream, while it seems you wave a pen over paper and make our lives more difficult by the year.

Tighten your budget I say! Reign in excess and unnecessary spending. Get the cream off the top. Help those of us who have worked in this system all our lives to thrive, not just survive.

**From:** [Jerry Percy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 12:06:07 PM

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I am a 82 year old resident of Snohomish county. As a senior on a fixed income any increase in my taxes would be extremely difficult to live with. With everything going up in cost it is becoming necessary to change our lifestyle. I suggest finding few ways to trim the county budget as I have to do. Government already costs too much and interferes into our private lives. Sincerely. Gerald Percy. 7316 48 th ave w. Mukilteo Wa. 98275

**From:** [Chris Walton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tax County Increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 11:45:34 AM

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Hello Council,

I strongly oppose raising the taxes by 8%. These tax increases hit very hard on those of us living on fixed incomes.

It is time to **STOP SPENDING**. We appear to have no idea how to differentiate between *nice-to-haves* and absolute *necessities*. Edmonds is an example of a town who has no self-discipline and now is in financial crisis. The financial crisis is not just from inflation. It is too much spending.

If there is a discussion about raising taxes, please include in that discussion where the county is proposing to reduce expenses.

Respectfully,

Chris Walton  
Edmonds, WA

**From:** [Gwladys Amaya](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase -Ordinance No. 24-074  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 12:28:04 PM

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To whom this may concern,

My family can not take another tax increase. We are in our 60's and have owned our home since 2020. Our mortgage has already increased several hundred dollars since we purchased the house. Between taxes and increase in homeowners insurance. I have moved several times in my lifetime and owned homes where we lived and I have never had a fixed mortgage go up. Find a way to manage your budget with the money you already have, just like we have to adjust to the increase in prices in groceries, utilities, gas, insurance, and so on. My husband is almost 68 years old and has to work about 10 hrs a day to keep us going as well as my 40 to 50 hours a week. We both have jobs that should be able to handle a life without all of this overtime. Please consider the people who live here, as well as the difficult times we are living in.

My Best,

Gwladys Amaya

**From:** [Cheryl Stiteler](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 11:53:17 AM

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Please do not raise the property taxes. We are senior citizens living on a very fixed income and cannot afford for our taxes to go up.

Thank you  
Rick and Cheryl Stiteler

**From:** [Dan Tarasievich](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 1:03:08 PM

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I am totally against passing a property tax increase.

I am a 76 year old vet and still have to work in order to keep up with all the increases in the past 4 years.

This increase will harm our way of living. Paying over \$3600 a year on a house I purchased in 2006 for \$175000 is out of order. You keep increasing the unrealized value and then increase the percentage is making it impossible to live here. It's a double whammy.

I moved from King County in 1992 to get away from what you are proposing here.  
Please do not turn Snohomish County into Seattle or King County

Sincerely  
Dan Tarasievich  
PO Box 3468  
Arlington WA 98223

**From:** [Cory Goulet](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose 8.046% tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 1:19:08 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am writing to oppose the 8.046% increase in property tax, and I agree with Nate Nehrings amendment to work within the current budget. We have all had to tighten our belts and do without. Why shouldn't the county have to do the same and be fiscally responsible? Before I retired this year, my last raise didn't even cover the cost of inflation. Speaking on behalf of senior citizens, some of us are on tightly limited incomes, some of us have no pensions, some of us worked for a company for years only to have our pensions defunded, and some of us are homeowners but living only on social security and have had to make tough choices (can I afford the luxury of having a medical plan, can I afford to go to the doctor, medications become a choice), these are just some examples. These days, many senior citizens own their own homes and are at risk of being taxed out of their homes. This increase will have negative impacts on all homeowners, renters, and families across our communities I am sure you are aware.

The county has already reassessed our properties and many of us are going to be paying thousands on top of thousands more in taxes next year. I can personally speak to this. Our income has NOT kept up with the cost of inflation. I am worried we are going to be taxed out of the home we worked so hard to buy.

Citizens within the cities of Snohomish County have all voted NO to property tax increases, how can you now come to us asking for more when we just voted NO? We implore you to listen to the people of Snohomish County. Vote no.

Thanks for reading, C. Goulet

***Cory Goulet, Artist***

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**From:** [Sandy Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please agree to Nehring's amendment. Us retirees are getting taxed out of our homes. Other states have discounts for senior citizens. WA has it but it's a low income requirement. We miss it by about \$100. It should be a fixed percentage for those over ...  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 2:17:34 PM

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Sandra P Cooper  
2618 106th Drive NE  
Lk Stevens, WA 97258  
Scrapitmom@gmail.com  
Sent from my iPhone  
Please excuse any typos

**From:** [dee dee](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Mead, Rep. Jared](#)  
**Subject:** Propert tax hike proposal for Snohomish county  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 1:02:47 PM

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Hello Snohomish Contu Council ,

The voters just rejected Prop 1 by 56 % and now it seems county council is trying to pass property tax increase . Property taxes are up by anywhere from 10 % to 30 % for resident for 2023 and 2024 . It seems no matter how much tax we give it is never enough. As a responsible citizen I try to balsmve my books but that is never the issue with government spending. I urge county to get an audit done and recognize waits where wasteful spending can be stopped reduced Then balance the books and then come back to its county residents. We are always given the story on crime , public safety , drugs . But despite's heavy taxation nothing has changed . Things have deteriorated around county , so my question is is funding the issue or your polices .

I am looking for some answer for some time and unfortunately the story given to us is getting a bit old on new taxation . I oppose this proposal by county of property tax increase with out any fiscal responsibility and accountability shown so far . Never once have I seen relief on taxes .

Very disappointed to see this

Sincerely  
Dee

**From:** [Traci Merwin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 1:28:26 PM

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There are multitudes of the citizens of Snohomish County that you are forcing out of homes they have raised their families in, by the continued raising of property taxes. I myself am 62 yrs old, on a limited income, and pay \$13,000 a year. It is not sustainable. Your generous income payed by the taxpayers, has blinded you to the everyday concerns of your constituents, especially as we are navigating the high cost of everyday necessities. Cut the fat at your end, or even as a Democrat, I will along with others, will vote you out at the earliest opportunity.

Tracy McDougall

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jeanams@frontier.com](mailto:jeanams@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 12:54:01 PM

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I'm writing in opposition to ordinance No. 24-075 and the property tax increase. I encourage support for Nate Nehring's Amendment to work within the current budget.

thank you!  
Jeana Schafte  
South Everett/Silver Lake area

**From:** [Rory Kunkel](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** property taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 1:53:46 PM

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This idea that the council needs to increase property taxes 8% is crazy, there is enough money to balance the budget with what you already have.

**From:** [bkrepick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bkrepick@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT for Nov 13 Budget Hearing - Please REJECT the proposed 8% increase in County taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 2:14:21 PM

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Date: November 11, 2024

To: Snohomish County Council Members

From: Bill and Donna Krepick

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: Please REJECT the proposed 8% increase in County taxes for 2025

I hope you can appreciate the tough times that all residents are facing with their personal finances. Grocery store prices are forcing us to make decisions on how to cut back on food bills. Homeowner's insurance increases cause us to reduce coverage or increase deductibles. Auto insurance increases drive us to find competitive insurance providers and/or reduce coverage. Fire/Ems providers think they can ride the annexation and tax levy bandwagon to hide their cost increases and charge taxpayers for unjustified prices for fire/Ems service. Everywhere you look you see the same thing. Residents have to adjust and sacrifice to reduce their personal spending. The County should do the same. CM Nate Nehring has made a reasonable request to balance the budget through cost reduction, rather than by burdening taxpayers with yet another tax increase. We urge the Council to go back to budgeting basics – and implement 'zero-based' budgeting where department and program budgets are built every year from ground-up on essential needs, and not taken as a given by simply increasing last year's budget by cost-of-living, or inflation adjustments. In these tough times, the first thing the County should do is reduce expenses and eliminate 'nice-to-have' programs, freeze hiring, or even eliminate jobs. It is not acceptable for anyone in government to say that inflation has caused the problem, and the government needs to increase taxes to adjust. County government should follow the lead of its residents, and cut costs and balance the budget before thinking about an 8% tax increase.

It is simply unconscionable for the County Council to think that tax increases, rather than spending control, will be supported by taxpayers. If you have any doubts about the resolve of taxpayers to veto tax increases, just look at the recent votes by Everett, Mukilteo, and County residents to defeat tax levy lift initiatives to increase city spending, Ems funding, and Prop 1 for drug enforcement. Sadly, Edmonds is facing a disastrous budget deficit caused by years of chronic overspending, excessive costs for police services and fire/Ems services, and bloated staff. Edmonds residents are very concerned that their Council is going to try and tax its way out of the problems and offload 65% increases fire/ems costs to residents through unwanted and unjustified annexation tax levies. Residents are organizing to defeat RFA annexation and other unjustified 2025 tax increases.

Thank you for adopting CM Nehring's balanced budget amendment and for keeping the taxpayer first – ahead of County staff and questionable County programs.

Sincerely

Bill and Donna Krepick

11-year South County residents

**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Nehring Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:53:30 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** BOB M <rlm58@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2024 8:12 PM  
**To:** Wiita, Russell <Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Nehring Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase



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Hi. Looks like the council budget deliberations are this Wednesday and the Nehring Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase is on the agenda. Can the public attend and comment? Why the budget increase to begin with?

Thank you

Robert Miller

**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Property Tax Meeting Wed. Nov. 13th, 10:30 AM  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:50:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Brenda Rumball <[brumball@live.com](mailto:brumball@live.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 7:19 AM  
**Cc:** Wiita, Russell <[Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Property Tax Meeting Wed. Nov. 13th, 10:30 AM



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**From:** Brenda Rumball <[BRumball@live.com](mailto:BRumball@live.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 7:10 AM  
**To:** [russell.wiita@snoco.org](mailto:russell.wiita@snoco.org).  
**Subject:** RE: Property Tax Meeting Wed. Nov. 13th, 10:30 AM

I am writing in support of Councilman Nehring's Amendment to the budget regarding an 8% levy on property taxes.

Snohomish County residents are already burdened with inflation and taxes. Government needs to be more fiscally responsible, make cuts where possible and keep taxes low.

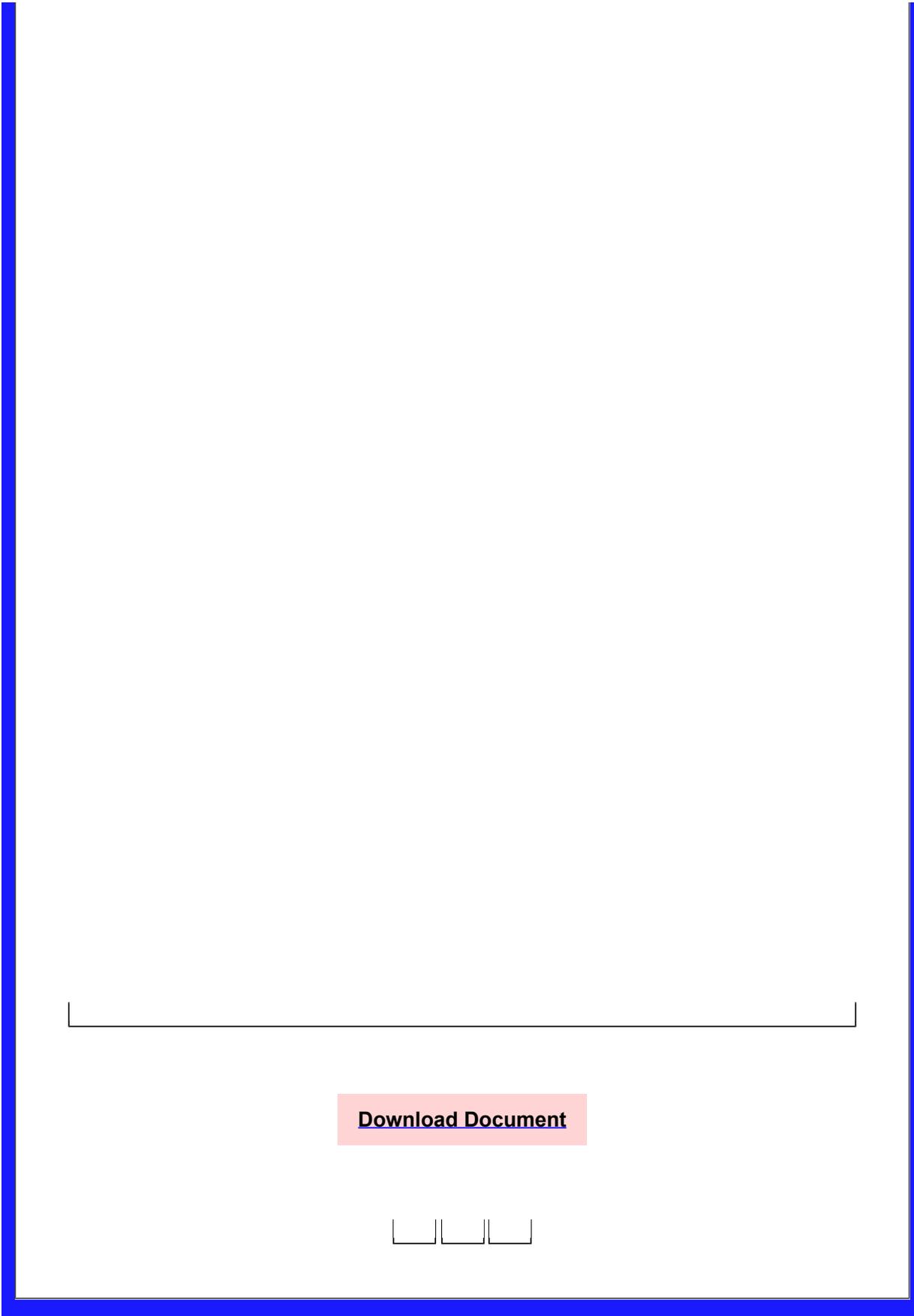
Thank you

Brenda Rumball  
425-244-0400

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**From:** Snohomish County Republican Party <[chair-snocogop.org@shared1.ccsend.com](mailto:chair-snocogop.org@shared1.ccsend.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2024 1:08 PM  
**To:** [brumball@live.com](mailto:brumball@live.com)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Meeting Wed. Nov. 13th, 10:30 AM

**Take Action to STOP 8% Property Tax Levy**



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**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:50:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Richard Mayer <[rjmayer62@gmail.com](mailto:rjmayer62@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:45 PM  
**To:** Wiita, Russell <[Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% property tax increase



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I am against it, im milll creek  
Richard Mayer  
[rjmayer62@gmail.com](mailto:rjmayer62@gmail.com)  
415 827 3620 CELL

**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: REJECT - Nehring Proposes Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:37:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Shay Brinster <shaybrinster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2024 2:02 PM  
**To:** Wiita, Russell <Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Subject:** REJECT - Nehring Proposes Budget Amendment to Eliminate Tax Increase



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Hello,

I am placing my vote that we SHOULD eliminate the increase tax for snohomish county.  
Please let me know what additional information you need from me to process my vote.

Thanks

Shay Brinster  
425-293-4670

**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Statement for property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:51:06 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Angela Gay <angelacgay@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 6:12 PM  
**To:** Wiita, Russell <Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Statement for property tax increase



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Hello!

I do not support an 8% property tax increase!

Thats too much! We can't afford groceries and other things!

We need balance!!!

Angela Gay

13311 198th Ave SE

Monroe, Wa 98272

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**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: tax proposal  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:55:40 PM

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**From:** Judy Hedreen <Judyh@strasserwood.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:55 PM  
**To:** Dunn, Megan <Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Peterson, Strom <Strom.Peterson@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Mead, Jared <Jared.Mead@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Low, Sam <Sam.Low@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Nehring, Nate <nate.nehring@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Somers, Dave J <Dave.Somers@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Cc:** Wiita, Russell <Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Subject:** tax proposal

Dear Councilmembers,

I am in complete agreement with Councilmember Nate Nehring's amendment. The citizens of Snohomish County are being taxed out of their homes. I am a 77 yr old widow with a 60+ yr old house and my taxes this year were over \$16,000.00. Of course, this area's business environment has much to do with the cost of homes, no complaints with that. BUT, our county government has NOT held service providers accountable for results of the money it spends on those services. The budget is bloated.

Nate Nehring's amendment is the RIGHT thing to do for the paying citizens of the Snohomish County. I suggest the County officials listen to what the people demanded in the Presidential election. We are social moderates, but have become fiscal conservatives, because of increased taxing, lack of accountability and overreaching government.

I ask your support in approving Councilmember Nehring's amendment.

Thank you.

Judy Hedreen

**STRASSER**

**Judy Hedreen**

Chair

[judyh@strasserwood.com](mailto:judyh@strasserwood.com)

Strasserwood.com

**From:** [Jeanine M](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I am no longer a property owner but affected by tax increases  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:22:11 PM

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I'm 76 years old and only on Social Security and all of my income is accounted for without having an increase in rent. Please consider those if us who don't have anyone or anyway to get monetary help. We were most likely the ones that voted you in to begin with.

Regards,

Jeanine Mackenzie [mackenziejeanine7@gmail.com](mailto:mackenziejeanine7@gmail.com)

**From:** [Pam Piatz](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No new taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:20:36 PM

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Greetings,

No more new taxes. I am surprised to hear it is even being considered.

Thank you,  
Pam Piatz

**From:** [Annette](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO TAX INCREASE! Support Budget Amendment to eliminate the increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:31:41 PM  
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Snohomish County Council Members,

Please support the proposed budget amendment to **eliminate** the proposed 8% property tax increase. Citizens cannot sustain another tax hit (you're not the only taxing authority), along with levies, on top of inflation eating away our spending power. I implore you to please analyze where you can make cuts and prioritize ruthlessly like the rest of us must do with our home budgets. My property taxes already doubled in the last 10 years, despite the rate or actual dollar amount per \$1000 assessed value declining. These increases are not sustainable. Government needs to shrink and quit growing. Let's make Snohomish County affordable and business friendly, which will add to the revenue in a healthier way than exorbitant taxes.

Revenue has grown to \$1.7B, surely there is waste in there to cut.

	2009	101,983,434,440	920,194,442.34
	2010	94,125,212,678	930,733,665.37
	2011	85,710,607,564	960,449,260.15
*A decrease in taxes is due to taxing districts levies reaching their statutory limit	2012	76,647,037,592	947,630,470.12*
and bonds being paid off	2013	72,621,622,520	941,003,407.43*
	2014	79,448,742,407	979,669,463.93
	2015	88,260,207,637	1,060,180,738.96
	2016	96,080,092,915	1,086,231,238.63
**A decrease in taxes is due to local school districts enrichment levies being limited to \$1.50 per 1000 AV and bonds being paid off	2017	105,036,086,924	1,175,582,882.89
	2018	118,417,725,917	1,366,824,342.47
	2019	132,827,352,255	1,339,287,488.82**
	2020	145,174,737,279	1,492,415,464.26
	2021	154,392,389,464	1,493,296,822.50

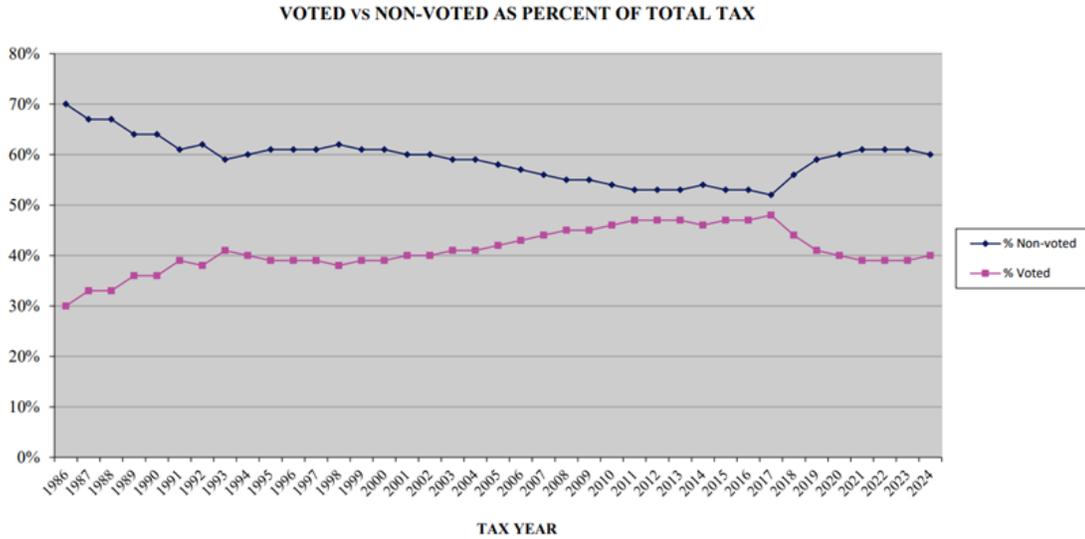
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### Total Taxes Levied in Snohomish County by all Taxing Districts 1965 to 2024

PERCENTAGE OF ASSESSED TAXABLE VALUE	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES
	2022	170,299,965,640	1,583,621,533.43
	2023	219,454,345,012	1,669,849,789.89
	2024	212,393,172,358	1,747,341,953.91

Not voted for taxes are out of sync for a form of government that is supposed to represent citizens.

# Voted vs. Non-voted Taxes Levied in Snohomish County for all Taxing Districts 1986-2024



Note: Since 1986, non-voted levies have increased by 974 percent, while voted levies have increased by 1,585 percent.

Thank you for your time and consideration of voting for the amendment to eliminate the 8% increase in the general property tax levy.

Respectfully,

Annette Kessler  
Brier, WA

**From:** [Bilchak, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please HELP our community.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 4:42:30 PM

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Dear Members of the County Council,

"Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants." This is a concept I believe our county could use as a guide. With wise and creative solutions, it's possible to meet our community's needs without additional financial burdens on those least able to shoulder them.

To protect the resources we already have, the county could prioritize essential spending by identifying areas for cost reductions, such as consolidating services or administrative roles where feasible. Marcus Aurelius wisely observed, "Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking." **Adopting a mentality of careful resource management could prove just as effective in meeting community needs as additional funding.**

Let us remember the responsibility we bear to protect our elders from being "taxed out" of their own homes. Rising property taxes should not become an obstacle to their comfort or security. Ensuring they remain valued, respected members of our neighborhoods ought to be a top priority. Fiscal responsibility is not only a practical decision but a moral one, safeguarding our community's most cherished members.

Please have mercy on all of us who are working hard to stay afloat. There are better approaches that balance financial stewardship with compassion. Let us protect the community we have built without placing undue strain on those who can least afford it.

Please show us your dedication to the well-being of our community by choosing what is best for the people of the county, not just what's best for the county. Thank you.

**Sarah E. Bilchak**

Lake Stevens, WA

**From:** [Cindy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 2:42:44 PM

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I am struggling as it is. I can't afford a property tax increase. These tax increases are just too much and way over the top.

Cindy Berg  
Broker  
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**From:** [Mary Berg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increases...  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:48:32 PM

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Boy, this increase is just too much. Yes the county needs more money...isn't there a middle road SOMEWHERE? A 4 to 8% increase is just too too much. I can accept a 1 or 2% increase.

Mary Berg  
P.O. Box 656  
Lake Stevens 98258

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Debra Herrick](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:53:41 PM

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To whom it may concern

Please do not raise our property taxes. It is getting to be too much for us to even pay our taxes now. You need to stay within the budget you have now. You're taxing me out of my home. I'm 70 years old. I can't afford to move.

Thank you

Debra

**From:** [Rebecca Stout](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 3:41:45 PM

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What the hell are you thinking? This is insanity! Live within your means like the rest of us responsible citizens do.

Rebecca Stout  
Snohomish

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** [Debbie](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** WE OPPOSE THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. GIVE US SOME GOOD NEWS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL FOR A CHANGE.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 2:53:49 PM

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We oppose the tax increase and cannot imagine what you must be thinking to propose such a thing. Do you not understand the current status of our economy? Have you not heard the cries of the people? This proposed tax increase is utterly unconscionable!!!

We demand that you agree to Nate Nehring's Amendment to work within the current budget.

You are elected to serve the people - not to participate in their rape.

Debra Hutson

**From:** [Jennifer Sizemore](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 5:37:23 PM

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As a homeowner in Snohomish County I want to make it very clear that I do NOT support Dave Somers' proposed 8% property tax increase. I do support Nate Nehring's amendment to cut spending to avoid this tax increase. To transfer the burden from the county to the taxpayers (who are already burdened by inflation, and are severely overtaxed as it is) is unconscionable. We citizens have to cut spending and manage our budgets...we can't just ask for more money. The county needs to do the same.

Jennifer Sizemore  
Snohomish County homeowner and taxpayer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [mike.curtis@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mike.curtis@ix.netcom.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose the proposed high property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 5:44:21 PM

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As a longtime resident of Snohomish county, I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed 8% property tax increase. My wife and I are seniors on fixed income and feel that this increase along with the high inflation will be very burdensome.

Michael Curtis

**From:** [Tom Stuber](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase - Please Do Not Raise Taxes!  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:13:12 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

Please do not increase our property taxes.

Just days ago the voters rejected a tax increase. Please show some respect your constituents and their vote.

With inflation and the continued increase in property values (which automatically increase our property taxes), we the homeowners are under financial pressure. An increase in taxes will push a number of us over the edge. It will also raise the barrier for future home owners who are trying to afford housing.

A tax increase will just make the affordable housing situation worse.

Cutting spending is the only solution.

Thanks for listening and caring.

Tom Stuber

Snohomish County Home Owner

**From:** [Marshall Huston](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:20:03 PM

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Dear Council,

As a property owner in Snohomish County who is already scraping by, I am absolutely against a property tax increase. Better use of existing funds should be the focus, not asking for more from people who can't afford it.

Marshall Huston

**From:** [Chamberlin Bob](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Ordinance No 24-075  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 5:54:39 PM

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I am a residential property owner in Snohomish County. I object to any consideration given to any idea to raise taxes at this time for any reason.

My property value did not increase appreciably in the past two years but my last tax bill was 28% larger than for the previous year. I am 84 and retired living on Social Security. I was born in Western Washington and have spent my entire life in this State but I am seriously expecting that I will be forced to move largely due to the tax burden. I have already been forced to leave my home in Redmond due to high taxes and I purchased my current home in Snohomish County expecting to see a smaller tax bill. In my case, I did OK prior to retirement and I own a home worth about \$1.5 M that I paid for outright when it was much cheaper. I am being forced to dwindle my IRA account simply to stay in my home since Social Security will not come close to paying my tax bill let alone buy food and cover misc. living expenses. Some people would feel that my home is too lavish. That is not their business. I should not be forced out of it by bureaucrats who do not have sufficient concern for the public to learn to live within their budget and instead wish to constantly expand.

This, however, is not just about me. There are a great many people who are currently living hand to mouth and who are not gaining ground but are instead diminishing whatever meager savings they might have simply to pay exorbitant taxes. I have many friends living in other States who's residences are far nicer than mine but who pay less than 20% of the taxes overall that I pay. If Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah can do it why can't the State of Washington and the County of Snohomish? I realize that the answer to that might be, "Why don't you just move to one of those locations?" I probably will but I maintain that no one should be forced to leave the land of their birth by a government that chooses to not do business as if they were working in the best interests of the people who employ them. I do not require more services. I do not require most of the services that are provided. I have always felt that the services I receive from Government have exceeded my needs by a lot.

I have always felt that no tax rate increase should ever be required. Taxes increase naturally with each rise in property value and that should be sufficient. The only reason why Governments tend to constantly want to increase tax rates is to be able to increase the level and quality of services they provide to the population and to themselves and while it may be desired by some it is not needed by most of the people who have to pay for it.

**Bob Chamberlin**  
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Snohomish, WA 98296  
425-503-4163



**From:** [i»zpnw05ss](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:01:19 PM

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I'm a senior citizen on a fixed income.

Property taxes should NOT be based on submitted County budgets (i.e. pipe dreams). Budgets SHOULD be based on AVAILABLE tax revenue.

I've been a resident of Snohomish County for 46 years and while I like here very much, you keep raising taxes I'll have to look for a cheaper state to live.

Ron Wuesthoff

**From:** [Linda Tygert-Lillard](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish county property tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:15:57 PM

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Please vote no on this proposal to increase property tax by 8%.  
Those of us on a fixed income cannot afford this and you are going to make us all homeless.

Spend within the existing budget just like we all have to do.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [ozzy2490@gmail.com](mailto:ozzy2490@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 5:23:58 PM

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I oppose this 8% tax increase. Please operate within your budget.

**From:** [Don Puckett](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** To the council members I'm a homeowner in Everett and I'm on a Disability pension and my taxes are in my house payment and it will really hurt me just like all the other costs that have gone up and it's really hard to survive now and if you raise taxes..  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:08:22 PM

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**From:** [ekandek@comcast.net](mailto:ekandek@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase?  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 5:14:06 PM

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1. NO!
2. Our property taxes were raised to \$8,146 this year. It has been extremely difficult to pay that amount.
3. No more increases! We instead hope for a decrease of the Snohomish County valuation of our 45-year-old residence.
4. We are in our seventies (76 and 77) and trying to retire, but our Real Estate taxes (and other inflated costs) are making it impossible for 77-year-old Richard to quit working.
5. If our son's family didn't live in Everett (the city) we would hit the road for a more tax-friendly state in a flash.
6. Our plans to retire and perform more volunteer help in the community is also unattainable because of the real estate and sales taxes in Snohomish County.
  - a. Our income is above the poverty level that may trigger a reduction in our real estate tax obligation.
7. Pay attention to member Nate Nehring's proposal to tighten your budget, like your constituency has had to do!

Richard and Barbara Ek  
13831 51<sup>st</sup> Dr. SE  
Everett, WA 98208  
425-337-5578

**From:** [scott.genoway](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:25:03 PM

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Good evening,

I would like to voice my opinion on the proposed 8% property tax increase. Is the goal of Washington State to not allow people to live here. Our property taxes are some of the highest in the country. Where does it end and when does it end?

This is very discouraging to hear that Dave Somers wants to hike property taxes. I am trying to talk myself into staying in this State but it is becoming unbearable with these taxes we keep getting hit with.

Property taxes are high enough. County needs to manage its money better!!!

Scott

**From:** [Ekaterina Bautista](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax Hike.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:14:09 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the proposed tax increase. As a concerned citizen of Snohomish County, I am deeply disappointed that this is the chosen solution to address current financial challenges.

In a time when prices are already soaring, increasing taxes will undoubtedly place an additional burden on residents. As our elected representatives, I urge you to reconsider this decision and explore alternative solutions.

I believe that reducing unnecessary spending and reallocating existing funds could be more effective and less harmful to our community. Additionally, it is fundamentally unfair to impose a tax increase without allowing citizens to directly vote on the matter.

I hope you will take my concerns seriously and work to find a more equitable and sustainable solution.

You all must remember that the US citizens of Snohomish County elected you. And you have to act in our interests

Katya Bautista

**From:** [Eric Damm](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase is a bad plan.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:18:05 PM

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Dear Snohomish county council,  
I feel like the proposal of an 8% property tax increase is outrageous and not sustainable by an already overtaxed and over inflationed public.  
Please eliminate the proposal for the 8% property tax increase or you'll have a lot of old people having to eat canned cat food again, start robbing banks, and have to sell their homes and live in their cars....

Thank you,

Eric Damm  
425-589-3373

**From:** [marcella Vaughan](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax hike  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:06:15 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I do not agree with this proposed tax increase. This is an insane hike for businesses let alone the homeowners in the county. We are already seeing higher costs coming. There needs to be a closer evaluation on the budget. Many families are already struggling this is only going to make more of a strain on those barely making it by as it is.

Please consider other means as a family of this community we cannot afford to keep forking out money on taxes when we have children to support while the economy is in its current state. No pay raises at work accommodation these hikes and I can only imagine those that are on fixed incomes.

Thank you,  
Marcella Vaughan  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dennis borders](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [wgborders@msn.com](mailto:wgborders@msn.com)  
**Subject:** General Fund Cuts Amendment - Eliminate 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:17:05 PM

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Please adopt Nate Nehring's proposal to make budget cuts sufficient to eliminate the 8% property tax increase under consideration for 25-26 budgets. Citizens of Snohomish County are already dealing with higher prices across the board, this is going to further stifle economic growth and cause more people to have to make painful adjustments to account for this.

Thank you.

Dennis Borders  
26122 12th Dr. NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292  
(425) 422-6075

**From:** [David Tollefsen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Live within your budget  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:04:48 PM

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I've worked hard all my life and am doing okay financially because I have lived within my budget. This is something government has yet to learn.

The burden you are putting on all people in the community is terrible. Taxing people out of their homes and state. As I get closer to my retirement I am wondering if I will be able to afford to retire and live in our community with our family and friends.

Please consider the consequences of your not being able to live within your budget.

David Tollefsen  
Brier, WA.

**From:** [ted Irvin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Massive tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:15:45 PM

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Stop the tax and spend democrats! Support the amendment to stop the 8% tax increase. I am so tired of fighting this crap.

Ted Irvin  
6828-40th St. NE  
Marysville WA 98270-6916  
425-334-1659  
[tdmirvin@msn.com](mailto:tdmirvin@msn.com)

**From:** [Gregory Lemke](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No do not increase property taxes!  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:32:57 PM

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To Whom It May Concern

To increase property taxes will lead to more housing crisis and a new home foreclosure crisis in Washington State. Many friends who own property are already Planning to leave the State if the State of Washington continues to increase taxes anymore !

The last pages of my book clearly tells why increasing property taxes is not a food plan.

[The American Crisis Fact Or Fiction](#)



Wake Up !

Respectfully Submitted

Gregory Dean Lemke

**From:** [TJ Norris](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No Increase on Property Taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:31:50 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please vote for the amendment to prevent the increase in property taxes. My family's budget has been stretched already the last several years, our spending habits have changed in most areas of our household budget, we have had to cut the areas we can control and have had the ones we cannot control go up.

Please vote for not increasing our taxes, we really can't afford it.

Thanks,

T. Joel Norris

Everett, WA

TJ Norris

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Jane Maninger](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No property tax increase!  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:32:34 PM

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I am 87 years old, have been in my home 50 years! We residences are among the highest taxed in this state.  
Control your spending & stay within your existing budget, like I'm forced to!  
N J MANINGER

**From:** [Deb Hepper](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No property tax increases.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:52:00 PM

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I appreciate your public service, however, I would like to remind you that you serve the public, the public that is overtaxed and overlooked. As home owners, we work hard to be responsible, to provide for our families, to be solid members of our communities, to abide by the governance of those in power whether we agree or not. If you continue to drain money from the middle class of Snohomish county, we will not have the resources to support our local businesses, neighborhood services, community outreach programs. We give willingly to those around us but not if it is taken by government bureaucracy for more “programs.” Our money is not being used wisely nor effectively, and throwing more money at the problems like crime, homelessness, and infrastructure will not solved anything but create bigger paychecks for government workers. Enough. Be honest. The money has been squandered for pet projects and ideological agendas. Be strong. Stand in the gap for those who do well but aren’t given anything for “free” and do make enough that higher taxes won’t impact our bank accounts.

Be fiscally responsible like most of your home owners. Don’t spend beyond your means and don’t waste our money on entitlements. We need a break. The middle class has been the fountain of flowing cash for too long, and we can’t afford to give any more.

Best wishes,  
Deborah Hepper

**From:** [Maria Ieland](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:39:46 PM

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Dear Council Members

I have lived in my home for over 22 years. When I bought my house I was married and a dual income. I bought him out of the house almost 15 years ago. I have been a single mother of two raising my children in this house since they were born. I have a good stable job and have had an increase in salary but yet it is hard to make ends meet because property taxes keep increasing. I have my mortgage set at a 15 year pay off. The way the taxes keep increasing is forcing homeowners to live paycheck to paycheck. While property values increase as well as taxes it is discouraging because of the rise in crime, police activity, homeless individuals as well as our neighborhood had graffiti vandals that continuously defaced property without arrests.

We are being forced to pay increase of taxes for estimated property value when facing the same issues that in fact lower the neighborhood value.

I am opposed to the property tax increase. This is making it extremely stressful for hard working individuals and retired home owners to survive.

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**From:** [Mike Staszak](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please Stop Tax Hike Insanity  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:41:25 PM

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We already have the highest taxes in the USA.

You can make cuts and figure out how to get by. I don't work to pay you.

Time to start living in reality.

The Lord is my Strength!

**From:** [Ben Reali](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase???  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:33:03 PM

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I'm surprised to hear that you are considering an 8% property tax increase in Snohomish county. Actually I'm stunned and angry about it.

You have not made any real or meaningful provisions for retirees! We have paid our dues all along and end up paying them again while in retirement, and it is just so wrong to tax retirees into oblivion on their homes/property.

We are done. We have paid for our homes and property, but you persist in taxing us!!

Why not Go after the big businesses and the 1%'s... set it up so those who are making more than \$250 K a year pay the taxes you are seeking.

Ben Reali

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Warren Bresko](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County's proposed 8% Property Tax  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:31:49 PM

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I disagree with this property tax increase. This makes it very difficult for a single income family to make ends meet. I hope you will reconsider this proposed tax hike.

Thank you,

Warren

**From:** [ppadilcdx@gmail.com](mailto:ppadilcdx@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** tax increase?  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:24:23 PM

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Property tax hike? Enough is enough, please fire County Executive Somers and get someone that respects the people that live in the county. Money doesn't grow in people's backyard. The constant barrage of tax increases being proposed is a symptom of a lack of fiscal discipline. Enough!

**From:** [Mark E Plumb](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025 budget  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:52:10 PM

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What are you thinking? Do you believe that you will not be replaced? Inflation over the last four years has made living on my retirement income more difficult and you want to add another 8% to my already inflated property taxes. Do you not understand that this is the very thing that California has done and people are leaving the state in droves. I would not be surprised by a 2 or 3% increase since the last four years have been bad. You need to think of the people you serve, not your desire to spend or money.

Mark E Plumb  
Gold Bar

**From:** [Jim Fredrickson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8 percent protery tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:44:29 PM

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The snohomish county council if voting yes for this is out of touch with it working class residents.

Will see how you vote and this will dictate any future support in the future.

Jim Fredrickson from district 4

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**From:** [Wendy Watts](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Wendy Watts](#)  
**Subject:** against 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:26:08 PM

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Hello,

I am strongly against Executive Dave Somers' proposed \$3.07 Billion 2025-2026 Biennial Budget brings with it a massive 8% property tax increase. Please reduce unnecessary spending to ensure a balanced budget with no tax increase.

Best regards,

Wendy Watts

**From:** [janelle herrmann](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't raise taxes anymore  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:53:14 PM

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So many of us are living paycheck to paycheck and trying to keep safe and raise decent human beings (aka kids) and even a small increase has a large impact

How can we make sure they are safe and not becoming part of another problem if we can't afford to take care of them because taxes went up.

I'd like to keep my kids in a home but if taxes go up how can I?

Janelle H.

**From:** [James O Totland](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:17:35 PM

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There is no reason for any type of tax increase. You charge outrageous permits fees and license fees. You should not have any right to charge property tax to balance your budget. Your trying to price a lot of us out of our house and out of the county .Don't raise our taxes. Maybe cut your salary to refund the police  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [madhoo prithy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Push back  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:32:56 PM

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No we do not agree with any more property tax. We are already struggling to pay our bills and put food on the table.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Sheryl Jump](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 8% property tax  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:54:04 PM

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Hi, as a working mother stretched tight. I would like to request you live with the money you collect and not increase property taxes this much.

I think social services need to be cut. Maybe no free lunch during summer. Is there Easter in the budget? Are departments being frugal like working class homeowners? Shall only the wealthy live here?

Sincerely,

Sheryl Jump  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [\(null\) kathyhuffaker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax hike Snohomish County  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:02:29 PM

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Our property taxes are out of control. As soon-to-be retirees who will be living on a limited income, such a high tax increase-8.046%-will adversely affect us.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mena Hanna](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Concern Over Property Tax Increase Amid Rising Inflation  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:44:56 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern and frustration regarding the recent property tax increase in Snohomish County. Like many families in our community, we are struggling to make ends meet as inflation drives up the cost of nearly everything, from groceries to utility bills.

When we hear our elected officials at the national level speak about controlling inflation, we hope to see relief, not additional financial burdens. However, this tax increase feels like yet another obstacle, making it even harder to keep up with essential expenses.

The rising cost of living has put considerable strain on us, and it often feels like we are working just to cover taxes. This increase makes it seem as though our concerns for affordability and quality of life are being overlooked.

We urge you to consider the real impact that these tax increases have on your constituents. Please find alternative solutions that do not add to the heavy financial burden many of us are already facing.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Mena Hanna

**From:** [Lucy Lotto](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to raising property taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:47:00 PM

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Please do not raise our property taxes. 8% is insane. There is plenty of money in the budget. Use it wisely. Why do you want us to move from our homes because we can't afford them any longer.

No.

**LUCY LOTTO**

**LOTTOMORTGAGE LLC** | NMLS #121666

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**From:** [Mr. Gipson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed To An 8% Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:52:58 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Snohomish County I am shocked to hear of this potential 8% property increase. After the last few years of economic hardship and cost of living increases, an 8% property tax increase is completely unacceptable and should not be allowed.

Myself and my family are against this overly dramatic increase and hope that Councilmember Nate Nehring's budget amendment will be considered.

Michael Gipson  
425.442.8349

**From:** [DAVID NORMILE](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:49:38 PM

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Hold the line!  
Higher property taxes are going to drive us out of our house!  
DN  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Julie A. Turner](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:27:38 PM

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I DO NOT support an increase in property taxes.

It doesn't matter what city you live in-incorporated or not-this should be a vote of the people/constituents.

Regards-

Julie Turner

Marysville

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [brucehollaway@mindspring.com](mailto:brucehollaway@mindspring.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:29:25 PM

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I am strongly **OPPOSED** to this proposed tax increase.

**From:** [Andrew Puhl](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:09:52 PM

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We as citizens of Snohomish county cannot afford another tax, especially one this large! This will hurt everyone and most of are already living paycheck to paycheck. There is no way this should even be considered and i believe there are better alternatives like figuring out where all the money is already going to and what programs that have been created that don't need to even exist!

We are already stuck with this carbon tax and long term health care tax and an illegal tax on selling homes now! On top of our almost 11% sales tax i mean really! Enough already!!

Thank you  
Concerned Citizens of Snohomish County

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**From:** [Brent Huffer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:06:59 PM

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I strongly oppose an increase in property taxes. Inflation has been difficult to keep up with as it is for basic necessities.

I support Nate Nehring's proposal to amend the proposed budget increase and cut the budget rather than increase our property taxes.

Sincerely,

Brent Huffer

13820 51 DR SE

Everett, WA 98208

**From:** [Lisa D](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County property tax  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:27:09 PM

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I oppose the 8% increase in property tax for Snohomish County.

Lisa Delfel  
Lifetime  
Residents of unincorporated Snohomish County

**From:** [Bill Marilyn Fowble](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Tax Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:42:21 PM

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We find it unnecessary to hike our property taxes up 8%! What are you thinking justifies this hike in these hard times? You have people who are struggling to even find affordable anything with prices so high now with inflation! We see people in the grocery stores who are putting items back on the shelf because they can't afford to purchase it. We are on a fixed Social Security income and we see prices up from the week before that we have to leave the item on the shelf. It's a struggle . Our car insurance has risen \$325.00 a year and we have a clean record, no accidents or claims or tickets and our newest car is a 2009 Ford Taurus. It's time for you to tighten your belt just like all of us have had to do! Vote NO on your 8% tax hike!!

Respectfully,

William and Marilyn Fowble

**From:** [Ron Quam](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax hike  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:47:11 PM

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Please consider not raising our property taxes and finding a solution form more efficiency in spending. We, the residents of snohomish county are feeling the squeeze from excessive costs for food, gasoline, and more. The answer is not to keep penalizing us, but to innovate and find solutions within the system.

Thank you

Ron Quam  
Everett resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [PAM neighbors](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax hikes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:31:12 PM

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Vote NO for increased taxation on Snohomish county businesses and property owners!  
STOP increased spending!

**From:** [Lee Hinds](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:46:40 PM

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This tax increase , if voted to become law, would hurt me and other elderly people living on a limited income. I have several rental properties that I lease to people that are on Housing assistance. Because my taxes keep going up , the Housing Authority denies my right to increase my monthly amount to compensate the increase of taxes. I have come to the conclusion that it is not worth my time to rent to people that are on Housing assistance. I have helped many people through out the last 30 years with a good place to live, but this is going to end.

It seems that every time, we the people of this State, turn around there are more and more politicians asking for more of our hard earned money, because they cannot stay within a budget. This has to stop. At some point there should be a law that when a person hits a certain age, they SHOULD BE TAX EXZEMPT. This includes school and all other real estate taxes.

Tired of tax increases,

Lee E. Hinds

**From:** [Roberta Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Wed. Nov 13, 2024 meeting about increase of taxes  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:36:19 PM

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November 11, 2024

County Council:

If it had not been for someone posting on our community's Facebook page (Gold Creek Peeps), most would have been unaware of this meeting for voting on the issue of an 8% tax increase.

In my humble opinion on the issue, I think this is a big mistake and a big ask of people at this time when everything is so high and no one that I know thinks this constant money grab in WA and this county is justifiable. Right now, as a retiree living in Snohomish, I am appalled that people who ask for all of this money are not taking their representation seriously; the council's voting for this should be a hard NO for the increased taxes.

This will have an adverse effect on many people who have never known anything other than the way WA and Snohomish county operate, but in 54 years, we have lived in 7 states and owned homes in 5 of them. In other states citizens realize tax decisions need to be logical. In our homes all of us make budget decisions and step back from things if it is wiser to put spending on hold for some time. Adjusting a wish list has always been difficult, but if it is necessary, it will come to fruition eventually. A vote of no does not mean never and it can be revisited at a later time when everyone's financial situation gets better. Meanwhile, the county needs to deal with what it has and plan to tighten purse strings.

For the good of all of our county citizens, **please do not vote in favor of this increase.** Every time there is an additional request for more money and taxes, it becomes more likely that our collective ire is raised about the constant requests for more and more money and when asked later for even more, it will be a hard no more often than not.

Thank you.

Roberta Thomas  
6033 155<sup>th</sup> St SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296

**From:** [Nancy Basileus](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Concern Over Property Tax Increase Amid Rising Inflation  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:06:00 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern and frustration regarding the recent property tax increase in Snohomish County. Like many families in our community, we are struggling to make ends meet as inflation drives up the cost of nearly everything, from groceries to utility bills.

When we hear our elected officials at the national level speak about controlling inflation, we hope to see relief, not additional financial burdens. However, this tax increase feels like yet another obstacle, making it even harder to keep up with essential expenses.

The rising cost of living has put considerable strain on us, and it often feels like we are working just to cover taxes. This increase makes it seem as though our concerns for affordability and quality of life are being overlooked.

We urge you to consider the real impact that these tax increases have on your constituents. Please find alternative solutions that do not add to the heavy financial burden many of us are already facing.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Nancy

**From:** [Larry Williamson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase in Property Tax.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:31:30 PM

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Dear County Council Members:

I have become aware of an effort as part of upcoming budget cycles to increase property taxes by 8% in Snohomish County. I am writing to you to object to this drive by county elected officials.

We live in Edmonds, which has declared a fiscal crisis and is now deciding actions required to deal with a twenty-million dollar shortfall in City finances. It is likely that residents in Edmonds will be asked to pay substantially more in 2025 and beyond for fire protection and EMS services than we have paid in the past. Rates for these services will likely be predicated upon home valuation which will impact Edmonds homeowners harder than in other communities. In addition to that, it is also possible or likely that Edmonds homeowners will be asked to approve additional property taxes to deal with the aforementioned twenty-million dollar shortfall. Reductions in expenditures by the City for non-essential services will be considered as part of the remedial actions needed, no doubt, but citizens are not yet hearing about bold cost-saving measures that will be needed to correct our major financial problems.

County residents just defeated one modest tax increase proposal and are now faced with another increase proposal at 8%. Edmonds residents will face at least one and probably multiple requests for increased property taxes next year and in subsequent years. I cannot know at this time what the cumulative financial impact of all of these potential increases taken together might be.....

Please put me on record as rejecting another County property tax increase at this time. Thank you.

Laurence T. Williamson  
23027 99th Avenue West  
Edmonds, WA 98020-5082  
Email: [laurence.williamson@gmail.com](mailto:laurence.williamson@gmail.com)

**From:** [Alan Rubio](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more taxes.  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:01:42 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

We, the people—especially the residents of Everett—have been bombarded with constant attempts and proposals to raise taxes. These proposals have consistently failed, yet the message doesn't seem to have been understood, and the persistent solicitation continues.

Is it too much to ask to explore other ways of addressing these financial concerns without taking more from our pockets? Councilman Nate Nehring has an interesting perspective that should be reviewed and considered, as we support it.

We understand that the cost of services will gradually increase as demand grows, but raising taxes should not be the default option when feasible cuts and reductions can be made in non-priority departments. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Alan Rubio  
Everett Resident

**From:** [Jayme Crandall](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No to 8% Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:20:23 PM

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Hello,

I was informed of a proposed 8% property tax hike, to be voted on November 13th. I want to make my voice heard that I am opposed to this increase and do not support another property tax increase.

The cost of living in Snohomish has steadily risen over the years and soon average working-class people will be priced out of this area. With the cost of everything becoming more expensive these days, I feel it's a lot to be asking more of the people right now. I cannot go to my boss and demand an 8% increase in my pay. I have to make do with my budget and manage my money better.

Please show the people of this county that you can take fiscal responsibility and trim the fat off unnecessary spending. Please try to balance the budget before asking for more from the people who are just trying to get by, not all of us work at Microsoft, Boeing, or other large corporations.

Thank you for your time,  
Jayme Crandall  
Snohomish, WA

**From:** [Todd Janner](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:27:35 PM

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As a home owner and a small business owner in Snohomish County, I implore you to not raise property taxes! I am a very small business just getting by. Eight percent is a significant increase. This would be a significant financial burden. Every time I turn around, I am paying a new fee or more tax for something. Small businesses in this county pay a disproportionate amount of fees and taxes because we are easy targets and don't have the ability to fight it like the large corporations do. You should do the same thing that I have to do and live within your means. You need to be accountable and look for the waste in your spending, just like I do, instead of adding more financial stress to your constituents.

Todd Janner

**From:** [Brenda Knower](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 11:03:15 PM

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With all the new homes being built in Snohomish county and the revenue you get from those homes, why would there be an 8 percent increase in property taxes? It's already very expensive living in Washington state. You're making it harder for people to own homes and harder on senior citizens, please reconsider your budget .

Thank you

**From:** [Valinda Sultze](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase for "25 and "26  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 11:05:55 PM

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City Council,

I'm not sure you understand the toll that another tax increase in this area is going to do to the average middle income family. Otherwise, you would figure out how to balance your budget with the funds you already receive to meet what you think are the needs, or you need to taper off those needs in order to preserve your county's way of life. Gas is at an all time high with indications of raising due to our newly elected Governor's apparently shared desire to continue to siphon money from the people. Groceries are also crazy high.

Please, please reconsider raising our property taxes. My family got into our mortgage at a rate we could afford. But when property taxes increase every year at this rate, making sure we can afford it means taking from some other category. Surely you must know this, though. It's basic accounting.

There is so much waste in government. Find out where it is and slash it.

Thank you for your time,

Valinda Sultze

**From:** [Ray Fernandez](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to 8% increase to property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:21:17 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

Enough! 8% increase to property taxes?

Our property taxes are way too high now! Our R.E. taxes, our Car Tabs taxes, our high gasoline taxes, our high sales taxes are too much!!

I'm in favor of County Council Vice President, Nate Nehring's Amendment to cut discretionary spending. Just like family budgets, if there's not enough money to spend, you don't continue to run up credit card charges!

You make sacrifices and make do without unnecessary spending. I understand that there are many departments, and various needs in this county but enough is enough!

We are getting squeezed here!

Instead of spend spend spend, find ways to lower Snohomish county residents taxes!

"The amendment removes budget increases over current budgeted levels and removes discretionary spending not connected to essential County government functions."

Thank you and Best regards,

Snohomish county resident  
Ray A Fernandez

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Liberty Aldrich](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No tax raise  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:23:44 AM

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I wanted to send a brief communication and voice to say no more taxes please. We are choking with taxes and the cost of life and it is far too much of a burden. I believe you all can find ways to better adjust finances for the county and not ask more of its citizens. I work way to hard for the amount of money I get to keep as an independent contractor. It's tough already and our family needs stability for our future. Please consider proposals before you and other avenues.

Sincerely,  
~Liberty Aldrich~

**From:** [Randall Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:15:44 AM

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Property tax relief for seniors "PLEASE". I can no longer not continue to survive with property tax increases. Ive owned my property for 45 years and property taxes have eaten up my 401K over the last 11 years. My SS income and my retirement pension is just above the senior discounted rate so I don't qualify for that option. Ive paid my taxes every year in Snohomish county for over 50 years and I feel its wrong to have to look at relocating from the home that I raised my kids in. Paying near \$1100.00 per month for property taxes is a bit hard to digest with the rapid rising costs on everything needed to survive. Doesn't leave much left after bills and food are paid. Dr and Dental Bills are becoming more frequently and costly every year so I now have to decide weather to hold off on needed surgeries or starve. At 71 years old it just doesn't seem fair that am required to pay such high property taxes. Id like to see the tax exemption to a higher threshold limits raised or totally eliminated property tax for seniors.

Randall Schmidt  
Snohomish , Wa.

**From:** [Herman Blegen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:43:45 AM

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When do we seniors get a break on the property tax? Seems they go up each year. Are you really trying to drive us out of our homes?

**From:** [\(null\).mercygrace](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Take Action to STOP 8% Property Tax Levy  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:05:38 AM

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Council Members,

Please do not raise property taxes in Snohomish County another 8%. I lived in the City of Lynnwood and the Council Members here are holding a meeting today regarding raising property tax:.

According to recent reports, the proposed property tax increase for the City of Lynnwood in 2025 is around 25%. This translates to an increase of approximately \$6.2 million in property tax revenue compared to the previous year.

The proposed property tax increase for Lynnwood, Washington in 2025 is \$6,200,000, which would increase the levy rate to \$.57. This would result in an increase of about \$84 per year, or \$7 per month, for the average homeowner. The increase is intended to restore the levy rate to pre-COVID levels.

Gasoline one of the highest in the country and grocery prices are high, and not to mention utilities and electricity are already high and Waste Management is talking about raising their rates too. And City of Lynnwood has high sale tax of 10.6%.

My monthly income is not keeping up with all these increases. I had to make cuts on my budget.

Thank you,  
Nora Chin

**From:** [Cindy Harrison](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase to try to fix the Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:57:03 AM

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Please DO NOT Proceed with this increase I beg of you. There are so many families that will be so financially burdened by this, including my family, that it would mean having to sell homes and possibly leave this beautiful county.

Instead, please, please, please, agree to Nate Nehring's Amendment to work within the current budget.

Cindy Harrison  
5733 129th ST NE  
Marysville, WA 98271

**From:** [Amie Parker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose a property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:19:17 AM

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Dear council members,

I urge you to pass Nate Nehring's amendment to the proposed budget. Balance the budget and reduce costs rather than passing an inflated budget on to homeowners in Snohomish County.

Thank you,

Amie Parker  
Everett resident and homeowner  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Don Crouse](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:29:34 AM

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Snohomish County Council Members,

It has come to my attention that you want to tax me out of my home with an increase in my property tax of 8%! As a senior citizen with a limited income, I can barely pay the taxes you currently levy on my home.

Times are tough on most Americans, especially for the last 4 years. In Snohomish County property taxes have been high for the 19 years I've lived here. So maybe what you should be thinking about is how to lower everyone's property taxes by 8% instead of increasing them. We've had to cut our spending and tighten our proverbial financial belt just to live in our home. Why can't you reduce your financial footprint for your constituents? I'm sure there are things that you want to spend my money on that are less important than my family being able to live in our home. Reducing the budget of the Office of Social Justice, reducing your travel and conference expenses and a freeze on new staff hires are a few ways you can help all us taxpayers remain in our homes. After all, I'm sure every member of the council is more concerned with keeping families in their homes than you are with any other aspect of your governance.

When those that govern fail to take care of the basic needs of their constituents it's time for us to replace them with people that do. Unlike you, we're not asking for more of your money. We just want you to be financially responsible with ours, especially when times are difficult.

Thank you for your time,

Don Crouse

**From:** [Constance Lemmons](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE PROPERTY TAXES INCREASES  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:39:22 AM

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Please!!!!!!! we can barely afford to live in this county now and increasing the property taxes will force people to leave the county.

**From:** [Joanne Black](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't raise property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:43:46 AM

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You're forcing homes out of the reach of property owners and into the arms of corporations. We all didn't get a 40% raise like boeing. We get a 2.5% raise on social security which is not enough. And those who can't apply for the exemption with the increased insurance, interest on mortgage and raised house assessments cannot take such a raise.  
Joanne black

**From:** [BrianMargi Abbott](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Eight per cent raise - Oppose.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:49:07 AM

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In this time of high inflation —as difficult as it is—our county government needs to not increase its share of the economic pie.

Too many people are having difficulty already meeting day to day needs of life , so just as they are required to tighten their spending, the government needs to join in by likewise prioritizing their spending on the essentials.

Where is the cannabis profit promised and how much does Snohomish County receive?

-Brian Abbott  
Arlington, WA

**From:** [Jessica Dietsch](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:49:34 AM

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Please stop raising our taxes. You are making so many people suffer with all of these tax hikes! Please vote against the 8% general property tax levy increase in Executive Somers' proposed budget proposal. We can't do this anymore.

Jessica

Snohomish County Resident

**From:** [steven.franke2@frontier.com](mailto:steven.franke2@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No new taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:35:23 AM

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Council members,

I have just heard you are contemplating an 8% tax increase. I want to let you know that I am very much against any new taxes! I am a senior homeowner in the county and find that property and sales taxes are already too high. Please do not increase taxes.

thank you.

Steven Franke  
24220 15th PI SE  
Bothell, WA 908021

**From:** [Venelina Handev](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:49:55 AM

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To Council,

Do not vote the tax property increase. WE CAN NOT AFFORD IT! We can not stress how difficult is for working class families to pay their bills these days. We do our best, work hard and still we can't have a break. With this increase we will be crushed.

Thank you for your time!

Venelina Handev

**From:** [Marilyn Sutton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:59:33 AM

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NO!!! With everything else costing more and cities and counties spending more...enough already!!! Figure out how to cut costs and balance budgets but not on the backs of property owners and taxpayers!

*Marilyn Sutton*  
206-390-5532

**From:** [lanols@netzero.net](mailto:lanols@netzero.net) on behalf of [lanols@netzero.com](mailto:lanols@netzero.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:01:13 AM

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Hello,

I am sorry but this property tax hike will push retiree with fix income out of their house. :(  
Sad.

**From:** [jesse avilla](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:09:16 AM

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I am 70 years old and have lived here in Snohomish County for over 25 years. My property Tax started off at \$1200 a year. I am now approaching \$5,000 dollars. I live off of my SSN and military retirement. We are scheduled for a 2.5 percent COLA increase?.

Now Snohomish wants 8 percent more!! School Levies and Tax hikes. Come on now! If I go back to work I will be taxed more. I can barely cover my house repairs.

Pls no more Tax hikes. Make all the new residents and businesses pay more. They can afford it.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Avilla  
jjavilla@msn.com

**From:** [mackaygb](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:15:04 AM

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I feel that this is an excessive tax and is a hardship for those of us over 70.  
Kathleen Mackay  
Marysville resident

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

**From:** [Perry Baxter](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No more tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:23:44 AM

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Please do not increase the property taxes. Our property taxes are already almost \$12,000 a year on a house we paid \$106,000 for in 1978. We are retired & on a fixed income; our property taxes alone are almost 25% of our income. The county is forcing people out of their homes.

Perry & Sue Baxter, Snohomish Wa.

**From:** [Jerry and Shery Jorgensen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No new taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:38:52 AM

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How can you even propose adding additional property taxes when our current taxes, our home owners insurance, car insurance, utilities, and everything else continues to rise. We can no longer afford to live in our homes, you should be ashamed of your policies and lack of fiscal planning.

Please don't do this, we need your support not your demands.

Thank you,  
Sheryll Jorgensen

**From:** [MAGGIE MONTANA](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:43:39 AM

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Please do not raise property taxes just because you can. There are many people out there that are barely getting by (fixed income, low income, even those that have jobs aren't necessarily doing well financially) and another huge tax hike (8% is huge by the way) will push many over the edge of being able to afford their home (or they have to choose home or food or medicine), or be out on the street. Please consider lowering your costs and being more efficient with our tax dollars - our money should not be your open checkbook - you are there to represent the people, ALL people. Please consider some or all of what Nate Nehring is proposing or come up with some new ideas to help people keep more of their money. Thank you for listening.

Margaret E Montana  
Lynnwood, WA

**From:** [Betsie Blaine](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:45:42 AM

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Good morning,

I am 79 years old, a homeowner in Snohomish and currently could not afford to buy the home in which I live because of the value increase in the last five years. My property taxes have gone up much more than my Social Security COLAs have and a property tax increase would mean that I would need to cut expenses elsewhere.

I vote for school levees and fire protection services when increases are needed. If you raise my property tax 8%, I feel I may need to vote differently in the future.

Please vote for Nate Nehring's amendment and balance the budget by cutting expenses, not raising mine.

Respectfully,

Betsie Snoey  
18610 55<sup>th</sup> ST SE  
Snohomish, 98290

**From:** [\(null\) stone10](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:48:50 AM

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I'm a retired first response on a fixed income. This incredulous raise in already skyrocketing taxes will literally force me out of my home which I have owned for 20 years! My home has been mortgage free since 2009. With the current property tax, it averages just below \$1,000 per month! It's like having a house payment all over again! This has to stop.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Janis Colvin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:52:26 AM

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We do not need to increase property tax. I agree with Nate Nehring. Stop the wasteful spending.  
Thank you  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Gregg Porter](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% PROPERTY TAX INCREASE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:53:33 AM

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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!!!

Respectfully

Gregg Portetr

**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: For Council Members: Please do not raise property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:54:28 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Phil Kane <pkane@spindry.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:35 AM  
**To:** Wiita, Russell <Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Subject:** For Council Members: Please do not raise property taxes



CAUTION. This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes. Please use the resources you have more wisely as Councilmember Nehring suggests.

Thank you,  
Phil Kane  
Bothell

**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Property Tax Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:54:02 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Jason Gomes <jason.b.gomes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:39 AM  
**To:** Wiita, Russell <Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Property Tax Amendment



**CAUTION.** This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

Good morning, please forward this to the necessary Councilmembers to help support Councilmember Nehring's amendment.

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,

Jason Gomes

Bothell

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**From:** [Roger Erickson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Good morning council members;  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:36:17 AM

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My name is Roger Erickson  
My address is 7016 281st PL NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292  
My phone number is 503 704 8490.

I would like to address the council in regard to Executive Dave Summers proposed 8% property tax hike! I have at least three problems with that proposal.

First, I think 8 % is an outlandish number. I am sure he and others would like to have that much more of my money to spend in the next budget and I would like for him to have it but I can not afford these constant raises! Especially since the national number for inflation is under 2%!!

Second, the reason I can't afford raises like this is I am an old retired guy trying to live on a fixed income , namely social security and this raise will effect the people who can least afford it the most!! Be reasonable!

Third, this is the kind of ramrod tactics that should at least give us the opportunity to vote for or against!! If it's on the ballot at least we have a chance!!

Now you know how I feel, and I daresay there are thousands of others who feel the same way as I do so please give my thoughts some consideration and at least adjust your spending habits and tax raise goals accordingly!!

Thank you  
Roger Erickson  
coupeman31@gmail.com

**From:** [kurtis lepidas](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:01:28 AM

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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:** [Bob Southard](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop raising taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:03:08 AM

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Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mary Manning](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't Raise our Property Taxes!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:04:46 AM

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To the Council –

Between the seemingly excessive school levies (which the McCleary decision was supposed to eliminate) and the already ever increasing taxes, a further property tax increase will only make Snohomish County more unlivable. PLEASE DO NOT RAISE THE PROPERTY TAX!

Thank you.

Mary Manning

**From:** [Theresa Cline](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Hike - VOTE NO  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:05:21 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

Please vote to support Nate Behring's alternate proposal to Dave Somers tax hike. We cannot afford this! It is stretching us beyond our limits. Take care of the people you were elected to take care of.

Thank you for listening and supporting us in this way

Theresa Cline

**From:** [gwamundson@aol.com](mailto:gwamundson@aol.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% property tax hike - NO!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:09:11 AM

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Proposed 8% property tax hike. Live within the County budget. Maybe an 8% cut in Mr. Somers budget would help.

DO NOT PASS!!!

Thank you,

Gary W Amundson  
3609 Gorin Pl  
Everett, WA 98208  
425 337-1775

**From:** [PATRICK OLSEN](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Proposed 8% Property Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:25:37 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 8% property tax increase outlined in County Executive Dave Somers' 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. This significant hike in property taxes will place an undue financial burden on homeowners and small business owners in our community, many of whom are already struggling with the rising cost of living.

The increase of \$21 million in the first year alone of this budget proposal is a heavy hit, especially given the county's recent growth in revenue due to property appreciation and inflationary pressures. At a time when many families and small businesses are doing all they can to stay afloat, an 8% increase in property taxes feels excessive and misaligned with the current financial hardships facing the community.

I strongly support Councilmember Nate Nehring's proposed amendment to remove the tax increase from the budget by instead focusing on curbing discretionary spending and prioritizing essential government functions. It is essential that any budgetary adjustments made reflect a careful balance between meeting our county's needs and respecting the financial realities of its taxpayers. This amendment provides a viable path to ensure essential services are maintained without further burdening residents and business owners.

I urge the Council to consider the long-term impacts of this tax hike on the community. Please prioritize responsible, efficient budgeting without increasing the tax load on your constituents.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Olsen

**From:** [Kim K](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:26:52 AM

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Dear City Council,

Do not raise Snohomish County property Tax. Our taxes have increased substantially and a new property tax increase is not warranted. Find your revenue elsewhere.  
NO INCREASE on PROPERTY TAX!

Kim Killingsworth  
Stanwood, WA 98292

**From:** [Errol Collins](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:35:58 AM

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Dear Council Members:

Your 8% tax increase is likely to tax me out of my home of 46 years. Inflation of last 4 years has been heavy burden. Please don't make it worse.

Sincerely yours,

Errol Collins

**From:** [The Miller Family](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:34:07 AM

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Dear Council,

I am a senior and find this new budget with its 8% property tax increase incompatible with families being able to maintain a home in Snohomish County. I personally live alone and in an apartment complex, but I would be profoundly impacted, too. Such a raise in property tax would lead to a significant rise in my monthly rent as the complex must absorb this expense. I find it incomprehensible that you would even consider such a tax increase! Instead, I ask you to lend your full support to Councilmember Nate Nehring's budget ammendment.

Thank you,

Debra Miller  
19501 40th Ave W, Apt 707  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**From:** [Errol Collins](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:36:42 AM

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Dear Council Members:

I write to oppose the 8% Property Tax Increase. I retired  
From teaching In Everett School District in 1994. 30 years ago. I have had a few minor jobs  
since but the COLA from the state retirement system has been inadequate. The inflation of  
the past 4 years has been crippling. The 8% could tax me out of my home of the past 46 years.  
Errol Collins

**From:** [buddha heart](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase Wednesday 11/13/24  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:44:03 AM

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I'm writing because I'm so not want a property tax increase.  
Lizette Maldonado

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Sent from My ishoe

**From:** [ADAM HOVICK](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:45:15 AM

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Good morning, I am asking all council members to vote no on this new tax increase. With the price of everything today an added cost on families would be detrimental to their well being. Please vote no.

Adam

**From:** [Robert Reid](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:48:56 AM

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As seniors living on a fixed income we feel that an 8% property tax increase would seriously jeopardize our current living condition and may force us out of our home. I know that as of the 2023 census approximately 15% of the county population are over 65 years old and approximately 8.5% of the county are living in poverty. I'm assuming that the majority of those over 65 are retired like us and those living in poverty certainly can't afford a property tax hike which will be reflected in their mortgage or rent. We can't afford another unnecessary tax hike. What needs to happen is that the property tax rate needs to be capped for seniors and those living in poverty. The tax certainly can be absorbed by those with median income of greater than \$100,00.00. Somers is a typical tax and spend democrat and I appreciate councilman Nehring for trying to stop this tax.

Rob and Tina Reid

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [William Lasby](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:49:15 AM

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Pay attention to the voters! Stop overspending your budget and live within your means like all Americans have had to do with the inflation that the Democrats have caused nationally. We have already voted down your sales tax increase. Maybe you will be looking for new jobs unless you stop overtaxing us!

Bill Lasby

**From:** [Steve Daniel](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Budget increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:50:26 AM

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I would propose budget increase that does not exceed the current inflation rate.  
The current proposed increase is well above the current inflation rate.

*Steve Daniel*

*iphone Number*  
*(206) 972-2845*

**From:** [k keenan](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:56:49 AM

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I reject your need for a property tax increase and would rather suggest you reduce the size of Government of Snohomish County. We the people are so tired of your tax and spend policies that we are all watching ALL of you very carefully, we will remember ALL of you who vote to increase our taxes come voting time. This is a new era of Government shrinkage, it will happen at the Federal level with Elon Musk and President Trump and we expect WA state to take note of the current Federal elections results, we are all mad as hell and want the Governments to get rid of fat. We the people control YOU, YOU do not control us. The Biden admin destroyed us financially, don't even try to raise our property taxes because we will remember you all come voting time.

**From:** [Bryan Stedman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:57:12 AM

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Please do not raise our property tax 8%. This is absolutely egregious. There is a reason people voted down the sales tax increase during this last voting session, the people do not want more taxation. Get better at using the money you currently have and throwing money away at solutions that aren't working.  
Bryan Stedman

**From:** [Kirk LeDoux](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No on Property Tax Increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:58:06 AM

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Hello Council,

We as citizens have rejected proposals from our govt to raise taxes at the polls. It's abundantly clear that we're spending way more than is necessary and far too inefficiently. We can't afford to pay more. Please stop. Vote no on the property tax increases.

Thanks,  
Kirk LeDoux  
LeDoux Construction, LLC.  
Skyline Properties, Inc.  
206-794-5408



**From:** [simon villanueva](#)  
**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 10:03:27 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.*

*Catherine Bellande  
Snohomish County Resident*

**From:** [Fritzie Wolfe](#)  
**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.  
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**From:** [Judith Boles](#)  
**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 10:04:27 AM

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*Judith Boles*

**From:** [robertjearle@gmail.com](mailto:robertjearle@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Are you kidding? 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 10:04:47 AM

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*My property taxes are already higher than my Federal Income Tax. 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. "Celebrities...Is there anything they DON'T know?" – paraphrased--Homer Simpson*

**From:** [Julie Ledoux](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:05:34 AM

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Please do not raise our property tax. The county has grown adding more real estate by leaps and bounds

The assessments have increased due to values rising. The county should be able to stick to the budget with the increase of new structures supporting the Treasury  
Keith and Julie Ledoux, property owners and registered voters.

**From:** [Tom Aker](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:07:04 AM

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Please stop this tax. We are being taxed to death  
Thank you

**From:** [Paul Behnke](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:09:15 AM

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Sent from my iPhone I vote no on the proposed Snohomish County property tax increase. It will be a financial burden for my family. I support Nate Nehring and his proposal to freeze the property tax. Thank you for your consideration. Do the right thing for taxpayers and property owners Paul Behnke.

**From:** [Deborah Pattie](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** County Budget- No on tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:13:55 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- we are retired. I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Deborah Duhig-Pattie  
Marysville 13

**From:** [RUDY NARSI](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no for tax increase.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:14:43 AM

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Dear County Council Members,

As a local county worker and resident we voted in the last election not to raise the taxes. Yet says after you want to raise property taxes by 8%. In the last couple years as a county worker we get a small raise and yet the upper management and council members are getting double digit pay increases and we as local residents are barely making ends meet. You need to do an internal audit and find out where the useless spending is going and find alternative ways to fund things. Start from the top and audit your own spending. Us middle and lower class can't keep up with the cost of living and taxes. Our schools need replacement and yet you give yourself a pay raise for doing a bad job of managing our funds. Time to look in the mirror and if you can't fix it time to step down and let someone else do the job properly.

**No means no** and don't go behind our backs to do a vote when we all have to work to pay ours bills and can't attend your meetings.

Rudy Narsi

**From:** [Mike Brodle](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** follow our LAW  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:19:25 AM

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Hello,

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:** [sjhargett1@comcast.net](mailto:sjhargett1@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NOT A GOOD TIME FOR ANY TAX INCREASES  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:23:38 AM

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## NOT A GOOD TIME FOR ANY TAX INCREASES

**From:** [Jere-n-Lynn Wright](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:25:15 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

We are against your proposed 8% property tax increase for the county portion of our property taxes! The property tax needs to be frozen at the current rate, the county needs to cut their budget and reduce unnecessary spending and live within their means, as the rest of us have had to during the last 4 years of huge inflation.

Respectfully,

Jere and Lynn Wright

16317 234th St SE, Monroe, WA 98272

**From:** [Randy Allen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8percent tax rate hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:25:35 AM

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You are elected officials that need to listen to your constituents. We just voted no on additional taxes, especially for a general fund. We the people have spoken and you need to listen. We have seen way too much increase in taxes the last five years, enough is enough. County council needs to look at cutting costs not so quickly to raise more taxes on the working poor. At a time when we have seen such an increase in our daily living costs from inflation, you want to increase our taxes when we can't increase our income 8 percent at just a whim. I for one will not forget who is going to be voting for an increase. Let's work a little harder at what you can do for the people!!!!

**From:** [Scott & Missy Wiles](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO TO Property Tax Increases  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:28:27 AM

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The inflation is out of control, we are barely hanging on and in debt already. This tax increase is going to put people on the streets.

NO to the property tax increase.

Respectfully,

Wiles

**From:** [svhenri](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:28:33 AM

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Our property taxes are to high now! The economy is at a unsustainable level and you want to add to the living costs? It is time to cut costs in the budget!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Wendy davis](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:31:04 AM

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Thank you for serving on our County Counsel.

I am writing to ask you to not pass an 8% increase in the county portion of our property taxes. Times are very difficult for many right now with groceries and basic necessities at all time high prices. This is not a time to increase taxes or for the county to spend more. It is a time to cut where we can. There is not an endless supply of money out here, our government needs to do what we as families are doing: cutting in any areas we can. Some of these cuts are hard to do but they are needed. Hard is not the same thing as bad. You were elected to represent your constituents, please look to ways to help and not further economically strap the people you serve.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Scott and Missy Wiles](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No to property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:32:31 AM

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**From:** [Roy Skagen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please drop the property tax increase! Too much! We are hurting! Roy Skagen  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:33:33 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mike Rosebrook](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:34:59 AM

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I am a Snohomish County registered voter and urge the council to reject the 8 % Snohomish County property tax increase.

Thankyou, Michael G Rosebrook

**From:** [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to property tax increase in Snohomish County  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:37:21 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Denny O'Neil <dennyoneil@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:06 AM  
**To:** Wiita, Russell <Russell.Wiita@co.snohomish.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Objection to property tax increase in Snohomish County



CAUTION. This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes. Enough is enough. I am a lifelong resident of Bothell and fear losing my home here due to tax increases.

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

Thank you,

Dennis O'Neil

Bothell, WA

(206) 499-2954

**From:** [Wayne McNamar](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#)  
**Subject:** Re: REMINDER: Tomorrow's meeting re property tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:37:29 AM

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I agree with Nate Nehring's proposal.

I have introduced 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.

Thanks,  
Wayne Vincent McNamar  
2402 116TH ST SE  
Everett, WA 98208  
Cell 425-948-5097

On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 8:35 AM Nehring, Nate <[nate.nehring@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:nate.nehring@co.snohomish.wa.us)> wrote:

Hi all,

As a reminder, tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at 10:30am, the Snohomish County Council will hold our public hearing to consider the 2025/26 biennial budget. This budget proposal from the County Executive includes an 8% increase to the county portion of your property taxes. I have introduced 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. You can read more about my opposition to the tax increase in my op-ed which ran in this morning's Daily Herald: [Comment: County exec's property tax proposal poorly timed | HeraldNet.com](#)

**There are multiple ways you can make your voice heard regarding this tax vote:**

1. Attend the Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in-person to give public testimony. The location is 3000 Rockefeller Ave Everett, WA 98201 (8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Robert J. Drewel administrative building).
2. Participate in the Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting remotely via Zoom to give public testimony. The zoom link is here: <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772>
3. Email your thoughts to the full County Council at [Contact.Council@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org)
4. Share this information with others who may be interested in participating in the county budget process.

If you have any questions about the county budget process or my proposal to eliminate the tax increase, please feel free to reach out at any time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Nate Nehring*

Councilman, District 1

Snohomish County Council



3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 609

Everett, WA 98201-4046

☎: 425.388.3494 ✉: [Nate.Nehring@snoco.org](mailto:Nate.Nehring@snoco.org)

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Thanks,

Wayne "Vince" McNamar, KD7PVY

W. WA. Medical Services Communications

425-948-5097 cell

[KD7PVY@arrl.net](mailto:KD7PVY@arrl.net)

[ww7mst.org](http://ww7mst.org)

**From:** [sdboe@comcast.net](mailto:sdboe@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** property tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:38:04 AM

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The RENT IS TOO DAMN HIGH!!

**From:** [Stewart Grossman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Snohomish County Ordinance 24-075  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:40:28 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to "Snohomish County Ordinance 24-075," which authorizes an increase in general tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025 and 2026. I urge you to agree to Nate Nehring's Amendment to work within the current budget.

Considering the significant developments that are being constructed, which will substantially increase the tax base through taxable improvements and the resulting income, I have yet to see any accounting for this expected revenue increase when proposing a tax hike. If housing was considered unaffordable before, these increases will only exacerbate the situation by raising rents for tenants. We need to consider better tax strategies than regressive taxes like property taxes, which disproportionately impact the poor and elderly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stewart

**Stewart Grossman**

Sr. Business Program Manager

Employee Experience Success (EES)

Office: 425-705-7700

Mobile: 360-820-1383



**From:** [lisa snowden](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:40:33 AM

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I 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. Lisa McArthur  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Cindy Vick](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Somers, Dave J](#)  
**Subject:** No Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:41:54 AM

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We strongly urge, and request, that you reject the idea of an 8% tax increase or any property tax increase on those of us that are already stretched thin by the property tax burden we bear.

We support Nate Nehring's proposal.

Thank you,  
Bob and Cindy Vick  
Homeowners in Arlington  
360-652-8185

*"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of [Jesus Christ](#). For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."*

**Patrick Henry**

Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution

**From:** [durhamdeleon@yahoo.com](mailto:durhamdeleon@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% county property tax increase - NO!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:43:13 AM

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I will not be supporting my representative any longer, Dave Sumers. Not sure where you guys are living but we can't afford any kind of tax increase! This household is not getting an 8% increase of any kind, so how are we suppose to cover that, peanut butter is too expensive! Please immerse yourself in the real world, for a change.

You have money, so do what we all HAVE to do, and make it work with what you got!!

, Diane  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dave Hale](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** no new taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:49:06 AM

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NO new taxes or increased taxes. My family is stretched to the limits now. Please stop the insanity and freeze taxes.

Dave Hale

**From:** [Shari Crichton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:50:06 AM

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Please live within the current budget as we all have to be aware where the dollars are going

Thanks  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [mcoltdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:mcoltdoyle@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:51:40 AM

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Sent from my iPhone Please no more Taxes we the people are constantly being made to fork over more and more of our hard earned money to cover for the ineptitude of the county and states ability to stay within a budget

**From:** [Amy Amend](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% general levy tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:52:11 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

As a resident of this county, I would like to express my concern over the budget proposal being discussed at tomorrow's County Council meeting, specifically, the 8 percent property tax increase (although I realize that it would only apply to the county's general property tax levy, it is still significant).

The voter's of Snohomish County just made abundantly clear, one week ago, that we by and large reject new taxes. People are hurting at the grocery store and gas pumps, as well as overspending for rent and other cost of living expenses.

My husband and I have raised our family to understand that saving money is important. We are not frivolous. We do not spend money outside of our means. We have enough savings to support us should we lose our job for 6 months. We have always bought used cars. We don't spend money that we don't have and then go adding to a credit card debt. Why should the county be allowed to do so? If our family needs to tighten our purse strings, we cut out something that is less important and wait until we can afford it. The county should follow suit. Please stop growing areas of county government that are unnecessary or can wait. Please instead balance the budget by cutting unnecessary spending, and do what thousands of Snohomish County voters and having to do on a daily basis - cutting back because we have no choice. Do not raise taxes! Do the right thing and listen to the voters.

Thank you,

Amy Amend  
Snohomish County Resident and Voter

**From:** [Nils Nysether](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:53:46 AM

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VOTE NO FOR PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

**From:** [Tim Hillis](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:54:07 AM

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I hope you consider carefully before you vote to increase property tax.  
I say NO to an increase tax!!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Christine Seresun](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not raise property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:54:23 AM

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To Council members

I kindly ask please do not raise property taxes! In today's economy many are struggling to get by. Those who used to live comfortably are now living paycheck to paycheck. I know an increase in property taxes would hurt our family greatly. If the increase happens we would have to sell our home of 25 years as we won't be able to afford the mortgage any longer.

Sincerely  
Christine Seresun

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patti Olsen](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:55:21 AM

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Dear Council,

Please do not raise our property taxes.  
Please follow Nate Nehrings recommendations.

I'm paying almost 10k a year in property taxes for the privilege of living near an illegal dump.  
I can't sit on my front porch, or enjoy my yard in my rural neighborhood.

It's not just. It is unacceptable that we have to put up with this as our property taxes continue to increase.

I would be ok with it if our quality of life was not so impacted by the illegal operation DTG continues to operate in our rural neighborhood.

But, under the current situation, no way. It would be like a bad joke to raise our taxes.

I think the Council should invite our neighbors to discuss this situation.

Patti and Mel Olsen  
Neighbors to the dump.  
Do better Snohomish.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Vitaly Filimonov](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Joan Thomas](#)  
**Subject:** Support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:56:16 AM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am asking that you support Councilmember Nehring's amendment to not raise property taxes. The taxes we already have are amongst the highest in the country.

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

Thank you,

Vitaly Filimonov

Bothell, WA

**From:** [Gary J Brown](#)  
**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 10:57:09 AM

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**From:** [mary mills](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Property Tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:57:39 AM

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Dear Council,

I am a 100% disabled female combat veteran. I am on fix income and my husband has to take care of me. Because we make to much in the household I do not met the the property tax reprove. The 8 % property tax hike would most likely force me to lose my house. I will be force to move and if I do I will have to leave the state. There is a better way to get funding without your constituents suffering. Please reconsider the property tax hike of 8% and vote no.

V/R,  
Mary Morningstar

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**From:** [Brandon Coogle](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:57:51 AM

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Whom it may concern,

We live on 5 acres in the unincorporated part of Snohomish County. I am shocked and dismayed to see that you are trying to push through an 8% increase on property taxes. You need to evaluate your budgets first before you start coming to the trough for more money. We already pay a large amount in property taxes, to what I feel is a very poor return on we are currently paying. An 8% increase is absolutely unacceptable. I will vote on the next election against those of you that have voted to increase property taxes.

Brandon Coogle

**From:** [Gigi Johnston](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:58:37 AM

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Snohomish County Council:

As a resident of this county I am shocked at your proposal to once again raise property taxes. Do you not realize the county assessor has added significant value to our properties for 2025 already, which will raise our taxes. They added \$100,000 to ours and I am hearing similar amounts to others. Our assessment is now pretty close to what our property would sell for. It is ridiculous to think you can continue to raise them.

It's very out of touch to consider this at a time when inflation is higher than it's been in many years, and the past four years have done nothing but drain taxpayer dollars. No matter what side of the political spectrum you're on it's an absolute fact.

There are many retired seniors in our country that are being taxed out of their homes, is this the ultimate goal? Thankfully our state has a cap on how much they can be raised. Think about what effect it has on the county. You continue to raise property taxes and no more school levies will pass, or fire, aid, police and hospital tax increases will ever be voted for. Case in point the recent school levy that failed in Arlington. That levy alone would have increased our taxes by \$1500 a year, and we just could not support it.

I would encourage the council to listen to the common sense approach to your budget brought forward by Nate Nehring and go forward with his proposal. His approach is exactly what this council needs which keeps his community protected from over burdened taxes when it is actually not even necessary.

There are many of us who appreciate Mr. Nehring immensely and his thoughtful approach to this matter. The voters of this county have had enough and clearly stand together on this issue. No more taxes!!

Regards,

Gigi Johnston  
Arlington, Wa.

**From:** [Chris McKenzie](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025-2026 Biennial Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:59:47 AM

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Hello,

Rumors are going around that you are considering an 8% property tax increase to cover budget shortfalls.

"County Executive Dave Somers' proposed \$3.07 Billion 2025-2026 Biennial Budget brings with it a massive 8% property tax hike."

As a new resident in this county and a politically active voter, I would like to express to you that I oppose such measures until after all efforts have been made to seek out and cut wasteful spending in every department.

Thank you,  
Chris McKenzie

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Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence then is not an act, but a habit.

--Aristotle

**From:** [Ben Martin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Do not raise property taxes again  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:00:06 AM

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Hello,

You don't need the money, and you saw what just happened with the election. If you don't want someone to come in there and eliminate everything you guys have built over the last few decades, I'd suggest you all just keep your our taxes down.

Thanks,

Ben Martin

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Cynseryea Kranson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:00:07 AM

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Please stop increasing ALL TAXES, specifically the homeowners property tax. It is hard to feed and cloth our family. We the people are tired of increases in our government tax system.

Thanks  
Cynseryea Kranson  
Granite Falls

**From:** [Korey Berge](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:00:27 AM

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Do not raise are property taxes!! We can afford all theses taxes. My Kids do not even go to your schools! How about I get that back.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Daniel Hoepfner](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:01:25 AM

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To whom this concerns,

Please do not increase property taxes for any reasons. My family would like to keep our money we work hard for. Again, we oppose a property tax increase for any reason.

Thank you

Dan Hoepfner

425-315-2958

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

**From:** [Stephen Dukes](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:02:53 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Executives,

This increase is mindless and will create more hardship for folks like me. An increase of 8% will drive more folks out of the county and out of the state, like what we are seeing with California...a mass exodus.

Figure out how to do more with less, like most of us have to.

I will vote no and participate to vote this tax increase.

Regards,  
Steve

360.202.6487  
2508 103rd Ave SE  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

**From:** [Ryan Alderfer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Property Tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:04:34 AM

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Council Members:

The latest election showed that residents of Snohomish County have no appetite for increased tax burden. Our sales and gas taxes are already some of the highest in the nation. Inflation (e.g. Hidden tax) also continues to hamper Snohomish county families. Capital gains and 'income' taxes are not far behind. Aside from the immoral position that privately owned property can be confiscated by the government, it would serve the council much better to cut wasteful spending as families have been having to do in Snohomish county.

Please put yourselves on the citizen's side of the table and vote 'NO' on any property tax increase.

Firmly and Respectfully,

~ Ryan Alderfer

**From:** [spdsk8@aol.com](mailto:spdsk8@aol.com)  
**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 11:07:03 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."*

I agree. Snohomish residents are struggling with inflation. You have plenty of money. Instead of raising taxes, you should cut spending.

Bruce Guthrie  
Edmonds, WA

**From:** [Krista Morehead](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No to property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:08:00 AM

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NO to the property tax increase. We can barely afford to buy healthy groceries.

Krista Morehead  
Granite Falls, WA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Krista Morehead](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No to property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:08:12 AM

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Krista Morehead  
Granite Falls, WA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Regan Brockman](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to property tax increase!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:11:37 AM

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NO to the property tax increase. We can barely afford to buy healthy groceries.

**From:** [Megan and Tony Bittinger](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:12:37 AM

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Good morning. I'm writing to vote NO TO A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. Please. We all fear that we are going to be priced right out of our homes. Please vote No. Thank you for your time,

Megan and Tony Bittinger

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Sweeney](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Not the time for an 8% tax hike!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:13:04 AM

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John Sweeney  
Nail56@gmail.com  
425 614 7641

**From:** [Cindy LaSance](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:15:37 AM

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Dear Council,

Please, enough is enough. It's difficult to pay our property taxes now. 8% is outrageous! If you don't want more homelessness to deal with, please don't price us out of our homes. I trust Nate Nehring to present other ideas to solve our spending issues.

Thank you,  
Kenneth & Lucinda LaSance  
814 310th St NE  
Stanwood, WA

**From:** [Onika Muller](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:15:44 AM

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NO to the property tax increase. We can barely afford to buy healthy groceries.

Best Regards,  
Onika Muller

**From:** [Andy Stevens](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Nehring, Nate](#); [Mead, Jared](#)  
**Subject:** No to the 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:16:45 AM

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Why on earth are we even considering this massive tax increase when voters sent a crystal clear message last week with the rejection of Prop 1?  
Balance the budget and stop asking us for more money until you do so.

Very Respectfully

Andrew Stevens  
Snohomish County resident

**From:** [Kathleen Panec](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO TO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:17:27 AM

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Dear Council Members:

We urge you to VOTE NO TO A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

As retirees on a fixed income, we cannot sustain this with all the other cost of living increases this past year.

Thank you for voting on our behalf.

Kathleen Panec  
Terrence Panec

**From:** [Jamie Paxton](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:18:34 AM

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NO! to the property tax increase. We can barely afford to buy healthy groceries.

Jamie O'Crotty

**From:** [Candy Sherrill](#)  
**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 11:19:18 AM

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To the 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. 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,

Candy Sherrill  
Snohomish County Property Owner

**From:** [Michial Brown](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:20:06 AM

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As a long time resident of Lynnwood please do not raise property tax 8%. This will be a burden too heavy to bear. We cannot afford such a hike. Please we earnestly ask you to not do this rate hike.  
Thank you,

MBrown  
3618 170th st sw  
Lynnwood, WA 98037  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Renee N](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8%tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:21:44 AM

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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:** [Lester Liu](#)  
**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 11:22:41 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 are seriously considering voting to raising property taxes at all. Taxpayers are struggling and yet you are actually thinking about massively raising property taxes way above the 1% CAP and doing it without asking Voters permission. Don't do it! It is vicious, cruel and disrespectful to the people you are elected to represent. Vote NO on Somers' lawless proposal to raise property taxes AT ALL right now. Coming at a time of high inflation, this proposal is not only an increase on property, but an exponential increase on inflated values of properties. The people you represent are not an open source of revenue that you can pilfer money from to squander. Make the tough decision and tighten your belts like the rest of your employers. Do not try to skirt around the mandates prescribed to you by the Initiative process. Do the right and ethical thing and DO NOT exceed the 1% Property Tax Cap without Voter Initiative approval. As seen on the national stage, a referendum against out of control government is gaining traction and it's just a matter time before the people in Snohomish County's voices are heard.

Sincerely,

A Snohomish County Constituent

**From:** [T.Panec](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No To Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:23:04 AM

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Dear Council Members:

We urge you to VOTE NO TO A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

As retirees on a fixed income, we cannot sustain this with all the other cost of living increases this past year.

Thank you for voting on our behalf.

Terrence Panec  
Kathleen Panec

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Paul Weeks](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Sno. Co. County Property Tax Vote  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:27:10 AM

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Hello,

Recently I became aware of the upcoming vote on increasing the Sno. Co. portion of property taxes by up to 8%. As a father of 4 in a single income household, I'm urging you not to do this.

My wife and I recently purchased land in Sno. Co., and we are almost done building our forever home. We have stretched ourselves to make this happen, and along the way we noticed that we have become the anomaly in our peer group for having the resources and support to build a home.

Between the sales tax, permitting fees, and property taxes, a family like ours building their own home from scratch will become closer to impossible if the property taxes are increased further.

Please consider voting no on raising property taxes in Snohomish County.

Thank you,

Paul Weeks

**From:** [George Smith](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Wiita, Russell](#); [Somers, Dave J](#)  
**Cc:** [Lori McConnell](#)  
**Subject:** Councilman Nehring's proposed budget amendment to eliminate tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:29:58 AM

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Please adopt Councilman Nehring's proposed amendment. DO NOT impose a property tax increase of ANY size.

The county's voters have demonstrated little appetite for increasing taxes with the overwhelming rejection of Proposition 1, on the recent ballot.

My records for our home shows that our property taxes, on average, have increased year to year. Additionally, voter approval for those increases has declined from a high of 43.17% in 2017 to the current approval rate of just 30.68%.

Personally, I find property tax to be the most reprehensible of all taxes. Even after the mortgage is paid, the owner is merely a renter as the government imposes a rental fee year after year in the form of a property tax.

Respectfully,

George G. Smith

5<sup>th</sup> Council District

**From:** [Kayla Zilverberg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% property tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:31:06 AM

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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. Please implement the plan Nate Nehring is suggesting to reduce spending so we can continue to try to financially survive during these tough times.

Thank you,

Kayla Zilverberg

**From:** [Serena King](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No to property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:32:48 AM

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NO to the property tax increase. We can barely afford to buy healthy groceries.

Serena Nysether  
Granite Falls WA  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Keyndra McCormick](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re November 13th Regarding 2025/2026 Budget and 8% Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:34:41 AM

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Hello,

My name is Keyndra Bishop and I am a resident and home owner in Monroe, WA. I disagree with and reject an 8% increase in property taxes to Snohomish County residents. I wish it to be known that I support Nate Nehring's amendment to evaluate and adjust the existing budget rather than push the fiscal burden onto residents, including my husband and I, who are already dealing with financial hardship and housing instability due to post-pandemic recovery, record home prices (which already increase the taxes we pay based on estimated home value) and interest rates, and major increases to food, gas, and medical costs. Right now our local governments should be doing more for the people, by analyzing the budget and BUDGETING, not relying on the people to pay more. I do not support raising property taxes on November 13th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Keyndra Bishop

**From:** [Jamie Hoepner](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** NO to the property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:35:06 AM

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NO to the property tax increase. We can barely afford to buy healthy groceries.

Jamie Hoepner

**From:** [DAM PHAM](#)  
**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 11:36:28 AM

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Dear Sir and Madam,

*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!*

*Truly,*  
Dam Pham

**From:** [John Weston](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Wiita, Russell](#)  
**Subject:** Support Nate Nehring Budget Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:37:22 AM

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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,  
John Weston

**From:** [Kevin D Simmons](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Kevin DeVry Simmons](#); [Vasilios Billy Saroglou](#); [Todd Mcdougal](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:37:24 AM

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That's a HARD no from 3 residents

Thank you  
Kevin D Simmons  
Stanwood  
2069531608

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**From:** [Carol Osterud](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:39:27 AM

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We 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:** [Marie Doyle](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:42:38 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,  
Marie Cano  
Bothell

**From:** [Lora Day](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [Tim Eyman](#)  
**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 11:43:55 AM

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Snohomish County Council:

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Regards:

Lora Day  
Richard Day  
Noel Day

**From:** [Don Holdridge](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget - 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:45:58 AM

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As a Senior Citizen on a fixed income, I strongly oppose the proposed 8% Property Tax Hike Proposed in Snohomish County.

I am forced to live within my income and I think it is imperative that city, county, state and federal governments do the same. I don't have the option of having my income raised by arbitrarily increasing it because I want to have the option of spending more. My situation requires budgeting to live within my income. Government should do the same?

Please look at options that support spending based on income without adding to my already high taxes. Increased taxes on property for businesses also add to increased cost for the consumer. It needs to stop!

Thank you,  
Don Holdridge  
3406 96<sup>th</sup> PL SE  
Everett, Wa. 98208

**From:** [John Churchill](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:46:08 AM

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I have lived in Snohomish County for over 50 years. I am totally AGAINST the increase. That amount (8%) is totally out of line. We are supposed to keep inflation down and that is not doing it. I am all for schools, roads, and first responders being compensated appropriately.

Thank you for listening to me,

John Churchill

**From:** [petronela bigea](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** New Tax in SnoCo - 8%  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:48:34 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.

Respectfully,

Petra Bigea  
SnoCo Resident

**From:** [MICHAEL W WILSON](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Property tax increase proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:49:44 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. Respectfully, with a hat tip to Tim Eyman,  
Mike Wilson*

**From:** [Michael and Heather Bruce](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#); [Eco, Debbie](#); [Mead, Jared](#)  
**Cc:** [Lori McConnell](#)  
**Subject:** Please send this letter to the Council Members  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:50:24 AM

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Dear Council Members,

I've read Nate Nehring's amendment re the 8% Sno Co tax increase and want to add my support to this amendment and IN GENERAL again, request that the Snohomish County Council put "cut spending" at the top of the list. Our pocket books just cannot take more of these "just a few cents" proposals. Thank you for your time and dedication.

Heather Bruce  
Coot In Clearview  
GAD Co-Founder

**From:** [tucker.cindy@frontier.com](mailto:tucker.cindy@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Raising Property Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:54:59 AM

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Please be advised that I vote NO on the proposed tax increase. If this passes it will be an extreme financial burden for my family. I support Nate Nehring's proposal to freeze the property tax. This is the only way many, if not most, of the Snohomish residents will be able to afford living in Snohomish County  
Cindy Tucker

**From:** [Sherri Larkin](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Increase Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:57:48 AM

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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.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sherri and Gary Larkin  
9804 Waverly Dr, Snohomish, WA

**From:** [Mc Ph](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:57:52 AM

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Hello,

I am against any increase in property taxes.

Please manage funds and balance your budget better, the people are not money trees.

Please vote NO towards the

## 8% property tax increase

Thank you,  
P. McCorvey

**From:** [Dave Killian](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:59:21 AM

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Please don't slap us with a 8% property tax increase. Wages have not caught up to the inflation we experienced over the past 3 years.

Thank you,  
David Killian  
Everett, WA

**From:** [Dean Tougas](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Proposed property tax increase.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:59:46 AM

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Dear County Council Members;

I strongly oppose the property tax increase approach to the proposed county budget. I support Nate Nehring's amendment to the budget that calls for fiscal restraint and budget tightening, rather than increased tax-and-spend methods.

Every responsible property owner must operate within our budget limitations. We do this by PRIORITIZING our spending to stay within our means. We cannot simply mandate income from others to "fund the gap" in our own appetites. Genuine leaders in government, I am confident that all of you would apply this principle too.

Thank you!  
Dean & Misty Tougas  
Stanwood, WA

**From:** [Richard Dockendorff](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:00:34 PM

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I oppose the proposed 8% property tax increase. In 2023 my property taxes went up 27% in one year. Now you want to add 8% more.

I am 72 years old am on a relatively fixed income. The general inflation that has been happening in the last few years has eroded my financial situation. Now we have taxflation as well. Please show some restraint for those of us that are on a fixed income.

I would expect my elected officials to find some ares to reduce spending instead of just keep raising taxes. Maybe it's time to freeze taxes for us seniors.

I would appreciate your tthoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Dockendorff  
425 419 8089

**From:** [Colin Fisher](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** County Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:00:49 PM

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Hello,

I would like to request that the bill DOES NOT pass to increase our county property taxes.

As upcoming first time homebuyers, the last thing we need is a larger tax bill to further price us out of this market.

Barring any legitimate statistical evidence that these rate increases are necessary, I'd request this bill to NOT PASS.

Please investigate and exercise any other possible options to cover expenses prior to a tax increase. Please provide genuine evidence that there is not any other excess budgets in other areas that could provide for these expenses.

Thank you,  
Colin Fisher  
Snohomish County Resident

**From:** [Laurie Layne](#)  
**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 12:10:39 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. This needs to stop now!*

**From:** [jayhines@comcast.net](mailto:jayhines@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Cc:** "[Lynne Bustanoby Hines](#)"; [jayhines11@gmail.com](mailto:jayhines11@gmail.com); "[Kris & Troy Shopin](#)"; "[Gregg Porter](#)"  
**Subject:** Snohomish County 8% Tax Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:11:54 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members;

This letter is in support of Council Member Nate Nehring, the Snohomish County Council Vice President, proposed 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.

As I understand the amendment, it removes budget **increases** over current budgeted levels and **removes discretionary spending** not connected to essential County government functions.

We are concerned that the county must do the same as the citizens of Snohomish County and live within our means and not waste the Snohomish County Citizens hard earned livelihood.

Thank you and please vote to approve the above amendment to remove the budget increase and the discretionary spending for nonessential county functions.

*James & Lynne Hines*

**9512 36th Ave SE  
Everett, WA 98208**

**From:** [Mark Hillis](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:12:00 PM

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Dear whom it may concern,

Vote NO to increase property taxes. You shouldn't be doing this behind the tax payer backs but something us taxpayers should vote on. Find another way to balance your checkbooks/budgets.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [O'Connell \(US\), Brian P](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025-2026 Biennial Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:13:30 PM

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I would like to express my position on the proposed 8% property tax hike in Snohomish County for the 2025-2026 budget.

ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!

Taxes are already getting too much to bear, and this would have a profound impact on my family's wellbeing.

Thank you,

Brian O'Connell

**From:** [cheryl frost](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tax hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:13:32 PM

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Good Afternoon,

As a recently retired citizen on a fixed budget. I am imploring the Council members to adopt the proposed amendment that will balance the current budget. The citizens of Snohomish County all have budgets they must adhere to, in order to pay their bills and provide for their dependents or businesses.

With the rising cost of living, increased food prices and increased cost of services, we can no longer afford additional taxes. We must live within our budgets and the County must do the same.

Times are hard for everyone. You cannot use your citizens as an open checkbook. You must do your part to balance your budget.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Frost  
Lake Stevens, WA

Cheryl Frost  
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**From:** [Pamela deSautelle](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase of 8% in this county/state is NOT ok with me!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:15:15 PM

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A tax increase at this time in history is NOT needed. Balancing the already citizen tax load of funds is the only solution for what ails this state. The citizens of this county are over burdened by every increase brought on by mismanagement of citizens funds and the pandemic. Individual AND families are loosing on every front up to and including their homes. More and more conversation on media sites hear from those that have lost jobs, have been injured, or fallen ill. The increase in homelessness has increased. Myself, my family, my friends, and those in my community see a never ending increase in crime, drug addiction, and suicide. Stop this madness and balance the budget responsibly.

This Snohomish County and Washington State Citizen absolutely votes "NO" on this issue of an 8% general levy tax increase.

Pam de Sautelle

**From:** [nancy sheets](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** PROPERTY TAX INCREASE 8% UNACCEPTABLE!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:17:44 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Good Afternoon,

We are totally against this proposed 8% property tax increase. This is totally out of hand to be taxing us all into the ground. Our taxes have already gone up 20% or more the last few years we cannot afford any more!

Dave Somers just snuck a tax increase on the ballot earlier in November that is totally unnecessary. These last minute notices that you are doing this are unacceptable!

Please vote this budget down and rethink how you are spending your constituent's money.

Sincerely,

James and Nancy Sheets  
elknan@hotmail.com  
Marysville WA 98270

**From:** [Jerry Huck](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:17:49 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

My wife and I just purchased a home in Snohomish County because we were priced out of King County. We can barely afford our mortgage because of the cost of living. We are down to one vehicle because we couldn't afford two car payments on top of child care costs, groceries and our mortgage.

Please do not raise our taxes. I am begging you. We can't afford any increased taxation.

Sincerely,

Gerald P. Huck Jr

**From:** [Jennifer Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Don't approve 8% property tax  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:18:13 PM

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Hello snohomish county council,

We are a family of 5 living in Everett, wa who are currently being priced out of the area. Our 3 kids are active and love sports but we are having to consider pulling them out of the activities they love due to the increase in property taxes. Just this month we received notice that our taxes from this past year will raise our mortgage by 250 dollars per month. We cannot afford another property tax increase on top of what we just received. Please vote down the proposed increase. Middle class families cannot afford this nor will we be able to stay in Washington state if this occurs. Help us stay in the state we love!

Thank you,  
Jennifer Jackson

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**From:** [C.H. Brody](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Property taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:22:28 PM

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As a Snohomish County resident and property owner, I am asking you not increase property taxes. I believe this will result in additional residents and homeowners leaving the county. The people have experienced, and continue to experience, serious inflation and financial difficulties. Should the county vote to increase the property taxes, my family would seriously consider moving elsewhere outside of Snohomish County. With the recent election, the citizens delivered a resounding response. I ask you do right by those you represent.

Respectfully,

C.H. Brody

**From:** [Beverley Smith](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% property tax no!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:23:04 PM

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Garron Smith

**From:** [LydiaZ](#)  
**To:** [Mead, Jared](#); [Dunn, Megan](#); [Peterson, Strom](#); [Low, Sam](#); [Nehring, Nate](#); [Contact Council](#); [timdeyman@gmail.com](mailto:timdeyman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Don't violate the 1% property tax cap! We have NOT asked for that!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:24:20 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. That's the law!

The 8% proposed 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 significantly above the 1% cap and doing it without voter's permission. Don't approve it.

It's 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 supporting NO on this tax increase.

Respectfully,  
Lydia Zibin

**From:** [Debbie Angell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:25:45 PM

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I am writing to oppose the "8%!!" property tax increase proposition.

**From:** [Brenda Cassidy](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Wednesdays vote on Taxes.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:26:34 PM

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Vote NO on the proposal for Tax increase. If it passes it will be a financial burden on us as we are on a fixed income and with the economy as it is  
It is very hard to stay within our budget as it is. I support Nate Neiring's proposal to freeze property tax.

Thank you,  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cassidy

**From:** [Leslie Gregg](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:29:59 PM

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Dear Snohomish County Council Members,  
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.

Given the continually increasing assessed values of property in Snohomish County and unreasonable budget expansions for nonessential government projects, the property owners are already being hit with large property tax increases on a real dollar basis year after year.

This 8% increase on top of everything else, will have a huge adverse impact and force many out of their homes. If you have budget issues, then cut the nonessential government projects. Stop being a Sanctuary County that encourages illegal entry into this country and encourages traffic into this county, leaving residents to foot the bill for their housing, medical, education, law enforcement, and much more. Stop making irresponsible decisions that punish American Citizens and be responsible to the American citizens who have done their part year after year.

Leslie Gregg  
1530 Washington Avenue  
Mukilteo, WA 98275

**From:** [Sherry Ly](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:30:01 PM

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To whom it may concern: in these hard times, I cannot imagine paying more taxes! Please do not do this till next year maybe. Give us time to recover from a disastrous economy. Sincerely, Robert and Sherry Ly. Living in Granite Falls WA.

**From:** [Kristen Hammersmith](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:32:55 PM

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You are pricing us out of our homes!!  
You do not need an 8% increase.  
Manage the money smarter.  
That's it, period.  
Do not increase rates.

**From:** [Karlán Brekne](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Nate Nehring's Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:34:09 PM

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Hello,

As a long time resident of Snohomish County and someone who already works two jobs to afford my mortgage with current property tax levels, I'm in full support of Nate Nehring's Amendment.

Let the record show that I vehemently oppose Dave Somers' proposterous 2025/2026 budget proposal with regard to property tax increases.

Thanks,

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Karlán S. Brekne  
(425) 753-7285  
6900 172nd Street SW,  
Edmonds, WA 98026

**From:** [Mark T](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** November 13 Board Meeting. Regarding Proposed Tax Hikes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:34:43 PM

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To Snohomish County Board Members,

My wife and I are senior citizens on fixed social security incomes and having an extremely difficult time affording housing costs now, we would be completely under water with any further tax hikes. We urge you not to increase our taxes!

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.

Sincerely,  
Mark and Teresa Thibodeaux

**From:** [Pilar Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote No on Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:36:07 PM

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My name is Pilar 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 citizens 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.

Overall costs of living in Washington state are already going higher every year, leading to many people leaving the state. If we continue to have a mass exodus this would not be good for you, the council, us, the community, and the state as a whole. Therefore, I again urge you as a wife, mother, tax payer, homeowner, and lover of Snohomish to please **vote no.**

Thank you,

Pilar Jackson

**From:** [marchelle.lambert](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** No on an 8% property tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:36:49 PM

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Council, please do not vote on raising our property taxes.. very few of us are even getting by now let alone if there is an 8% increase to our property taxes! Talk about homeless a lot of younger people and also retire on a budget people will lose their homes/Properties. We are all on tight budgets and the last thing we need is to have these taxes put on. Please No let's try councilman Nate Nehring proposal on freezing these taxes and balance the budget as all of us Home Owners have too do! All us seniors are on fixed incomes and can not afford this and the county's exempt does not even help more than 1/2 of us due to one thing or another.

Please we are against the highing of property taxes!  
Marchelle and Richard Lambert  
Snohomish County.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Anna Kane](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 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.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:37:00 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:** [Joanna Nealer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 8% tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:37:46 PM

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Did you not learn anything from the elections. People are suffering financially, which lead to suffering in all ways. Being oppressed. You've got to do better and stop increasing taxes.

Joanna  
425-327-2979

**From:** [Niki Schenk](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 8% Tax Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:40:47 PM

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Hello,

To whom it may concern, I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed 8% property tax increase. As a mother to 4 children trying to make ends meet in Snohomish county, I do not approve of continuous tax increases year after year. I have lived at 13321 Kenwanda Dr in Snohomish for 3 years and have lived elsewhere in Snohomish since early 2016. The cost of living and property taxes have gone up astronomically since then, and it feels like our salaries cannot keep up. Please vote no on the proposed 8% tax increase.

Thank you,  
Niki and David Schenk  
(360)320-2079

**From:** [Brian O'Connell](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2025-2026 Biennial Budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:40:53 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my displeasure at the proposed 8% property tax increase.

I would support Nate Nehring's (Snohomish County Council Vice President) proposed 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 consider your constituents, and find other solutions than raising taxes.

Brian P. O'Connell

**From:** [Rick Haltom](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:41:18 PM

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Honorable council members, please do not increase our taxes unless you have done everything you could to cut costs. Thank you .

**From:** [Debby Wise](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Our taxes are already too high. We have to budget with what our income is and the county needs to learn to do the same. will not be voting for anyone who votes to raise taxes.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:41:21 PM

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Debby Enfield  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [kbm4456@gmail.com](mailto:kbm4456@gmail.com)  
**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 12:45:47 PM

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This is really, really absurd to think that with all the insane inflation and illegals allowed into our country by Biden/Harris that you want to raise our property taxes EVEN MORE to pay for all this nonsense.

My property taxes are insanely high for a senior citizen. And your programs to help senior citizens to lower property taxes are have incredibly low-income thresholds to help the majority of us baby boomers. To qualify you really have to be in poverty. How about REALISTIC income thresholds? My social security is already double taxed.

The people spoke last Tuesday!!!! The democrats need to embrace a common-sense approach to governing rather than pandering to extremes. Your runaway programs to help illegals, but not veterans is reprehensible. When people can't afford something, they budget accordingly. Why can't government figure out how to live within a budget?

*Specifically, 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:** [Sheila Ferling](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** The 8.046% increase on Property Taxes  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:48:12 PM

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Dear Council,

I am writing to you to let you know I oppose the tax increase and urge you to agree to work within the current budget of Nate Nehring.

my house is on a fixed income.

PLEASE vote NO on this tax increase

Thank You for your consideration,

Sheila Ferling

**From:** [David Foster](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Real Estate tax increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:50:05 PM

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Sent from my iPhone to whom this may concern in Snohomish County counsel.

I heard that Snohomish county is planning on increasing real estate tax on property by 8.046 %

I totally disagree with doing that.

Snohomish county has one of the highest tax rates in the nation! And with high inflation under the Biden administration, how do you expect people to pay for that?

I agree with District 1 councilman Nate Nehrings amendment to work within the current budget.

And If more money is needed, I recommend redistribute tax dollars from schools which is excessive, over 60% of tax dollars to any other area of need.

That would serve the community's best interest.

Thank you.

David Foster  
Snohomish County tax payer

**From:** [MELODIE BRINSTER](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:03:10 AM  
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On Wed, Nov 13, 2024, 6:45 AM MELODIE BRINSTER <[melodiebrinster@gmail.com](mailto:melodiebrinster@gmail.com)> wrote:

I would like to voice my opposition to a proposed Property tax increase in Snohomish County. The Counsel should be required to manage within their current budget and not offload their shortfall onto the citizens of Snohomish County. The Counsel members ran on helping the citizens and bringing new business into Snohomish County and I am not sure

how increasing our property tax will do either.

Please reject this initiative.

We just had an election and I feel like this should have been on the ballot for all to vote on not "backdoor" in a 10:30 Counsel meeting where the majority of people would not be aware or focused on.

Sincerely,

Melodie Brinster

[1208 Grand Ave. Everett 98201](mailto:melodie@brinster.com)

425 231 3888

**From:** [Laurie Morgan-Boyer](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** PROPERTY TAX  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 12:55:20 PM

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DO NOT RAISE MY PROPERTY TAX!!! COUNTY OR OTHERWISE!

YOU NEED TO TRIM THE FAT WITHIN YOUR BUDGET BEFORE GOUGING AND SQUEEZING THE TAX PAYER ON WHAT IS AN ALREADY OVER INFLATED PROPERTY TAX!

LAURA MORGAN  
360 913 3104

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** [Cheryl Brandt](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:08:14 PM

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*Dear Council Members,*

*Thank you for your service to our community and the people of Snohomish County. I am in support of Councilman's Nehring's proposal of an alternative budget that cuts unnecessary spending while balancing the budget. My husband and I 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 keep up! Families are needing all the funds they have earned for their own basic expenses. The tax freeze on property taxes is appreciated. Please vote this tax increase down.*

*Cheryl Brandt*  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** donna.beamer66@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 1:42 PM  
**To:** Contact Council  
**Subject:** VOTE "NO" ON DAVE SOMERS PROPOSED 8% Property Tax Increase - More Taxes are Catastrophic Results for Senior Citizens!!!

This is my second email on this subject and once again I'm asking the Snohomish County Council to consider other ways to meet the 2025-26 budget without raising taxes. Are you blind to the state of the current economy and financial struggles of county residents, especially Seniors who are being taxed out of their homes?

**As elected leaders of our community, you have fiduciary responsibility that must be exercised with wisdom and monetary prudence at this time!**

The budget amendment proposed by Councilmember Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council Vice President, is viable and reasonable. It would 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 **see Amendment HERE**. This amendment removes budget increases over current budgeted levels and **removes discretionary spending not connected to essential County government functions**.

***Donna M. Rudiger.....Arlington, Washington***