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**Name:** Mark Rankin

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** Tax increase

**Comment:**

I oppose the proposed tax increase to pay for HHS2. While we need a second high school, no one is talking sense...we don't need to spend so much money on the school. Build a simpler building. I can barely afford the taxes now and am about to refinance my home mortgage just to be able to pay the taxes on this project. That shouldn't be when I have kids' college tuition to set aside, retirement plans to fund, and the general increase on prices for everything to afford. Build a cinder block rectangular building for 40 million.

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**Name:** Allen Baker

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**Agenda Item Number:** 6 b.

**Comment:**

I am writing to speak in opposition to the proposed increase in the city real estate tax rate. The additional funding the city will receive as a result of property reassessments is adequate for current city needs. Funding for the proposed new high school should be dealt with on it's own, not through a maneuver such as this.

Restarting the school project now will further increase costs by requiring the purchase of materials during a period of great instability in the building materials market. Ignoring the fact that full funding still isn't available and moving ahead anyway will inevitably lead to another pause in construction and once again raise the need for site stabilization resulting in further unnecessary expense.

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**Name:** Thabo Fisher

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**Agenda Item Number:** 6b

**Comment:**

I am in full support of the 4 cent increase in taxes to fund the new high school. If we don't invest in the infrastructure we need to educate our kids, we are making Harrisonburg a less desirable place to live and our long-term revenue base will suffer because of it.

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**Name:** Amy C Graham

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**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6b

**Comment:**

Please vote in favor of the tax increase to fund our new high school. The building of a new high school is LONG overdue and may only continue to cost more if we wait.

Please also lobby the Commonwealth of VA to give the City of Harrisonburg state funds to help fund the construction costs - we had a surplus of \$730,000,000 in tax funds this year at the state level.

Thank you.

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**Name:** Mark Nichols

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**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6.b.

**Comment:**

Hello, I am writing to request that the Harrisonburg City Council NOT approve up to a 4-cent real estate tax increase for the resumption of the HHS2 project. As a former music educator in the Winchester Public Schools, I realize the value of education. However, many tax-paying city residents I speak with (including myself) feel that any discussion of restarting the HHS2 project should firstly be contingent upon the public schools re-opening in the fall IN-PERSON, 5 days per week. Many residents still have an uncertain future regarding their jobs and incomes, as I do approaching the fall. With rising property assessments this year amounting to approximately an additional \$1.1 million for the city, we simply cannot afford to raise the tax rate at this time of continuing recovery from the pandemic. Per the Daily News-Record article on Monday, May 24, 2021: "Older Harrisonburg homeowners on fixed incomes have told the Daily News-Record they sometimes struggle with rising costs -- not only taxes, but the cost of groceries and cable." The city already has a much higher real estate rate than

surrounding jurisdictions. If the rate continues to climb, this will force more residents to move out of the city and thus lower the tax base even further. I sincerely hope that Council members remember their constituents financial concerns and seek alternatives to increasing the real estate tax rate. Thank you.

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**Name:** Sarah Campbell

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** Hhs2

**Comment:**

Please, please do what it takes to continue construction on HHS 2. My family and I own four homes and a business in city limits. I understand our taxes will increase. I have a 9th and 6th grader, the teachers can not sustain quality education with the numbers that are expected for next year. When I grew up HHS had a much better education than where I went, Spotswood. The tides have turned and parents are now looking to move kids out of the city. I am saddened by this, I moved to the city for dual language and have been screwed at every turn r/t numbers. This will continue as my kids try out for sports/stem/plays. Educating our youth is what will make our city thrive in the future. Our kids deserve an education!

Thank you for considering my opinion

Sarah Campbell



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**Name:** Greta Kreider

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6 b

**Comment:**

First, thank you to all the council members for your commitment to your job with the city during this past year. I want to commend you for taking action on behalf of the cities students for a new high school by proposing a tax increase to fund it. In the past, we were not willing to do what needed to be done to provide all the necessary facilities for our high school students. These students are our future, and will carry on the workings of being a community that we now do. We have a mandate to educate them. We have to act now. A report by VA public radio's Michael Pope quoted education and justice experts as saying the ARP money should be spent for making sure inequities that were exacerbated during the pandemic are addressed by offering things such as intensive tutoring. The money should not have been allocated for things such as filling gaps from the past, as we are doing with restarting the high school building project. It is unfortunate that our community did not do better planning for funding the high school long ago and there is no excuse for not doing the right thing now. It's time for

those who disagree with a tax hike to work to help those who may be negatively impacted by it and stop denying funding for the school.

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If there is something I can do to help, please let me know.

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**Name:** Katherine S. Urban

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6.B

**Comment:**

Kitty Urban

I ask the real estate tax increase be delayed until after the figures are in on home values. The new high school has been delayed as requested by some fiscal hawk council members in 2019 and home values are rising rapidly at this time. It may be an increase in real estate taxes is unnecessary.

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**Name:** William Miller

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** I cannot find the meeting agenda but I'm interested in the hearing concerning the tax rate increase

**Comment:**

I am concerned about the proposed rate increase in the tax rate and the likely increase in future years coupled with the continued increases in property valuations. As a senior citizen on a fixed income it is becoming increasingly hard to afford living in and paying taxes in the city. I am also concerned with the ever increasing positions that are being created by the city and also of the school board. Taxes would not have to be increased to continually increase a growing staff and increased programs.

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**Name:** S. Frank Sottaceti

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6.B Public hearing regarding the real estate tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 proposed to increase by \$0.04 per \$100 of assess

**Comment:**

Placing the burden of a tax increase to support the City's effort to restart the Harrisonburg High School 2 on those that own real estate is in direct conflict with the efforts of the City to address the housing disparities that have been studied within Harrisonburg. The tax increase should be spread through the entirety of the City's Residents and not solely on property owners. This can be accomplished through a local sales tax increase or raising the personal property tax. This real estate tax increase is a disincentive for residents to purchase property/residences.

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**Name:** William Tompkins

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6.b.

**Comment:**

I'm hopeful that council will have the courage to proceed with raising the real estate tax rate in order to continue funding construction of a second high school. A well supported school system is vital to the health of our community, and the overcrowding at HHS must be addressed. My son will have graduated before the new school is finished, so you might think that I don't have a personal stake in the construction of a new school. But I think that all of us who plan to live in this community over the next few decades have a stake in it, in the impacts that a good school system have on the whole community.

I know that many of us are concerned about the impacts of a tax hike on low income families, or fixed income retirees. I'd urge council to find a way to lessen their burden in a way that does not mean abandoning plans for a second high school.

Thank you!

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**Name:** Wilmer Lehman  
**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council  
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**Agenda Item Number:** 6  
**Comment:**

Here are three question for you to consider as you deciding what to do about raising real estate taxes to continue the new high school.

1. What does postponing the building of another high school say to our young people about their importance as they are required to attend an overcrowded high school?
2. As families with teenagers consider moving to Harrisonburg how appealing will a crowded high school be to them?
3. Having pushed the building of a second high school off to later for 10 or more years, isn't it time to put off some other projects and prioritize the high school?

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**Name:** Brad Jenkins

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**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6.b.

**Comment:**

I write to oppose the proposed increase in property taxes, and I urge City Council to consider the negative impact a tax increase will have as we just begin to emerge from a pandemic that has challenged our residents in many ways, including financially.

I support the city's plans to alleviate overcrowding at Harrisonburg High School, and I know funding is needed for this project. I question the timing, though, as we try to get our footing as we finally come out of the challenges of the pandemic.

And frankly, I am disappointed at how our city leaders have handled the issue of tax increases. Perhaps it's this mishandling – this awful communication to city residents who have elected you – that I am most troubled over.

Just last month, city council announced there would be no real-estate tax increases, no fee increases and no personal-property tax increases. The city manager and others said as much in the Daily News-Record on April 14.

Then, on May 11, the newspaper reported that a vote would be held that night on the budget, a budget with no tax increases. The story went on to note that the city would realize higher tax revenue, though, because of an increase in assessments. And that is understandable.

But then, in taking the vote on a budget that included no tax increases, city leaders backtracked. "City Eyes Tax Increase to Resume HHS2 Construction," the newspaper reported on May 12. So, city leaders endorsed a budget with no tax increases only to then call for such tax increases?

I suppose one could call that an audacious move. I call it deceptively arrogant. I have long trusted my local government leaders to speak truthfully and to make decisions with integrity. This bait-and-switch, though, has eroded that trust.

This council should stand by its word and reject any tax increases, as it said it would do. Yes, we need to figure out how to fund the new school. And, yes, tax increases may be possible. But doing it in a way that misleads the public is no way to run this city.

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**Name:** High School Tax Increase  
**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council  
**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021  
**Agenda Item Number:** 6b  
**Comment:**

I would like to support the 4% tax increase to continue construction of the new high school. Our city cannot not grow and thrive unless we do so. It is inhumane (and unsafe) to crowd our children into the current space.

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**Name:** Karen Silveira  
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**Comment:**

I would like to state My family is in support of the 4 cent property tax increase to support the new high school. It is important to me that my kids have enough space to learn safely as they head into their high school years. It also feels like a moot point—as at this point construction contracts must exist and the possible delay of construction would ultimately lead to more costs with little trade off. Thank you!

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**Name:** NANCY HAAS SALOMON  
**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council  
**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021  
**Agenda Item Number:** 1  
**Comment:**

Real Estate Tax Increase: The City Council is announcing yet another Real Estate tax increase to pay for the new High School. The burden on City residents is very onerous especially in times of acute inflation for essential needs.

As a City Resident since 1995, I consider these increases to be excessive and have the following comments:

1- the construction of another High School, although important, may not be necessary. It is possible for other options such as refurbishing existing buildings, stagger classes so that some students attend in the morning and others in the afternoon, etc.

2- The State of Virginia promised funding to build and maintain schools from the profits of the Virginia Lottery. The City of Harrisonburg should be tapping into this funding and not have to put the burden on City Residents

3- if and when it is absolutely necessary to build another school, the cost should be only for the construction. The School system can request volunteers to do the finishing of the school and also do fundraisers to cover this expense

4- Homeowners should have a "Homestead Exemption": discount on the tax

(around 30%) , as it is their home and not an investment property. if they are 60 years old and up, they should have additional discount (another 20%) to help offset this large expense and the full amount of taxes paid should be deductible from a taxpayers Federal and state of Virginia income tax to help them Age in place

The City of Harrisonburg has neglected re paving and improving some of the streets due to lack of funding that is being funneled to build schools. this affects the safety of all the residents and persons who work and travel thru this City.

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**Name:** Barbara Reisner  
**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council  
**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021  
**Agenda Item Number:** 6b

**Comment:**

Dear City Council. I am writing to urge you to vote to raise the tax rate by 4 cents as described in the Public Notice. We need a second high school to relieve the severe overcrowding at HHS. The situation is only getting worse and the price is only going to rise. The time to act is now. Respectfully, Barbara Reisner

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**Name:** Yasmeen Shorish  
**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council  
**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021  
**Agenda Item Number:** 6b  
**Comment:**

I support the tax increase so we can fund the second high school and would be in favor of additional research into tax relief for low-income home owners. Since the tax rate was already raised to .86, is there some prior research that justified that increase, with respect to low income households, so we could quantify the impact of the additional 4 cents?

High quality public education is a benefit to every community. The pandemic has caused enough disruption to learning, let's not compound the problem for years to come.

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**Name:** Bronson Griscom  
**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council  
**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021  
**Agenda Item Number:** 6b  
**Comment:**

We are strongly in favor of a tax increase to fund the second Harrisonburg High School. It would be profoundly sad if as a community we continue to have an overcrowded and insufficient public school system. As a community, a decision to further delay construction of a desperately needed high school facility would be perverse both for the economic growth of Harrisonburg and for the economic opportunities of underprivileged children.

It is time to act, time for leadership, and well past time to invest in our children.

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**Name:** Lindsay Lam

**Type of Meeting:** Harrisonburg City Council

**Date of Meeting:** Tue, 05/25/2021

**Agenda Item Number:** 6b

**Comment:**

As the parent of a small child, I want to know she'll be able to attend a high school that is not over-crowded. Please vote to fund HHS2!

**Contact:** No

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