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NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Taxing Authorities:

This is a quadrennial reassessment year. As reported, [the average property value has shot up](#) by 23%. Residents are already burdened with skyrocketing insurance rates, higher utility costs, and increased costs for goods and services. They have been writing us to say they are tapped out.

Some of you have millages either up for renewal on the upcoming ballot or coming up shortly. Others have inquired about rate increases. Certain entities have surpluses.



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As a result of significant rising costs, available resources, and outstanding requests, please do not roll your millages forward. Residents need our help. You not only can say but also show your care for their needs.

Remember, because of the 2020 quadrennial reassessment – [based on the current Budget Chair's plan](#) – we rolled some millages forward and others backward. That saved taxpayers over \$60 million. We are committed to not rolling the millages fully forward. We ask that you not roll your respective millages forward either.

Sincerely,

The City Council of New Orleans

Handwritten signature of Joseph I. Giarrusso III in blue ink.

Joseph I. Giarrusso III  
Councilmember, District A and Budget Chair

Handwritten signature of Jean Morrell in black ink.

Jean Morrell  
Councilmember, At-Large

Handwritten signature of Helena Moreno in black ink.

Helena Moreno  
Councilmember, At-Large

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Oliver Thomas  
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