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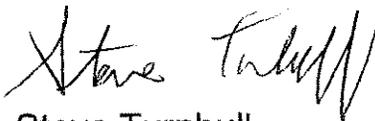
Subject: Testimony for January 26, 2006 Budget Meeting: **Property Tax Relief - Now, Substantial, and for Everyone.**

I am very concerned with my property tax bill which has gone from **\$3800** in 2004, to **\$5600** in 2005, to a whopping **\$8800** in 2006. This is TOO much TOO fast, and it not at all fair.

The City Council needs to pass substantial property tax reform immediately. It also should include everyone, not just elderly taxpayers. You need to limit this growth: Lowering rates for Residential (\$3.75/\$1000) and \$8.65/\$1000 for unimproved agricultural land would be the best solution. Most of my increase is due to the high assessment and tax rate for unimproved agricultural land.

In summary - 1) Pass property tax relief for everyone, and lower tax rates from everyone on residential and agricultural land. **Property Tax Relief - Now, Substantial, and for Everyone.**

Sincerely,



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