

From: Council
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 5:15 PM
To: 'mark pitzner'
Subject: RE: property taxes

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be forwarded to the Councilmembers for their immediate attention and included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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City Manager's Office

From: mark pitzner [mailto:danemark@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2009 1:48 PM
To: Council
Subject: property taxes

Dear Sirs;

There has been some discussion of raising property taxes on the residents of Burien. This is absolutely the wrong decision especially during these recessionary times. Anyone who has studied economics will concede that raising taxes during a economic downturn exacerbates an already perilous situation. Granted, city government coiffeurs may be stressed, but similar steps have to be made similar to what the private sector has already been doing, that is reining in spending and addressing priorities. An obvious indicator that this is the wrong course of action just by the abundance of vacancy of both commercial and residential properties, so what is needed are incentatives not punishing increases on personal economies. It is time to consider what is wasteful and what is essential , live within a budget and incur as little debt as possible. This is not rocket science, it is the private sector its revenue that makes all the activities of local city government possible. So it would be prudent not to punish "the goose" that lays the golden egg, but provide encouragement to increase economic growth, whenever this has been practiced in the past, it always had positive results. It would also provide a good "PR" example, showing the public that the city is leading by example.

Yours truly.

Mark Pitzner

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