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Dear Members of the City Council,

I urge you to oppose any broad increase in property taxes on Utah homeowners who have already worked hard to purchase, maintain, and remain in their homes. Property tax is unique because it never truly ends; even after a mortgage is paid off, the homeowner must continue paying the government indefinitely. In effect, this can leave homeowners in a position similar to renting from the government, since failure to pay can result in liens, penalties, or ultimately the loss of the home.

Before asking residents to pay more, the City should conduct a careful review of overall costs, spending priorities, administrative expenses, and opportunities for greater efficiency. Property tax burdens are already affected when assessed values rise on paper, meaning homeowners can face higher tax obligations even when their actual income has not increased. If additional revenue is truly necessary, the Council should explore legally available ways to ensure that businesses and investment property owners who profit from real estate holdings bear an appropriate share of the burden, rather than placing the increase broadly on individual homeowners and families.

A broad tax increase on ordinary residents would be especially harmful to retirees, families on fixed incomes, and homeowners whose property values have increased without any matching increase in income. I respectfully ask the Council to protect homeowners, review city spending first, and seek fairer, more targeted, and more sustainable ways to fund city needs without further weakening the security of private property ownership.

Sincerely,

Lucio Rossi de Souza

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