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From: Paul Kearsley [REDACTED]
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Subject: [EXT] Truth in Taxation public hearing regarding proposed property tax increase of 25% schedule for 12 Aug. 2026

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To whom it may concern:

I do not support the 25% property tax increase proposed for 2026-2027.

Following are my reasons:

- 1- 2024 a 21% increase was proposed and passed. This was the first increase in a proported 17 years. This increase raised **+\$71.85/year** (\$5.99/mo) on a median **\$764,000** home and **+\$130.64/year** (\$10.89/mo) on a median **\$764,000** commercial property.
- 2- 2025 a bond was paid in full and the Mayor and several City Council Members proposed to keep the revenue, however that was struck down as it didn't meet the Truth in Taxation requirements. The bond payoff was not mentioned in the 2024 increase. This created a credibility problem for me with Draper City.
- 3- 2026 25% increase is proposed due to increase costs. The inflation rate has been high for the past couple years, ranging from 4-9%, not even close to 25%. The increase raised **+\$104.17 to +\$116.97/year** (\$8.68–\$9.75/mo) on an average **\$838k–\$941k** home and **+\$189.38 to +\$212.67/year** (\$15.78–\$17.72/mo) on an average **\$838k–\$941k** business.

These increases are substatential and is putting Draper City on a track counter what leaders are proorting, that of Draper City is a low tax city.

Respectly,

Paul Kearsley
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