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CC 968 (R2023-10)

First name (required)	Irwin
Last name (required)	Garcia
How do you wish to attend?	
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What meeting do you wish to comment on? (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required)	Standing Policy Committee on Community Development
Date of meeting (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required)	Nov 20, 2023
What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please write "budget" below) (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here .)	
(required - max 75 characters)	Budget
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	With the increase in inflation and interest, increasing the property tax does does not help people who are struggling to find affordable housing



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First name (required) **Tammy**

Last name (required) **Brauner**

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required) **Standing Policy Committee on Community Development**

Date of meeting (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required) **Nov 20, 2023**

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(required - max 75 characters) **Budget**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required) **In opposition**

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) **Do not increase property taxes. Mortgages are high, inflation is high, overall cost of living is already high. Families are struggling to keep up with costs.**



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First name (required)	Neil
Last name (required)	Little
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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	A proposed 8% increase in the 2024 budget is totally unacceptable. Cut the fat, cut waste, cut spending instead. It should be 0 ,increase.



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First name (required)	Karen
Last name (required)	Sullivan
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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	This city has a spending problem of which its citizens cannot continue to carry the burden. It is time to find savings and efficiencies in the budget - it cannot continue to grow year after year. An operational meeting reviewing each departments line by line expenses needs to be conducted. At a time when Calgarians are evaluating their households budgets to sustain themselves through economic challenges, so too should this Council. The property tax increases, year after year are not sustainable - Council needs to do better. There are efficiencies to be found if only this Council would demand them.

First name (required) Christina

Last name (required) Druce

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(required - max 75 characters) Property tax increase

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required) In opposition

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I participated in the survey currently being used to justify the proposed property tax increase and can say that the questions were absolutely designed to illicit the desired result in support of increased taxes. A shamefully biased, leading survey.

Council already has a massive budget to work with, there is no reason they cannot make it work in 2024 without any tax increase at all. Remove all ideological and pet projects that certainly fall into the "nice to have column" and focus on your mandate - services and infrastructure. Roads are a disaster, public and transit safety have never been worse.

Increasing property taxes at this point in time will only HARM citizens. Every single Calgarian will be harmed, including children. Homelessness will most certainly increase, food insecurity will increase, substance abuse will increase, mental health will decline.

You collectively represent Calgarians and are meant to serve us, not harm us. Manage your massive budget with a zero property tax increase moving forward during these trying times.

Regards,



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Last name (required)	Wagner
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(required - max 75 characters)	Budget, give us a break on the property tax!
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Absolutely everything is more expensive these days. Adding additional property taxes is a tremendous strain. Especially while most of us have to pay more already for our mortgages due to the increase in BoC interest rates.

First name (required) Nadine

Last name (required) Obermeyer

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required) In opposition

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Services for things that matter are down. Such as safety on transit, completion of road construction in timely fashion and under budget, snow removal, general policing for actual crimes and not just bylaw offences. Yet council votes to have expensive art work done and installed. During times when costs are going up, spending our taxes dollars on Art works, beautification projects and the like, it's time to put these items to the side and not spend money on them. Get your budget down to remove wasted spending, not increase our taxes to cover non essentials. That's what we all need to do to get through this.



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First name (required) Leanne

Last name (required) Jenkins

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We absolutely are opposed to a hike in property taxes. Families are struggling to make ends meet right now and many are already going without essentials. We will have to seriously consider leaving Calgary if our taxes continue to rise, and I was born and raised here. It is absolutely appalling to me that we are putting money towards an arena that few will be able to afford to access, while raising taxes on the working class people that struggle to have funds for basics such as groceries. The budget is completely out of touch with Calgarians. We are struggling to keep up as a dual working family, I stress out about my grandmother not being able to stay in her house if her basic bills continue to rise as well, as she has no access to additional funds to cover the increases. The council needs to rethink this budget and put Calgarians first, not a hockey team.



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First name (required)	Sheryl
Last name (required)	Purdy
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(required - max 75 characters)	2024 proposed 8% increase in property taxes
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	DO NOT increase our taxes by 8% - you have a massive slush fund that you can tap into. You have a spending issue, not a revenue issue. I completely support Dan McLean's comments and even though he is not my counsellor (Walcott is, and he doesn't listen to his constituents at all - very frustrating and disappointing). My voice needs to be heard - and I support the outrage verbalized by counsellor Dan McLean. DO NOT INCREASE our property taxes by 8% - that is outrageous! Unacceptable!! :(



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First name (required)	Frank
Last name (required)	Wong
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(required - max 75 characters)	Budget
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Every Calgarian is struggling with the expensive grocery bill and I am sure the Mayor and the Council members all aware of that, adding 7.8% on top of property tax will just put more fuel on the fire and every Calgarian will get burn more, Think about this, when you don't have the extra money go for the Movie then stay home.....if you only have that much money for the basic then don't go for the luxury, what City of Calgary doing now and in the past is too easy to get the Calgarians to pay for everything without thinking about how everyone is struggling for.



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First name (required) Storm

Last name (required) Purdy

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(required - max 75 characters) Budget

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required) In opposition

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I am in support of Dan McLeans view on the budget. 8% increase is excessive and council and administration need to find cost savings.



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First name (required)	Nick
Last name (required)	Sellmer
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(required - max 75 characters)	Property tax increase
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I strongly urge city council to reconsider the proposed property tax increase on the table at a time when many Calgarians are struggling with higher housing costs (and rising further for many in the coming year as mortgages renew at much higher rates), massive inflation in food prices, expensive power/heating, and other life expenses that have dramatically increased the last few years and stressed budgets.



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First name (required) Angela

Last name (required) Chung

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Do not increase property tax. Decrease your expenses.

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Do not increase property tax

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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First name (required) Carey

Last name (required) Mogdan

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required) In opposition

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Last name (required)	Kuzmar
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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Increasing the property tax on calgarians more than the previous agreed upon 3.4% is borderline criminal at a time where many are trying to figure out how to put food on the table. This council needs to take a look in the mirror and realize that those who elected you are struggling and in need of a break, not to be hit with yet another increasing bill!! It is currently time to take a step back from over spending, not over investing, and trying to trim the extremely abundant fat that this city has when it comes to spending. This city wastes so much money, gives out more than it can afford and accepts over spending as the norm. Enough already!!!!



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Last name (required)	Sinclair
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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)	In opposition
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	As a hard-working, self-employed Calgarian, I absolutely do not support increases to the municipal property tax rates. We are currently in a cost of living and housing crisis and high inflation and interest rate environment. In case you aren't aware, one of the main drivers of inflation is actually government overspending. The city of Calgary should be practicing fiscal responsibility and finding creative ways to finance municipal projects/obligations. Squeezing residents with tax increases now is a sign of a municipal government that is out of touch. Don't raise property taxes. Find another way.



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First name (required)	susan
Last name (required)	brown
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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Really as a senior I have not eaten meat in 18 months and lost 80 pounds. I have not had heat above 55 degrees far in 4 years, I freeze and starve. Stop this crap.



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First name (required) David & Jeanne

Last name (required) Temple

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Residential Property taxes

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In opposition

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Rsdidentail and buisness property taxes are out of control due to this council spending, Seems like they have their want list and need lists mixed up. We all have wants that we cannot afford and neither do this city, Some projects must be delayed or cancelled alt thtogether.!!! When working people have to line up at Food Banks in order to feed their families something is terribly worg. !!! Do we really need to spend over \$2.5 M on some water feature when the line ups at the food banks are out of control. The province injecting millions of our hard earned tax dollars to subsidize the food banks is just more money out of tax payers pockets. Not interested in hearing in how Arts for the City is from another fund. IT STILL IS TAXPAYERS MONEY AT SOME POINT !!!! Cut back on this foolish waste and nonsense .. That list is almost endless !!! Money wasted on how to pronouce someomes name . REALLY !!! When will it end !!!



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First name (required)	Ian
Last name (required)	Lucas
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budget

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The notion of an approximately 8% residential property tax increase is completely unacceptable in the current financial circumstances faced by Calgary taxpayers. I agree with councillor Maclean's assessment that the City of Calgary has a "spending problem" rather than a revenue problem. The City of Calgary administration's budget planning must prioritize "needs" (eg. essential services) first before even considering "wants" (eg. public arts). It's the taxpayer's dollars that are feeding each level of government so each level must do their part to address "affordability" for their taxpayers.



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First name (required) Christian Brett

Last name (required) Stevenson

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Do not raise property taxes we can barely afford to eat

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

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Pls drop taxes and help out the voters who elected you / we have a spending issue not revenue issue



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budget

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

As a senior citizen of Calgary on a low fixed income I am extremely opposed to the high tax increase that you are proposing. It's time to stop wasting money and work with the revenue available instead of just pushing the costs onto residents.



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Taxes should not go up and fees as we pay too much already

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

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Plans & Budgets

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In regards to the proposed 8% increase in Property taxes. This is beyond irresponsible and inappropriate given the current state of the economies inflation and the numerous punitive taxes such as the Carbon Tax. It is time for the city to seriously reduce the budget not increase spending. It is time for the City to properly manage their spend and get control of their finances. These constant increases and the ill-advised direction of this organization, spearheaded by an incompetent, politically driven, virtue signaling Mayor must end. Do your home work (as this is your job), reduce your spending and spare the great citizens of Calgary of the constant punitive damages of our political institutions. Don't forget you work for the people!



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This council continues to completely miss the issues of their constituents. People continue to struggle daily with affordability and the only answer this council can come up with is "Increase Taxes". Why is the conversation never about where we can find savings like most people in this city have had to do. It's time for city council to start listening to their constituents and cut spending. Stop the madness.



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8% increase to property tax

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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You cannot possibly pass this 8% with the current state of the economy and affordability. This would be heartless.



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The proposed Budget increase of perhaps 7% for 2024 far exceeds the ability of us to pay. Council needs to pull back on spending the citizens money and cost adjustment must be made before taxes are increased. Some examples are collecting bus fare./ rapid transit fares, reducing the number of employees are needed when doing minor service calls or just cutting a 5" diameter tree. The other major cost of course is the building off a new stadium, replacing a perfectly good one. I could go on but many people are probably also complaining.



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8% property tax increase

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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Counsel need to reframe from huge spending budget and create affordable housing in the City of Calgary.
I call on all of you to be fired and replaced it this budget is passed!



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I want the City to focus on cutting services to find ways to lower my property taxes. With this housing "crisis" and high inflation with Interest rates I don't see how increasing property taxes helps with that at all.

I'm oppose to shifting more business property taxes to residential, I'm in favor of cutting services to reduce taxes



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An almost 8% increase on property tax is not acceptable.

Calgarians want you to cut services and find efficiencies, NOT charge more.

Sharpen the pencils, ask the tough questions, and get this number down. Period.

If you cannot see how an 8% raise in property taxes, as our society sits on the edge of a deep recession, would be a bad thing - you have lost touch with your people.

Get into your communities, talk to your people, please. PLEASE.



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The city is imposing parking fees and increasing residential property taxes at the same time mortgage rates have gone up. This is squeezing low income homeowners 3 different ways. (The parking fees disproportionately target cheaper high density housing that usually doesn't come with a garage.) We already have a housing crisis. Making ownership of a home more expensive at this point is a terrible idea. If these new fees and taxes come in as planned; many people on the edge of homelessness will be pushed over that edge and become homeless.

We need cheaper high density housing. Not more expensive.



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Having an 8% increase is excessive. Many people are struggling and we help the vulnerable people but the middle class seems to get forgotten. Council needs to work smarter and be innovative not spend more.



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I do not see comparing us to other cities as a justification to raise taxes. Our city budget is the responsibility of THIS council. I understand the reasoning behind reducing business taxes and do not have an issue with that. However, at a time of financial suffering by such a large portion of our city population, I do not believe that the city can't cut their find areas to cut their spending so that they do not need to raise taxes. Maybe take some money out of the outrageous climate change budget of 87 billion- maybe that will help the financial crisis that so many of our citizens are experiencing. Is the financial crisis not as important and more immediate?



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Last name (required) Damji

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Cut expenses to keep taxes flat, stop the spending.



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Last name (required) Bhandal

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Property taxes

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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I do not wish to see increases in property taxes. Property taxes increases will only hinder the quality of life in Calgary and leave many unable to afford homes.

If the city had a surplus of money in 2022 then why are property taxes proposed to increase?



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Budget

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Calgarians are facing an affordability crisis. The proposed redistribution of tax burden is not acceptable as neither businesses nor households are able to absorb increases. The city must do as most of us have had to do and find ways to cut costs. This may result in less services or capital projects but that is far better than forcing people into homelessness and businesses to shutter. Please show responsibility in your actions.



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Last name (required) Chapman

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Council members, the letter is in opposition to next years' city budget which is proposing an 8% budget increase. The Calgary Herald notes this would on average increase monthly taxes by a mere \$16. I think it is time to realize that Canadians, Albertans and Calgarians are broke! There is nothing left to give. Day-to-day we see all levels of government asking for more money, spending that money without due diligence, then claiming these are "investments". Well, unfortunately I'm not seeing much of a return on those investments. On top of that, we see high inflation along with high interest rates to combat those, and reading what is coming down the pike in terms of mortgage renewals, many Canadians, Albertans, and Calgarians will be seeking financial relief from renewal terms. I am afraid of what we will see in the next 18-24 months in terms of a new definition of a "housing crisis"! There are many problems and many priorities - including the ever increasing homelessness in the East Village, rampant and out-of-control opioid and drug related deaths, public safety & policing, and city infrastructure. It's time to do better! I urge you all to send the budget back to the administration with strict instructions to sharpen their pencils and come up with targeted budget cuts rather than stressing the already burdened city taxpayers. To be perfectly frank and clear to council, if you don't start treating Calgary taxpayers with the care they deserve, you will soon see a sign on the taxpayer bank stating: "Closed Permanently due to bankruptcy"



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proposed raise in property tax

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In opposition

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I would prefer to see cuts to wasteful spending before seeing another raise to our property taxes.
Wishful thinking i'm sure, but I have said my piece.



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An 8% increase in property tax is exorbitant considering the cost of living issues in this city and country. Start with some cost cutting efficiency reviews and then address tax hikes. There must be some "fat" in city departments like any big corporation.



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It is the same snake oil statement every year regarding budget increase!
Limit the budget to essentials:
Roads, Police, Fire, Water, Sewer.
NO field House. No Event Centre. No lesbian funding. No social housing.
Federal and Provincial have these responsibilities.



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Last name (required) **Mair**

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Property tax increase residential/ business

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In opposition

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Retired city employee. Over the course of my employment with the City, i have observed the waste and foolish allocation of resources. Conclusion, the City of Calgary has a spending problem not a revenue problem. Clean your own house first. Calgaryans deserve prudent stewardship of our City. We want to see Council tackle wasteful spending first and foremost. Prove you can be trusted with the money you have before demanding more. We don't have it, most of us are hurting.



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First name (required) Karen

Last name (required) Breitman

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budget

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Council needs to rein in spending to avoid making life unaffordable for Calgarians. Consider cancelling wasteful and out-dated programs to make way for new ones. Post-pone climate "catastrophe" initiatives until Calgarians are better positioned to afford them.



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Last name (required) **Collins**

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Please, please, set rental cap - my rent went up 32% last year !!☐

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In favour

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We most **DESPERATELY** and **IMMEDIATELY** need rental caps, most of us seniors living on government pensions certainly **CAN NOT** cope with 30 and 35% monthly increases! I don't even know where I'd go! I'm so worried I feel like I might have a nervous breakdown. **PLEASE** re- consider rental caps or tie it to inflation - please.



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I'm a student and affordable housing is a huge concern for us. As a student we are often not working and that is already enough stress. With the housing pricing going up it only makes me more anxious about school and it sometimes becomes a choice between going to school or continuing to work just to be able to afford living expenses.



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I am a student at UCalgary and affordable housing is distressing to both me and my fellow students. This is the time to act on this issue before it gets further out of hand.



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I'm a student at university of Calgary and I want to move out of my parents house but the cost of housing is too high



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I'm a university of Calgary student and I support the city funding the housing affordability task force recommendations.



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Affordable housing

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In favour

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I'm a student that is concerned about the future of affordable housing and homeless rates



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Affordable housing

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I am a student at U of C and am worried about affordable housing while attending post secondary.



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I feel as though affordable housing is tied very closely to our education. People cannot learn if they have to worry about housing this creates an environment of stress that affects everyone



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Affordable Housing

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In favour

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I'm a university student and I'm forced to still live with my parents are housing and rent is too expensive for a university student. My friends are also in a very similar situation and this is a large scale issue



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Affordable housing

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As a student, I know of many peers who struggle quite fiercely regarding finding affordable housing. With recent decreases in vacancies near the university, a level of stress has been placed on everyone.



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I am a student at the university of Calgary and I am in favour of the city helping students with affordable housing. We are a university city and should be supporting the future of our students.



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Budget

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In opposition

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City Council has a spending problem. There should be a target reduction of expenses for all departments by 15%. Council should then debate which specific departments would subject to budget reductions. The minimum for every department should be 5%. Max 15%. Overall city target budget reduction should be 8-10%. Budget analysis should be done on a per capita basis to determine long term spending rates, associated qualitative and quantitative benefits as a result of the spend. Budget forecasts should identify the proposed budget changes vs history and clearly identify rationale for changes. All info must be published to the citizens of Calgary.



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Service plans and budget adjustments

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

Neither

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First, thank you for running for office, I appreciate your service to our community. I write today to implore you to please plan for a tax decrease. Cut services, cut personnel, cut taxes, increase user fees, increase tax on business...whatever it takes to get to a residential tax cut. It is impossible to struggle every week with household costs, federal tax increases...there is no more to cut from family budgets...next tax increase will be taken from the food bank as that is where we will be driven. It is hard to see hundreds of millions of city tax dollars being blown on "event centre" or field house that my family will NEVER use. Do the right thing for families, reduce our tax burden.



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I have been a citizen of Calgary since 1979, and a property tax payer since 1992. I understand council is considering a significant property tax increase of up to 8%. I feel this is completely irresponsible in the face of inflationary and increased mortgage pressures on the average family in our city. I appreciate the inflation pressures on budget planning, and the infrastructure needs in a growing city; however, a tax increase of this magnitude is poor planning without a thought to cut spending and projects.

Let me give you a suggestion you have heard from others: Cancel the Green Line!! The project cost are spiralling out of control with minimal benefit. I know we have already spent significantly on planning and preparation; however, continuing to spend on this project is saving face, not spending wisely. The total cost of this project could be better directed for an upgraded electric bus fleet, with savings left for other priorities, such as: tax relief, more affordable housing, more recreational opportunities for youth to help combat spiralling mental health challenges, and additional supports for at risk youth and families.

It is a luxury to have an multi billion dollar climate change budget when we have the addiction, mental health, and homelessness issues we have in a rich city like Calgary. We can responsibly reduce our carbon footprint without the costs of the Green Line. I respectfully request city council to reconsider it's priorities with regard to tax increases versus spending, especially as it pertains to the Green Line.



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Budget adjustment

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In opposition

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I think the idea of raising residential property taxes at this time is in really poor. Calgary-ans are already over taxed as it is, especially with the added stress of the Liberal carbon tax, that's going to increase in 2024. I think the city should find another area to trim. I am also wondering what the city is doing with the extra revenue that's being collected via the rate rider on the electricity bills, and why are we paying so much more than any city in Alberta for electricity? Maybe this tax increase should go to a referendum and let the tax payers decide if we are comfortable with this ?



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First name (required) Diane

Last name (required) Hagel

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Diane Hagel

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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Diane Hagel
The green line needs to be established without additional costs to taxpayers.



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The City needs to find a way to hold property taxes flat year over year. You cannot continue to increase the budget and related taxes. You are playing a zero sum game at the expense of our families financial health. When you vote to increase our taxes, you are taking it out of finite budgets from people who do not have the luxury of simply voting themselves for more money to pay the incremental tax burden. Instead, you are forcing Calgarians to shrink their discretionary capital so that you can increase your own.

When a city expands as ours have, economies of scale should enable a decrease in the taxes per unit of property value. Fixed costs should be absorbed by a larger pool and variable costs should be a straight pass through. The paradigm you are evaluating the budget through is fundamentally broken. No household or business is able to be as detached from economic reality as this city government. Stop helping yourselves to our money and find a way to hold the tax burden flat.



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Property Tax

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In opposition

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I oppose to 8% property tax increase. this is enough for the city to look at every single household struggles.



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Budget

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In favour

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The housing crisis facing Calgary is a fundamental issue. Housing affordability is one of the most basic necessities a person needs, and must be prioritized. Doing whatever it takes to provide affordable, safe, and stable housing is of key importance for the future of this city.



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Affordable Housing

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In favour

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Investing in affordable housing was the only way my family was to survive in this city. Im now a Canadian citizen and would hate to see people leave because of unaffordable living conditions



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Budget

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In opposition

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At this moment calgarians everywhere are tightening budgets, re examing spending and doing their best to stretch their income. Some are failing. When so many in this city are desparately trying to keep their homes, keep the heat and lights on and feed their families the only thing city council should be thinking about including in their budget is cuts. Any increase in taxes is heartless and irresponsible.



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Housing affordability

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In favour

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Neither

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In opposition to what is continually promoted by council, primarily the mayor, real experience is that this City does not support ALL Calgarians. There is an underlying problem that has become pervasive in our City and results in these continual requests for more money. As a scientist, my own work has continually faced this problem for over the last 40 years. The advantage is that though this has dogged me throughout my career, the fact I recognized this problem early on meant I accomplished something no one else on the planet has been able to or is even close to achieving. My submission (3" - 5" max. duration) will solely define this problem, provide the solution, and provide reference to the South Asian countries that embraced this metric adjustment and have seen dramatic improvement in their societies; all within roughly the same budgets over the last 15 or so years. If indeed this City is attracting people in droves, lets try and keep them here and build the community instead of this problem driving them all away in 4 - 5 years. Thank you.



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In opposition

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Please, work hard to adjust the budget without any tax increase for Calgarians. The house prices are increasing, what automatically means we pay more for the housing taxes. All improvements in infrastructure, housing and transit are welcome BUT the money must be spent well and efficiently, without extra costs for the citizens. Identifying the priorities, cut the extras, and make sure ours life are better in the short run and in the future. Thanks!



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I don't believe that in the current economic climate the tax burden should be shifted from business to homeowners. Homeowners are already managing an affordability crisis and dealing with inflation on all fronts, and now is not the time to be making homeowners pay for councils overspending.



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In opposition

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A budget increase of 8% is completely unacceptable given the affordability challenges faced by many. If the city truly believes this is required to balance spending, then I encourage council to complete a deep dive into the spending habits of this city and to make adjustments there before turning to tax increases. I'm sure there is significant dollars being wasted on non-essential expenditures which could greatly reduce the existing property tax levels - let alone the proposed increases.



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2024 City Budget which is proposing a nearly 8% PROPERTY TAX INCREASE for n

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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I find this completely unacceptable in a time when many Calgarians are struggling with housing affordability.

Higher property taxes not only means home owners pay more, but also renters. The fact is, this City has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

I will not be supporting a budget with record tax and spending increases.



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Property Taxes

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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I as a resident and home owner here in Calgary I am against the proposed Tax Increase to Residential property Taxes. Currently all home owners as are most Calgarians are suffering from high costs and lower incomes. Incomes have not risen like inflation and interest rates, making the ability of home owners to accept higher costs and property taxes almost impossible to accept. Increasing the residential tax load would put undue stress on already stressed out home owners and create a situation that may cause may home owners to have to choose between food, heat, and taxes. This is not an enviable position to be in and city council should not put home owners into a place where they will have to choose between living, survival and paying their taxes. City council should be doing everything in its power to protect home owners, and Calgarians from increases that will put them at risk of default, and having to choose between food and shelter. I feel that the proposed 3 to 8 percent tax increase is to much for home owners to bear and should be dropped from the agenda or at least postponed until the cost of living drops and home owners and in general Calgarians are not having to face the choice between paying bills, or food or taxes.



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Budget

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Strongly opposed to increase in taxes towards homeowners to account for business taxes. I don't see any added value for increase in taxes living on the edge of the city.



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I am writing today to ask that we increase the budget for separated (on-street and off-street) wheeling infrastructure. This aligns with Calgary's climate goals and will contribute to our ability to become a net zero city.

It can be upsetting to see the city resurfacing corridors like 5/6 Ave NW without adding wheeling infrastructure. Citizens are frequently told to be patient and that things will be improved as a part of larger projects. For this reason it can be especially frustrating when time and time again these improvements are not included in these projects. In some cases it was already decades since the last time the street was resurfaced so it feels like not only do we lose the opportunity for change today, but that now we might not see those positive changes on that street for decades to come.

This is why I am disappointed to see the proposed adjustment to increase funding for the pavement rehabilitation program to 'build back better' being cut in half. This will further slow down the already slow progress on this urgently needed type of infrastructure.

I believe it's appropriate for these items to receive a meaningful amount of increased funding that reflects the urgent need for this type of infrastructure. There are many people who would like to make these choices to use different types of transportation but they feel like the city is not keeping up with the infrastructure to support them. Transportation is one of the biggest contributors to carbon in the atmosphere and therefore has potential to be one of the biggest changes we can make as a city to progress toward net zero. I believe government needs to be there to support people making decisions to live a greener lifestyle. It's hard to imagine how we are going to incentivize people to make better decisions if we struggle to even support the people who are doing it willingly and already want to be part of the solution.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my comment

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In opposition

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These tax increases are unacceptable, all levels of government federal on down are destroying this country. Not the fault of the people. Stop wasting our money, do the jobs we the people elected you for. Any of you see where I'm going with this. Do what you were elected for.



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Last name (required) **McNamee**

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Please fund the identified priorities for the benefit of all. The proposed budget has a reasonable tax increase. If you must cut expenses, reconsider the arena deal.



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I am against the proposed property tax increase of 7.9 percent. for the following reason. 1 This is far in excess of inflation 2 This comes on top of year over year increases for a number of years 3 The city is banking excess funds and have a large rainy day fund. With economic conditions as currently are this increase puts a burden on a segment of the population such as seniors unemployed individuals and those already living below the poverty line. 4 It is time that the council displays some fiscal discipline



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Parking Fees for Homeowners that have parking restrictions and 8% Tax Hike

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In opposition

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Hello,

I am writing in response to the proposed parking fees for residential areas that have parking restrictions. Vandergrift Crescent is unfortunately one that has parking restrictions.

I am a 62 year old native Calgarian and have lived in Varsity for approximately 26 years. I find it unacceptable that it is now being proposed that we have to pay for parking in front of our own homes. It is also being proposed that there will be an 8% tax increase. How can we live. Taxes for parking and increase in taxes far exceeding economic tough times.

Where does this end.

We have applied to have the signs removed which our Crescent is in favor of. I am unable to circulate a petition due to my long covid as this would wipe me out for weeks. My husband has had a heart attack and heart surgery and cannot take this on due to stress.

The response to our request for removal of the parking restrictions in our crescent was not to remove the signs but you will put in a 2hour parking restriction. This is not acceptable and does not help us at all, we still have to pay? We still have to pay for visitors to park in front of our home.

You are taking away my support systems with these restrictions as I cannot pay for all this parking. This is causing a ton of stress and financial stress on our whole family.

I am the recipient of long covid, have not worked in almost two years which has taken a toll on our family. My Son is attending Mount Royal University and now has to pay for parking in front of our own home? A starving student trying to make his way.

Our family has been through a lot this last two years, My Mom died of covid the day my husband had his first heart surgery and me suffering from long covid and unable to work I just don't know how can we make this work?

I plead with you to please take the parking signs/restrictions away from our crescent and let us and support people park in front of our home without these restrictions and having to pay.



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I expect this will fall on deaf ears but I'll give it a shot. No where in your planning do I see any hint of fiscal restraint. It is all about more spending. That's wrong. Why have we needed the massive increase in civic employment numbers over the past few years? Why is my grandmother in New Brunswick expected to contribute to the construction of the archaic Green Line vanity project. The taxpayer is not a pocket to be picked. Show responsibility with the public purse. Disgraceful inept management is the real cost.



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Why is Council funding the arena?When majority of calgarians I do not it

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Why is council and city of Calgary tax calgarians so much? Median income person doesn't save anything after paying pay roll taxes,city taxes mortgage and grocery there will be increase in crime if city continues raising taxes. What about the access fee on utilities, City advertising says access fees helps keeping property taxes low but we see a big 8% increase? Why is stormwater management fee on the bill it should be part of property tax? What has council don't for the citizens? Evry year council has increased taxes. Why do low income ppl get 90 % off city services it should be reduced to 60% I know you have 3 categories but why not just one 60% off for all. City should charge some kind of a tax to developers who are building new communities why do taxpayers pay for infrastructure of new communities? Why is city operating cost so high? Because city pays more then market rate a payroll to its employees. Council should stop treating citizens as ATM and should not put more taxes like the parking fee.



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I didnt vote for my city couns to rubber stamp the arena and have to raise my taxes to pay for it. Stop the spending. No more increases! Time for cuts given the outlandish arena that will line the pockets of private business. Go after enmax. Find cost savings. Do anything and everythinif before asking for more from impoverished citizens.



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100% against shifting taxes from businesses to home owners. As you know, runaway inflation, cost of living, and increased taxes are crippling Calgarians. Years ago, Council (not Calgarians) voted to increase business tax by 4%. And now Council, not Calgarians, are choosing to shift the burden of their tax hike onto home owners. Freeze all tax hikes and focus on fiscal responsibility!



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I do not think that an increase in the residential taxes is justified. The initial tax increase of 2.4% it is more than enough.



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My family has a fixed flat income (NOT indexed to inflation or job performance, i.e., no raises.) I know many other Calgarians in the same situation. Therefore, I would prefer to see a pay-for-service model versus spreading the cost of maintaining or improving services amongst all Calgarians (that may never use the service) via property taxes.



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Budget

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

Neither

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

1. Affordable housing is top priority, available on a sliding scale
2. Mental health services for all, available on a sliding scale
3. Transit system that is excellent, reaches all areas of the city effectively, and is affordable (possibly also sliding scale)
4. Support towards food availability, or support for programs that could feed people (Alex centres' food programs, the good food box, greater access to Food Bank, etc.



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In opposition

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I do not support an almost 8% increase in residential property taxes, because I can't afford it with everything else that has increased.

The City of Calgary needs to manage our money better and live within our means. Right now all of city council looks out of touch with the reality of its residents. Do any of you speak with residents that dont support your ideological preconceptions? It doesn't look like it to me.



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Increasing residential taxes whe people do not have money for food losehome

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In opposition

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As people are having difficulty paying for groceries utilities mortgages this is a bad time to increase residential taxes drastically. As people of Calgary voted against putting in the new arena complex and the cultural facilities and council put them through anyway you have no compassion for the ordinary citizens of Calgary who are struggling to make payments and keep their homes. I feel council needs to reset their priorities and consider regular Calgarians instead of giving rich Calgarians opportunities to play at the taxpayers expense.



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In opposition

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It's time for a full and complete tax revolt in Calgary if Council is even considering raising property taxes by eight per cent.

The ongoing wasteful spending, coupled with a fully flawed green line construction plan that will result in obscene cost overruns warrants complete and utter citizen pushback.

I have sent Sean Chu two messages seeking clarification regarding existing and proposed green line costs to taxpayers and have not heard back. I am left with believing that economic embarrassment, together with a lack of engineering and project management understanding to be the reason for him not responding.

The mayor and council have an obligation to the citizens of Calgary to manage the budget in a cost-effective, impartial way. Catering to special interests and building excessive legacy infrastructure when existing economic factors and independent expert input clearly indicate not to is completely irresponsible and fiscally harmful.

It's time to completely rethink this green line project. NOW!



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I do not agree with councils proposal to increase taxes by up to 7.8% this year. Council and administration have already hosed Calgarian enough on service programs this year including residential parking fees being increase by over 500%, stealing over \$250,000,000 by overcharging on electrical access fees to name but a couple. the City of Calgary is sitting on billions of dollars in various slush funds and those funds should be applied prior to asking residents for additional funds through increased taxes. Over the past few years City Administration and Council have over charged residents on their taxes by somewhere close to \$800,000,0000 which funds have accumulated in various city administered slush funds. If Council and Administration have new pet projects where they wish to spend our hard earned cash, then these same groups need to looks at pet projects they funded in previous years and decide if these programs should be cancelled in favor of new pet projects and if not, then new proposed pet projects need to be put on hold. As a retired Calgarian I do not receive increased funding every year to support the City's wish list of pet projects. LEARN TP SAY "NO" to additional pet projects just like I am required to say no to additional food for my table sice the City of Calgary took my money to pay for their PET PROJECT.



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Enmax bills, only Calgary charges to customer, Why not like Edmonton?

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In favour

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I can't imagine why enmax bills need 5% increase, we are the only city that has a usage charge for gas 11.37 and the total gas charge is 60.88! If we need to increase to the taxpayer, then it's time to use all excess accrued slush funds. I and many other citizens can't believe we are spending money on more art and still increasing outrageous increases on Enmax. The city council is in charge of necessary charges, why does the customer get billed when Enmax is part of Calgary. Edmonton gives a benefit to it's taxpayers. I find it hard to believe city council is increasing quite a few items, for a city that has not built any homes for people left homeless and out of work and just trying to recover from the 3 year pandemic. The Mayor should be leading by increasing bare necessities, and not be approving more art for the people visiting our city They should be thinking more about the citizens who pay for salary and bonus and less about the unnecessary items. I have lived here for many years, and I am ashamed of some of our representatives who claimed before elected, to represent the needs of the citizens who voted for them. Put the priorities on people who do not have a roof over their heads, and a salary that enables them to have all the necessities that some people just take for granted. There is no difference in the people who do not have what they need to live, than the other more fortunate, we all deserve to share as we are all created equally. The needs that you are referring to includes snow removal and ice protection, yet in the year of 40 cms of snow just before Christmas, our area had never had snow removal and very little gravel, not just then but for too many years to count. And yet we were convinced that yearly increase in taxes would allow all areas of the city to have snow removal.



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Budget & tax rate increase

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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Dear Mayor Gondek and members of Council:

I am a homeowner in Ward 7 having recently moved from Ward 14 early in 2023.

When someone is asking for more money I feel it is incumbent to ask, "what are you doing with the existing money you are given?"

This Council does not appear to value the public trust to manage existing funds it is already entrusted with.

There are myriad numbers of examples of poor management and lack of accountability across the City. That said, I can only comment on the ones in my direct line of sight.

Downtown Calgary has been taken over by vagrants, druggies and people with no qualms about yelling, spitting or hitting Calgarians trying to go about their lives. Daily I see people urinating as well as openly smoking crack with impunity on street benches, on the Plus 15 and on the CTrain.

Calling the City 311 is an exercise in futility because by the time you navigate through a pushbutton directory and listen to warnings that you can't hurt people's feelings, you've either given up or the emergent situation is long past.

For some reason it seems this Council has, through lack of enforcement and consequences, made it acceptable for people to abandon any semblance of personal and civic responsibility and made it socially acceptable to behave poorly, do drugs, and generally run the downtown into a deteriorating state.

I urge this Council to re-focus its priorities and to clean up the drugs and social disorder that has taken over our downtown.

Further, on a number of occasions now I have driven or walked by City of Calgary "workers" where, more often than not, there are at least double the number required and most all of them are standing around watching someone else make an anemic effort at appearing like they're doing work!

Recently, what appeared to be a relatively simple cleanup to pry the melted plastic and garbage off the Kerby West train platform, it had 5, FIVE!, City of Calgary workers who were doing what would have likely taken me 20 minutes to clean up. This is not hyperbole - this was a very simple clean up job.

It bears mentioning that parked around the corner was a totally kitted out new City of Calgary Dodge 5500 six ton service truck, likely worth just shy of \$200,000. Additionally, it's common when I'm standing on the train platform to see an "Out of Service" train go by with one driver (presumably under training) and 4 people standing behind them. Why does it take 4 people, presumably all on salary, to train a driver?

In closing, I have lived downtown Calgary now for almost a year. During that time, the Peace Bridge has been behind chain-link barriers and undergoing renovations to fix broken glass for upwards of 6 months (who picks glass to go where you know it's going to get smashed!!). Poor public design choices aside; why does it take half a year to do a simple removal and replacement? While not definitive, this would certainly appear to be an indicator of a poorly run public works department.

Seeing as all orders of government are asking for more but ratepayers seem to be getting less, I feel increasingly motivated to ask Council the question; why are you asking ratepayers for more money when it's demonstratively accurate through observation to say you are not deploying the existing funds you are given in an efficient nor socially effective manner?

I don't think Council should be contemplating asking for more money for ratepayers. Before doing so, Council needs to demonstrate a better use of the existing funds it receives and focus on the core responsibilities of municipal government – ensuring safe communities and delivering core services in an efficient, effective manner.

Kind regards,

Chris Best



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Any Tax Increase

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In opposition

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No More Tax Increases, No More Wasting of tax payer moneys, No more special interest projects, No More GREEN Projects, No More No More No More!!! You people answer to us, not the other way around! You and all other levels of government are putting people onto the street and sending then to the food bank and you are wondering why....because Y'ALL ARE Wasting OUR money on YOUR PET PROJECTS! YOU NEED to find ways to cut taxes and promote other levels of government to do the sameanything less and y'all continue to be part of the problem.



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First name (required) Jason

Last name (required) Corbett

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In favour

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Commitment to advancing the RouteAhead plan through operational and capital investment is welcome and needed.



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Last name (required)	Macmillan
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In opposition

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The proposed increase on Property taxes of 8% is unrealistic and out of control. Calgarians are struggling with this high inflation and cost of living! This is NOT the time to be spending out of realistic means. I strongly oppose this proposed tax increase!



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Increased property taxes

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In opposition

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The city of Calgary has billions of dollars in reserve but Calgarians do not. We cannot afford any increases in property taxes or the increase in rent that comes with that. Most Calgarians are already suffering and many already can't afford the bills they have now, let alone any increases.



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The proposed increased tax burden being pushed onto Residential homeowners is unacceptable. It is inflationary in a time of a country wide recession, yes we are in a recession despite what Ottawa says. Ms. Gondek is out of touch with reality as are her supports on council. It is time for her to go. This council is out of touch with the economic realities of Alberta. Food banks cannot keep up with demand. An increase in property taxes clearly demonstrates a council that cannot manage its civic budget. Have a referendum on an tax increase and find out where your voters stand. Show some restraint, cut your own salaries and perks. Get informed or get off council.



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First name (required) Patti

Last name (required) Lewis

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Balance the budget. Identify ways in which efficiency and waste elimination can save money.