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Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:34 PM
To: Uyeno, Steve
Cc: Diane Chong
Subject: Property Tax Issue

Hi Steve,

Please respond and tell me if you got my email...

I am very concern with this property tax that was added in 2014.

I have been upset with how the "millionaires" are being taxed more than anyone else just because they have a property over a "million dollars".

The Committee has to look at what is fair to everyone. You were supposed to tax the foreign investors but you are not you are targeting the local residents that are trying to buy property and rent them out. Also you are not including owners that own apartment building. If you did maybe you wouldn't have to raise our property taxes to 3x as much as what everyone is paying.

I have 2 properties that are valued over the million and so they are in "Millionaire" category.

I have a property in Manoa, it has 2 houses on a 10,000 sq. ft lot. Since 2014, It has been excruciating to have to pay the extra property tax that was in effect since 2014. I live in Honolulu and I am not an "foreign investor" that is a millionaire that just buys property.

I have been in the Property Class "Residential A" since the beginning. From 2013, my property tax was only \$4,115.30. However this year, in August 2019, because of the increase of the taxes to go to 10.5%: I will be paying \$10,330.65.

I am NOT an millionaire, I just happened to be a person with a property that is worth over a million however I still have to pay for a mortgage for the next 27 years.

Property tax:
2013: \$4,115.30
2014: \$7,443.00
2015: \$7,951.20
2016: \$9,316.20
2017: \$9,082.80
2018: \$8,647.20
2019: \$10,330.65

I have another property, I own this with my brother. I only own one side of the duplex and my brother owns the other side. It is a property of 7,601 sq. ft. lot. We have different addresses, and even though my half is worth less than a million dollars because there it is considered one property in the City's "eyes". We have to pay the Million dollar tax amount. Our payment this year is \$11,183.25

What is upsetting is that we are being singled out has having a million dollar property but I have been working for the Federal Government for the last 18 years and doing this for the next 10 years. If I was a millionaire, I

would be care free and also can afford paying an extra \$5,000 in property tax, which I don't. I still drive a 2005 Camry because it still runs and I don't have money to buy a new car.

I have been frustrated with this law that taxes "ONLY the Millionaires" and how I am put in the same category as "foreigner" buyers. I have talked to both Councilmembers Carol Fukunaga and Ann Kobayashi about this issue.

I have looked at other properties like an apartment on Kapiolani Blvd. It happens to be my dad's apartment and there is no home exemption on his apartment. He has 10 units on the 7,500 sq ft property, he will be paying this August 2019: \$5,852.70.

I have another example, another apartment building in the Punchbowl area. It has 40 units on a 15,409 sq ft property, no home exemption either, and the owner is paying \$20,796.65.

I am actually paying as much property tax for 2019 as the owner in the Punchbowl. He has 40 units compared to mine I have 2 property with 3 houses on it.

I would like to make a comparison, all four properties do NOT have any home exemption on them.

- 1) Manoa Property:
10,000 sq ft
2 houses on the property
Total Property Assessed Value: \$1,555,300
Property Class: Residential A
Total Propety Tax in 2019: \$10,330.65

- 2) Makiki Property:
7,601 sq ft
Duplex Building on the property (each side is a 4 beds / 2 baths)
Total Property Assessed Value: \$1,636,500
Property Class: Residential A
Total Propety Tax in 2019: \$11,183.25

- 3) Apartment Building on Kapiolani BLVD:
7,200 sq ft
Apartment building with 10 units
Total Property Assessed Value: \$1,672,200
Property Class: Residential
Total Propety Tax in 2019: \$5,852.70

- 4) Apartment Building in Makiki
15,409 sq ft
Apartment building with 40 units
Total Property Assessed Value: \$5,941,900
Property Class: Residential
Total Propety Tax in 2019: \$20,796.65

Please realize there are real people that have to pay this property bill and they are law abiding citizens that have to pay this bill. It is not a number game for us.

Thanks,

Diane

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