

# To the Mayor and Austin City Council Members Cole, Martinez and Spelman

## No Tax & Rate Hikes!

- I am told that you are being advised by the City Manager to raise water, energy and property taxes by \$265 this year, or 8.4%.
- I am also aware that other local taxing authorities; AISD, Travis County, and the Travis County Healthcare District are also likely to raise taxes.
- I cannot afford to pay more taxes, especially in light of your unwillingness to advocate for ordinary citizens who struggle to make ends meet on daily basis. My concerns about your spending relate to these projects (though I am aware not all of you voted for them.) They include: a grossly inflated \$2.3 billion Biomass energy deal (2008), a wasteful \$600 million Water Treatment Plant, an absurd giveaway to Formula 1 racing for the rich, historic property tax giveaways to millionaire mansion owners and an insistence on infrastructure giveaways to developers who refuse to pay their fair share. In addition, I have seen no action taken on the systemic under-valuations of commercial properties by 40%.
- I know you will be up for reelection next year. I plan on voting to replace any of you who vote for these unfair increases.
- Please listen to the citizens. You are taxing us out of our homes and killing off Austin's affordability.

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