

BOCC MEETING PUBLIC COMMENTS

08/24/2022

These are questions and comments received through the County website and through the Strategic Communications email.

Name:

John Ashworth

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Received By:

This comment was received via the online form.

Subject:

Taxes

Comment:

Taxes automatically go up each year because of the re-evaluation of home property taxes. Eventually you chase us older folks on a more restricted income out of our homes because we can't pay the increase in taxes. Why do you need to look at also increasing the mil levy. Please instead of draining our meager incomes try to manage the taxes you get better. Thank you for hearing our issue.

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Taxes

Comment:

No for paying more taxes

Name:

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Subject:

Taxes

Comment:

Why have my taxes gone up so much? My house needs so many repairs.

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Increased taxes and increase to schools

Comment:

Those of us on limited income can't afford the inflation rates let alone a tax increase. Already a choice is having to be made between food and medicine. An increase would take that choice away and would have neither food or medication. Being without asthma meds would be disasterous. Am sure I am not the only person with this issue

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Tax increase

Comment:

Why would some elected officials be considering raising property taxes when inflation is at an all time high and families are struggling to survive? Those that consider the citizens they serve will be high on my list when it's time for elections. Now is not the time to add more hardship on families. Wages are stagnant yet cost of living is out of control. Please think of the people you were elected to serve.

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Tax Hikes

Comment:

Please have a heart. House Ins. is sky high and you want to add more especially on Seniors who only get income from SS. I only make \$600 a month on SS. You try to pay utilities, Ins. med. D and supplement and still have money for food and Medicine. In some states at the age of 70 they remove taxes for schools off of taxes. Why don't you. We can't live with everything going up. Please have a heart and don't raise taxes or at least take it off for Seniors who has already paid their fair share after all these years. Thank You.

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Property tax hike not advised

Comment:

With a strained economy, a tax hike would add undue burden to the community. Our citizens would be better served with controlled or reduced spending in our county budget. Please, no property tax increase.

Name:

Emily Hamilton

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Received By:

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Subject:

Property taxes

Comment:

You are now trying to hurt sedgwick county residents even more by raising our property taxes? You have got to be out of your minds! Have you checked prices of everything lately? Who are you working for? The millionaires? You sure as heck are not working for the middle and low class! I can't believe Wichita, KS has gone downhill in these years we have lived here. It is sad to think that this used to be a great place to live but people are leaving left and right. Very, very sad! Please don't raise taxes on an already failing system we have going on right now. People are hurting and it looks to us like you all don't care.

Name:

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Subject:

Tax increase

Comment:

We do not need a tax increase in our county. The economy is bad enough they way it is.

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Do not raise our property taxes!!!

Comment:

We are retired and are already having difficulties due to Biden's inflation. I am having to return to work. So much for retirement! Just stop spending! No more taxes! Just stop it! You all need to be voted out!

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

No to Property Tax increase

Comment:

I vote NO to raising property taxes in Sedgwick county!!! Sedgwick county residents are already dealing with high inflation and gas prices. Home values are being increased for purposes of property taxes and the idea of tax rates increasing on top of that will continue to put too much financial burden on people!! We need tax decreases not increases. How is that going to help stimulate a sagging economy in Sedgwick county when people are already struggling with high gas prices, food costs, etc. Many are already struggling to figure pay bills and this will make it worse!!

Name:

Susan Chambers

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Subject:

No more taxes

Comment:

Please do not ok more taxes! Families are hurting enough with prices going up in Everything!

Name:

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Subject:

Hearing for proposed property tax increase

Comment:

Please put the interest of Sedgwick County Residents first and hold property taxes flat. The majority of homeowners in Sedgwick County have seen increase in their home valuation due to market trends so they will already be paying more taxes even if the rate stays the same. Please DO NOT increase the property tax rate.

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Subject:

Property taxes -now is not the time

Comment:

Please do not raise property taxes on hard working Kansans. How could you possibly consider a tax raise during this time of Record inflation? Just because some people decided to purchase homes this last year at above market prices does not mean property values are higher than they were a year ago. Why should we be penalized financially because others secured low interest loans and bought at above market prices? This is the wrong time to do this to your constituents. No tax raise.

Name:

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Subject:

Property taxes

Comment:

We are begging you to NOT raise our taxes. Inflation is killing us, and our taxes are already sooooo high . If anything, please consider a tax reduction. Thanks for your service.

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Subject:

Taxes

Comment:

Requesting that you cut taxes at every level. No new taxes and reduce old ones. Thank you.

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Subject:

Please do not raise our property taxes. I protested last year because they increased substantially.. we felt the hit. It's too much to bear. We know the schools have Covid money coming in for several more years. It was written in the grants.

Comment:

No more increase in the property taxes. We are struggling!!

Name:

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Subject:

Property tax

Comment:

The property taxes in this county are unbelievably high as it is. Please do not raise the taxes again. Living in Oklahoma is much cheaper due to reasonable taxes. I say NO to raising taxes

Name:

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Subject:

Property tax increase

Comment:

Please do not raise the property tax. We are already paying a high rate and property values have increased rapidly in recent years. This 7%+ increase compounded with 7%+ inflation rate is unreasonable and unaffordable to adjust with little to no cost of living increases in pay.

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Subject:

No More Taxes

Comment:

I in now way support raising property taxes any more. They should be reduced to reflect the local governments desire to put more money into the hands of citizens during this worsening economy.

Name:

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Subject:

Property taxes

Comment:

By continuing to raise property taxes every year you are making it impossible to afford a home. In the 10 yrs we have lived here our taxes have doubled. We are looking to move bc of the costs. My brother pays less on a house valued more outside of Colorado Springs. He paid less in Lemon Grove CA on a more expensive home. This is not sustainable. Quit taking our money. Live within your means

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Subject:

Proposed 2023 Budget

Comment:

Despite what the current White House administration says, our country along with most of the world is in a recession. Our property's are being over assessed their values to justify proposed city, county and school tax increases. Our State is losing jobs and therefore population and our tax base, and with continual tax increases this trend will continue. Just stop!!! You are taxing people out of home ownership! Our elected officials must face the inevitable, do less with less.