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Dear Council Member Bowie,

Thank you for your efforts in Ward 1. As an African American family, it is encouraging to see Black representation in our government. I write with concern about the 19.71% increase in our property taxes. When we moved into the neighborhood 13 years ago, our taxes were considered high at that time but remained in the single digits until the last few years. The forecast for 2025 is \$13,614, an additional \$2,242 from this year's actual tax. This increase places a significant burden on my family and on many long-standing households in the neighborhood that are anchors to the stability and safety we enjoy by living here.

I understand that the rationale for an increase in property taxes is complex and is designed to benefit the broader community; that being said, I ask that you and the rest of the City Council, resist the proposed levy increase. While an increase may resolve a fiscal challenge at the city level, other strategies may provide long-term sustainability for individuals in the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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