

Auerbach, Les

From: 'Jackawie@bellsouth.net' [jackawie@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:38 PM
To: Hanrahan, Pegeen
Subject: Fire Services Special Assessment

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan,
Please vote NO on the collection of fire service assessment against property. This fee will only hurt the working poor
and retired.

Please reconsider your vote.

Jackie Clark
NE Gainesville resident

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From: 'Jackawie@bellsouth.net' [jackawie@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:41 PM
To: Mastrodicasa, Jeanna
Subject: [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

Jeanna Mastrodicasa,
Please vote NO on the collection of fire service assessment against property. This fee will only hurt the working poor
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From: 'Jackawie@bellsouth.net' [jackawie@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:40 PM
To: Lowe, Craig
Subject: [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

Craig Lowe,
Please vote NO on the collection of fire service assessment against property. This fee will only hurt the working poor and retired.

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From: 'Jackawie@bellsouth.net' [jackawie@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:39 PM
To: Henry, Scherwin L.
Subject: [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

Scherwin Henry,
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From: 'Jackawie@bellsouth.net' [jackawie@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:36 PM
To: Donovan, John F. - Commissioner
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Jack Donovan,
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From: Jim Grisham [jimgrisham1@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2008 3:04 PM
To: Hawkins, Jr., Thomas
Subject: RE: Proposed Application of the Special Fire Assessment to Churches and Other Non-Profits

Commissioner Hawkins,
I appreciate your personal reply.
Not many elected officials make the level of effort you have made to communicate with their constituents.
It was nice to hear from you.

Jim Grisham

----- "Hawkins wrote:
> Mr. Grisham,
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> Thank you for taking the time to share your opinions. I do not take
> the levy of the proposed fire assessment lightly. The City Commission
> is also considering substantial budget reductions, including removing
> positions in the police and fire departments, and may even adopt a
> millage rate which is higher than our expected rollback rate. I do
> not take these propositions lightly either. I assure you that each of
> us will weigh our, and our citizen's, values in making these
> decisions. I appreciate your input.
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> Thomas
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> Thomas Hawkins, Commissioner-At-Large City of Gainesville, Office of
> the City Commission 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida
> 32602-0490
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> Fax: (352) 334-2036
> commth@cityofgainesville.org
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> From: jimgrisham1 [mailto:jimgrisham1@cox.net]
> Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2008 12:28 AM
> To: Hanrahan, Pegeen; Hawkins, Jr., Thomas; Mastrodicasa, Jeanna;
> Henry, Scherwin L.; Poe, Lauren B.; Donovan, John F. - Commissioner;

> Lowe, Craig; citymgr
> Subject: Proposed Application of the Special Fire Assessment to
> Churches and Other Non-Profits

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> Dear Mayor Hanrahan, Commissioners Hawkins, Henry, Mastrodij, Poe,
> Donovan, Lowe & Manager Blackburn:

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> I am writing as both a concerned citizen and a Christian who is a
> member of Trinity United Methodist church.

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> has written a letter to the Gainesville Sun

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> opposition to the application of the proposed special fire assessment
> to Gainesville's churches and non-profits.

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