

I strenuously oppose the increase of real estate tax rate.

Now is NOT the time to increase property taxes. Our county has endured much unemployment, an increase in unemployment claims, and businesses closing because of the pandemic. People don't have extra money for you to spend on your pet projects.

You have done this in the past, and all you did was drive wealthy homeowners to other counties with lower taxes. Keep the net real property taxes at neutral by decreasing the real property rate to \$0.6859 to offset the effect of increasing assessments. Work within a budget like the rest of our residents.

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