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Good afternoon,

I wanted to add my comments on the proposed 2023 property tax increases. My taxes are increasing over \$500 this year. I've lived in my small Mac-Groveland home for over 20 years, and this is no longer affordable for me. My homestead exclusion has been cut in half, and the market value on my home has gone from \$308,800.00 to \$360,700.00. I would not be able to sell my home for that much, so it seems unfair to raise the market value by over \$60,000 in one year. I understand the city is trying to cover the difference for road maintenance now that they can't charge it as an assessment. But I'm still paying for an assessment for road, curb & gutter repairs from over 10 yrs ago. At that time the sidewalk was replaced in front of my home with a low quality cement that immediately started to chip away. I called the city about it back then & was told it would be repaired, but they didn't know when. It's never been repaired. I feel frustrated with what seems like total lack maintenance of our roads already, there are pot holes everywhere, and the snow removal on the side streets is really poor, if done at all. Crime is way up in what was a quiet neighborhood. My house was broken into last summer, and I don't feel safe in this neighborhood any more. I cannot afford this massive tax increase, and I'm sure I'm not alone. This will cause many people to move out of the city, further lowering the city's tax base. There has to be a better way!

Thank You,
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