

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL



BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

26-0151

*Taxes – Property Tax – Increase of Homestead Tax
Credit Percentage*

Public Testimony



February 16, 2026

The Honorable Chairwoman Danielle McCray
The Budget and Appropriations Committee

RE: **City Council bill – 26-0151- Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage**
Position: Oppose

Dear Madam Chair McCray, Mr. Vice Chair Schleifer, and esteemed Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

The Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors® (GBBR) is an association of Realtors®, brokers, and property managers advocating for property rights in the greater Baltimore area. On behalf of GBBR, we write to you in opposition to City Council bill 26-0151.

We understand and support the impetus behind the City's goal of decreasing property taxes to spur growth and homeownership in Baltimore City. However, without a companion bill that would lower property tax rates, GBBR cannot support an increase in taxes. This bill will increase the taxable value of property per year from a 4% limit to 6% limit.

Our industry seeks to incentivize and promote homeownership. One of the major obstacles to homeownership is affordability. Unfortunately, as stated above, this bill will exacerbate affordability. Sometimes even a few thousand dollars can make or break a deal. We would consider withdrawing our opposition if there is a companion bill, and if passed in conjunction with this bill, would create a net decrease in taxes and thus lowering the overall cost of homeownership.

Thank you for your time and we encourage the Committee to oppose City Council bill 26-0151.

GBBR

From: wendi henry <wendi642@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2026 20:11:08
To: Degraffenreidt, Aaron (City Council) <A.Degraffenreidt@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Public Information Act Request

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Dear Council person and Council President Cohen, I live at 1931 E. Lafayette Ave Baltimore, Md 21213 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Wendi Henry

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:13 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Increase

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:24 PM
To: RACHELLE LITTLE <boogray2003@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Property Tax Increase

Hi Rachelle,

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From: RACHELLE LITTLE <boogray2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:42 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Tax Increase

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Good Morning Mr. President,

I'm a Homeowner in 21229. I was just informed that the city council is set to vote on a bill on June 15, 2026 to raise out taxes. We the people in Baltimore City do not need to be taxed anymore or nothing. We're all are currently over taxed on everything as is. We the citizens of Baltimore City will not stand for this bill to be passed. Enough is Enough!!!

Rachelle Little

"Everyday Is A Gift From God, So Be Thankful For Your Gift "

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:16 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Homestead tax credit

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Michael Joseph <mikejoseph1@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Homestead tax credit

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From: Michael Joseph <mikejoseph1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:04 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Homestead tax credit

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Good Evening,
I was incredibly disheartened to hear that the cap rate on the homestead tax credit could potentially go up pending a vote. My sister and I both own houses in the city. She is a school teacher and I work for a nonprofit. I can barely afford to live in the city as it is. Property values continue to go up, which means I will have to pay even more. I cannot afford to do so.. the property tax rate we have now is already ridiculous and now we're going to get hit by the Homestead credit impact? When does it stop? There are fees and taxes on everything. I implore you to vote no on increasing the cap rate.

Sincerely,
Michael Joseph

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property taxes

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:49 PM
To: Brandi Davis <beediva34@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property taxes

Hi Brandi,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Brandi Davis <beediva34@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 2:45 AM

To: Porter, Phylicia R.L. (City Council) <Phylicia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Property taxes

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Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Brandi

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:16 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Please Oppose CCB 25-0151

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From: Alex Levin <alexlevincpa1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 6:13 PM
To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: sherri levin <sherrilevin55@gmail.com>; Anne Riley <annewriley@me.com>; Joseph levy <joelevy1@verizon.net>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Savarese, Brandy (City Council) <brandy.savarese@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Please Oppose CCB 25-0151

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Hi Zac,

Thank you for your prompt response and for providing additional information regarding CCB 25-0151.

My understanding of the bill was that increasing the Homestead Tax Credit cap from 4% to 5% would reduce the level of protection currently afforded to long-term homeowners, particularly seniors and those living on fixed incomes. I appreciate your explanation that, when combined with the increase in the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit, the overall effect is intended to be a tax reduction for owner-occupied properties.

My concern remains that homeowners whose property values are appreciating more rapidly will receive a smaller benefit than those with more modest assessment increases. As someone who values policies that encourage long-term

homeownership and neighborhood stability, I hope the City will continue to protect residents who have made a long-term commitment to Baltimore and should not be penalized because the market value of their homes has increased.

I appreciate your taking the time to explain your position and will continue to follow this issue with interest.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Alex Levin

On Wed, Jun 10, 2026 at 5:48 PM Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

Alex,

Thank you for reaching out!

The Homestead Tax Credit cap will raise from 4-5% *with* the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit increasing by 5 cents on the dollar. This is a net revenue loss to the City (probably about \$4-5 million or so) – it is a property tax cut for homeowners overall, though homeowners' whose property values are going up quickly will see a smaller percentage benefit than homeowners whose values are not rapidly increasing. The bills are in conjunction as a property tax cut for owner-occupants. Point is, it's a tax cut for all owner-occupied homes, and no impact on non-owner-occupied properties. Accordingly, I support the tax cut, and I think you will as well.

Happy to explain over a phone call if you're interested.



Zac Blanchard
Councilmember, District 11
Office: (410) 396-4816

From: Alex Levin <alexlevincpa1@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:41 PM

To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: sherri levin <sherrilevin55@gmail.com>; Anne Riley <annewriley@me.com>; Joseph levy <joelevy1@verizon.net>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Please Oppose CCB 25-0151

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Dear Zac and President Cohen,

I am writing as a long-time Baltimore City homeowner and resident to respectfully urge you to vote **against CCB 25-0151**, which would increase the Homestead Tax Credit annual cap from 4% to 5%.

The Homestead Tax Credit was established to encourage and reward long-term homeownership by protecting residents from sharp increases in property tax bills resulting from rising assessments. Many homeowners, particularly seniors and those living on fixed or moderate incomes, rely on this protection to remain in the neighborhoods they have helped build and sustain.

As President of my homeowners association, I regularly hear from neighbors who are concerned about the affordability of remaining in Baltimore City, particularly older residents and families who have invested decades in our community. Many chose to stay and continue investing in their neighborhoods because they believed the City valued and supported long-term homeownership.

Increasing the annual cap by 25%, from 4% to 5%, may appear modest, but over time it compounds into a significant additional financial burden. For many long-term residents, this represents another increase in the cost of remaining in their homes at a time when they are already facing higher insurance, utility, maintenance, and everyday living expenses. I am also concerned that this proposal has not received the level of public attention that a measure affecting so many homeowners deserves. A change to a program specifically designed to promote housing stability should only occur after broad public discussion and careful consideration of its long-term consequences.

Baltimore should be encouraging long-term residency and neighborhood investment, not making it more expensive for

responsible homeowners to stay in their homes. Balancing the City's budget should not come at the expense of the very residents who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to our communities.

I respectfully ask that you oppose CCB 25-0151 and preserve the current 4% Homestead Tax Credit cap.

Thank you for your service and for considering the concerns of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Alex Levin

President, Harbor Walk Townhouse Association

Baltimore Homeowner and Resident

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
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Subject: Fw: NEIGHBORS UNITED COALITION

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:44 PM
To: Cortez Alexander <cortezalexander@icloud.com>
Subject: Re: C Alexander and CCB 26-0151

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From: Cortez Alexander <cortezalexander@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:29 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Porter, Phylicia R.L. (City Council) <Phylicia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>
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Thank you!

Cortez Alexander

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From: Anthony Brazil <aabrazil1@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 6:01 PM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; amy brazil <amybrazil5@gmail.com>

Subject: NEIGHBOURS UNITED COALITION

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:45 PM
To: Lauren Hamlin <noodles004@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Please Vote NO on CCB 25-0151

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From: Lauren Hamlin <noodles004@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:26 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Please Vote NO on CCB 25-0151

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Dear Council President,

I am writing as a Baltimore City homeowner and owner-occupant to express my strong opposition to CCB 25-0151.

While this bill has been framed as tax relief, increasing the Homestead Tax Credit cap from 4% to 5% is a net tax increase on long-term residents like me. It weakens a protection that was specifically designed to keep owner-occupants in their homes by shielding them from runaway assessment increases.

This legislation has received little public attention and is moving quickly to a vote without meaningful input from the residents it will directly impact. That is not acceptable for a bill with real financial consequences for Baltimore homeowners.

I ask that you vote NO on CCB 25-0151 on June 15th, or at minimum delay the vote to allow for proper public discussion.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,
Lauren Hamlin
222 Chantrey Rd
Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093

Lauren Hamlin

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: BALT CITY RESIDENT IMPORTANT

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Subject: BALT CITY RESIDENT IMPORTANT

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 26-0151 property tax bill

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From: linder21230 (null) <linder21230@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:15 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 26-0151 property tax bill

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We made it easy for you to contact your elected officials, Please see below

Thanks!

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Dear Councilperson and Council President Cohen,

I live at 3504 Horton Ave 21225 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 26-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Linda Elderkin
Sent from my iPhone

From: Lee, Cathy J. [US-US] <Cathy.J.Lee@leidos.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 4:22 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Bill CCB 25-0151-please vote No

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Thank you!
Cathy Lee

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

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From: Lessley, Lucinda (City Council) <lucinda.lessley@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 5:06 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

Oh – I defer – but we can craft answers if needed. Do we typically respond to personal outreach of this nature?

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 4:41 PM
To: Lessley, Lucinda (City Council) <lucinda.lessley@baltimorecity.gov>; Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>
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No I sent to get your input on a response for them/if we should respond at all

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From: Lessley, Lucinda (City Council) <lucinda.lessley@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:39 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

Are we meant to craft answers to these? I mean raising the cap depends on the valuation – but there would be a lot of explanation....

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:53 PM
To: Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>; Lessley, Lucinda (City Council) <lucinda.lessley@baltimorecity.gov>
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From: Scott Graham <ottograham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

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Zeke,

Why isn't this being discussed, especially by the council members? I will post this and hope to get answers to the following:

Why is it called Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit? Who is the target?

\$2.24 per \$100 assessed value reduced to \$1.99 is a .25 cent reduction, or an 11% decrease. Raising the cap from 4% to 5% is a 25% increase. So the math doesn't seem right to me.

please let me know.

thank you

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<Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

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From: Scott Graham <ottograham@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 6:58 AM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Conway, Mark (City Council)

<Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: noonzoningbill25006@gmail.com <noonzoningbill25006@gmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

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Zeke and Mark,

Sorry to pick on you two but you have to start somewhere. These late additions are such a bad look. Sure, that's how you get stuff done, but it stinks in my opinion.

I would like to hear both of you come out against this

Scott

Scott Graham
4547 Keswick Road
Baltimore MD 21210

ottograham@gmail.com
410 868 8551

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From: **No_on_zoning_bill_25-0066** <noonzoningbill25006@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 10, 2026 at 2:49 PM

Subject: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

To:

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Subject: Fw: BALT CITY RESIDENT IMPORTANT

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Subject: Fw: CCB26-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:43 PM
To: Beth Hawks <beth@zeldazen.com>
Subject: Re: CCB26-0151

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From: Beth Hawks <beth@zeldazen.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:39 AM
To: Porter, Phylcia R.L. (City Council) <Phylcia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Hello City Councilwoman Porter & Council President Cohen,

I just learned about this bill CCB26-0151 earlier today & I am writing to oppose it as a long time resident/property owner.

I live at 920 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

The struggle is real due to the cost of inflation, gas, BGE, tariffs + owning/operating a small business in the city.

I am tapped out & cannot afford \$1.00 more.

Please do not support this.

Sincerely,

Beth Hawks

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:13 PM
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:24 PM
To: Tanya <tanvin2@aol.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151 - Property Tax Increase Bill

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From: Tanya <tanvin2@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:43 AM

To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

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6/11/2026

Tanya Vincent
2300 Southern Ave
Baltimore, MD 21214

Dear Ryan L. Dorsey and Council President Cohen,

I am a Baltimore City homeowner (address above) and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that I must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Sincerely,
Tanya Vincent

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:13 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:24 PM
To: Lauren Grace <laurencgrace@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

Hi Lauren,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Lauren Grace <laurencgrace@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:43 AM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

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Dear Council Person Conway and Council President Cohen,

I live at 5227 Downing Road, Baltimore 21212 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service to the city.

Sincerely,
Lauren Grace

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:13 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Regarding CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase BILL

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:24 PM
To: Dan Olds <dolds@zebradesigns.net>
Subject: Re: Regarding CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase BILL

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From: Dan Olds <dolds@zebradesigns.net>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:05 AM

To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Council President Constituent Services <constituent.cp@baltimorecity.gov>; Degraffenreidt, Aaron (City Council) <A.Degraffenreidt@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Regarding CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase BILL

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Hello Council President, Latasha and Aaron,

I am writing to you all to express my anger and opposition to Bill CCB 25-0151.

Baltimore city property taxes are high enough. STOP taxing me! I already pay more taxes on my property than any of my neighbours and still you want to tax me more.

If you all can't balance the budget then put people in place who can!

Thank you



Dan Olds

Creative Director

202-583-9766

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:13 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:23 PM
To: Jay Williamson <williamsonjayc@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

Hi Jay,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Jay Williamson <williamsonjayc@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:29 AM

To: Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: CCB 25-0151

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Dear Council person Jones, and Council President Cohen,

I live at 1113 Hunter St and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Jay Williamson

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Vote No on CCB 25-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:23 PM
To: Dana Chou <choudana2@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Vote No on CCB 25-0151

Dear Dana,

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From: Dana Chou <choudana2@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:41 AM

To: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Vote No on CCB 25-0151

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Dear Councilman Gray and Council President Cohen,

I live in Hunting Ridge in Mr. Gray's district and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that I and other homeowner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents BEFORE passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not happened. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you,
Dana Chou

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:23 PM
To: LK Richman <lkrichman@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151

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From: LK Richman <lkrichman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:12 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151

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To Council President Zeke Cohen,

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This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

The taxes we currently pay do not us with safe streets -- the physical condition of the roads in this city are abysmal, and the huge number of illegal traffic maneuvers that we witness on a daily basis is just astounding.

Furthermore, the sequence of timing red-to-green lights at intersections needs to be synced from street to streetto provide a better flow of traffic.

Our monthly water bills are outrageous!! Water usage fees in the surrounding counties are nowhere as steep as in Baltimore.

Accordingly, I ask you and your colleagues on the City Council to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Cordially,

Laura Richman
187 Gittings Avenue

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Don't Raise the Cap

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:22 PM
To: Chris Doherty <chrisdoherty2020@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: Don't Raise the Cap

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From: Chris Doherty <chrisdoherty2020@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:12 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Don't Raise the Cap

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Dear Council President Cohen:

We have lived at 501 Stamford Road for 27 years and we are writing to express our opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that we will have to pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, we ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
C. Doherty

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase (????)

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:22 PM
To: Anitra Shird <ashird66@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase (????)

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From: Anitra Shird <ashird66@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:25 PM

To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Council President Constituent Services <constituent.cp@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; McCray, Danielle (City Council) <Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase (????)

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Dear District Council person and Council President Cohen,

I live at 4416 Springwood Avenue and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate with rising cost of energy, food, fuel, water, etc. The property tax rates for City Homeowners is already excessive compared to surrounding counties and we receive less and inconsistent services. I live 1.5 blocks away from the city/county line and can see the disparity in services and they pay less property taxes. I am 100% willing to sell this property and move on the county side, and would encourage my neighbors, family of homeowners to do the same. City residents do not need another tax for anything. Many are already working two jobs to keep up in a time when jobs are hard to find because we are competing with the high number of unemployed. Tell the Mayor to stop spending frivolous money on things that do not support the ease of resident livelihoods before he forces an exodus. (ex: excessive staff, unnecessary parties/expenditures, excessive salaries, etc). **Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.** Thank you!

Anitra Shird
4416 Springwood Avenue
Baltimore MD 21206
410-215-8601

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Vote NO to raise Homestead Tax Credit from 4% to 5%

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:22 PM
To: Roger Campos <ekkor@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Vote NO to raise Homestead Tax Credit from 4% to 5%

Hi Roger,

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From: Roger Campos <ekkor@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:31 PM

To: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Vote NO to raise Homestead Tax Credit from 4% to 5%

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Dear Councilman Paris, Conway and Council President Cohen:

I urge you to vote no on this tax increase. You should be reducing property taxes significantly (not 1 cents). I also urge you to vote no on the Mayor's plans to add 16 more tax payer funded positions when Baltimore has a financial deficit, low bond rating, under funded pension plans, and should sell the Hilton Hotel which has been a real financial loser. Baltimore needs your leadership to tighten its belt just like citizens due everyday, especially those on fixed incomes.

Voters are watching.

Roger Campos
400 Old Orchard Road
Baltimore, MD 21229

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property tax increase

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:21 PM
To: beatrix bennett <beatrixb011@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property tax increase

Hi Beatrix

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From: beatrix bennett <beatrixb011@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:26 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property tax increase

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Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you,
Beatrix Bennett

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 26-0151 Property Tax Increase Bill

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:18 PM
To: Mary Margaret <marymargaretphilpot@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 26-0151 Property Tax Increase Bill

Hi Mary,

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From: Mary Margaret <marymargaretphilpot@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:47 PM
To: Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 26-0151 Property Tax Increase Bill

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Dear Council Person and Council President Cohen:

I live at 532 S. Ann St., and am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 26-051. The bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill Monday.

Thank you!
Mary Margaret Philpot

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: I do not support CCB 25-015 Please vote no

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:18 PM
To: Brooke Story <brooke.e.story@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: I do not support CCB 25-015 Please vote no

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This package provides much needed property tax relief to Baltimore residents—and will finally lower our effective rate below \$2.00 per \$100 of assessed value. It is an important step to help homeowners who are being squeezed on all sides, and to attract new residents to join the renaissance happening in Baltimore.

Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

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From: Brooke Story <brooke.e.story@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:13 PM
To: Schleifer, Isaac (City Council) <Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Dear Council person Schleifer and Council President Cohen, I live at 1000 Winding Way 21210, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate.

I moved to Baltimore in 2021, and was discouraged from living in the city for a variety of reasons (taxes, crime, schools, in that order), but I truly believe in support of cities across our nation. We can't all move to the suburbs or exurbs and expect the benefit of a thriving city with stadiums and tourism. I love my home in Poplar Hill. I'm involved in the community and want to continue to make Baltimore my home and a hub for corporate development and expansion. I see so much potential in this city.

I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

The taxes in Baltimore make buying a home in this area a financial burden that is born by those that are trying to help and be present. One simply moves out of the city and it's automatic financial arbitrage and a faster pathway to wealth generation. This bill is going to discourage population growth. We may have seen growth in the Peninsula a few years ago, but we need consistent growth in tax paying homeowners, and today, the decision to come to Baltimore has to be one of passion and commitment because the financial calculus would inform a move one to another county. I recognize the services (my trash was not picked up yesterday), but that does not offset the current tax comparison with surrounding counties. I can afford this, but I consider the impact of living in the City on what I leave my children. I think there should be extensive conversation with the citizens and a dispassionate look at the budget of the city prior to passing this bill. I love the city and what you and the Mayor's office are doing to continue to improve our great little city, but a tax increase, in this climate, at this time, without community input, is not aligned with the expectations of the homeowners who've chosen to move here or stay and elected you.

Again, I ask that you vote no on this bill next Monday.

Sincerely -

Brooke & Keith Story

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151- Tax Increase

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From: Gresham James, Latasha (City Council) <latasha.greshamjames@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:21 PM
To: Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>; Hasiuk, Ethan (City Council) <Ethan.Hasiuk@baltimorecity.gov>; Kimura, Arisa (City Council) <arisa.kimura@baltimorecity.gov>; Kancherla, Hailey (City Council) <hailey.kancherla@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Scheuerman, Rachel (City Council) <Rachel.Scheuerman@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Gardiner, Shamoyia (City Council) <shamoyia.gardiner@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151- Tax Increase

Thanks for sharing and thanks for pointing out the incorrect information.
What is the correct information? We want to be able to share the correct information, when necessary.

Tasha

Latasha Gresham-James
Senior Advisor, Community Partnership & Public Affairs
Office of the City Council President
City Council President Zeke Cohen

From: Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:00 PM
To: Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>; Hasiuk, Ethan (City Council) <Ethan.Hasiuk@baltimorecity.gov>; Kimura, Arisa (City Council) <arisa.kimura@baltimorecity.gov>; Kancherla, Hailey (City Council) <hailey.kancherla@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Gresham James, Latasha (City Council) <latasha.greshamjames@baltimorecity.gov>; Scheuerman, Rachel (City Council) <Rachel.Scheuerman@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Gardiner, Shamoyia (City Council) <shamoyia.gardiner@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Fw: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151- Tax Increase

Zeke shared Torrence's message bc he thought it was pretty good.

It's too long.

It also contains some inaccuracies - the below is not true.

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2026 11:48:20

To: Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Fw: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151- Tax Increase

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From: Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 18:10:12

To: kelli bigelow <kbigelow2011@gmail.com>

Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Re: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151- Tax Increase

Ms. Bigelow:

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding Council Bill 25-0151. Please forgive the length of my response, but I wanted to provide additional context regarding the legislation and the rationale behind it.

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Thank you again for reaching out and for your engagement in the legislative process.

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James Torrence, J.D.

Baltimore City Council, District 7

From: kelli bigelow <kbigelow2011@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 3:06 PM

To: Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: VOTE NO on CCB 25-0151- Tax Increase

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Dear Councilperson and Council President Cohen,

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I just signed up for the Homestead Credit, I am dissapointed at the representation of this badly crafted bill that will increase my taxes.

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Thank you!

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Kind Regards,
Kelli CW Bigelow
443 226 1340

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to CCB 25-0151 Property Tax Increase

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:37 PM
To: Dorian Turner <dorianluveniaturner@gmail.com>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Matthew Turner <matthewaaronturner@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to CCB 25-0151 Property Tax Increase

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding Council Bill 26-0151. Please forgive the length of my response, but I wanted to provide additional context regarding the legislation and the rationale behind it.

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James Torrence, J.D.

Baltimore City Council, District 7

From: Dorian Turner <dorianluveniaturner@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 8:32 AM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Matthew Turner <matthewaaronturner@gmail.com>

Subject: Opposition to CCB 25-0151 Property Tax Increase

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Dear Councilperson and Council President Cohen,

I live at 229 W Lanvale Street, Baltimore, 21217, and I am writing to express my **extreme opposition** to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Like anyone else, I have a family to provide for, student loans, a mortgage, rising utility/gas prices. When is enough enough? It's insulting that residents were not forewarned about this. The middle class continues to get squeezed because it's assumed we can absorb these exuberant prices. That's not the case! Vote no!

Thank you!
Dorian Turner

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Comments to CCB 25-0151 from a 10 Hills Resident and Long Time Democrat

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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Craig Brodsky <cbsb@GDLDLAW.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:50 PM
To: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Comments to CCB 25-0151 from a 10 Hills Resident and Long Time Democrat

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Mr. Gray

I live in 10 Hills. We have met at a few community events, but I do not write expecting you to remember.

I am, however, writing because the increase in City Property taxes being proposed should not pass and I urge you to vote against it. Right now in 10 Hills houses are sitting on the market. My escrow account payments for my house are outrageously high...I purchased it for \$600,000 in 2023 and I pay over \$1300 per month. My BGE has gone up \$1800 per year. We pay 700 a month in car insurance.

I am an equity partner in a city-based law firm. I love being in the city. I love being in Ten Hills. I sympathize with the budgetary issues, but hitting folks like the 10 Hills residents is not the answer when we're paying over \$4.00 a gallon for gas these days.

I am a long time democrat. I support our candidates and vote the ticket. I am a strong supporter of Mayor Scott. I think you all have done a great job on Crime. I am thrilled with the redevelopment of Harbor Place that is to come.

Please don't chase my neighbors and me out of the city. It is already very expensive to live here compared to the cost of housing.

I appreciate your consideration.

Craig and Lisa Brodsky
411 Old Orchard Rd.

Craig Brodsky
Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP
csb@gdldlaw.com
410-783-4014

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Re:

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:08 PM
To: DaeVon Moore <daevonmoore93@gmail.com>
Subject: Re:

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From: DaeVon Moore <daevonmoore93@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 2:07 PM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Bullock, John (City Council) <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject:

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition of Bill CCB 25- 0151

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From: Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 2:23 PM
To: Melanie Hardy <melanieleannhardy@gmail.com>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposition of Bill CCB 25- 0151

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James Torrence, J.D.

Baltimore City Council, District 7

From: Melanie Hardy <melanieleannhardy@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 2:16 PM

To: Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Opposition of Bill CCB 25- 0151

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Melanie Hardy

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Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:08 PM
To: shirley thomas <shrlthomas7@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

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Zeke Cohen

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From: shirley thomas <shrlthomas7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 3:07 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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June 11, 2026

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Thank you!

Shirley T. Thomas, PhD

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Not pleased with the property tax proposal

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:08 PM
To: Benjamin Feldman <benjamin.i.feldman@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Not pleased with the property tax proposal

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From: Benjamin Feldman <benjamin.i.feldman@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 3:48 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Charles George <charles.george@comcast.net>; ray.c.mitzel <ray.c.mitzel@comcast.net>
Subject: Fwd: Not pleased with the property tax proposal

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I realize you likely have ambitions beyond your current office, so I forward to you would I sent to Mark Conway yesterday.

Thank you.

Benjamin Feldman

Begin forwarded message:

From: Benjamin Feldman <benjamin.i.feldman@comcast.net>
Date: June 10, 2026 at 4:05:25 PM EDT
To: mark.conway@baltimorecity.gov
Subject: Not pleased with the property tax proposal

Dear Mark Conway:

The present proposal to cut the tax rate by ONE PENNY while blowing the homesteading cap is a truly awful idea. It is a slap in the face, and a barely surreptitious scheme to punish stable neighborhoods like Homeland.

We have been lucky to have a level-headed councilmember in you. I want to stress, in the strongest language possible, the total disapproval of every adult voter in my house with the present proposal.

If you have followed the solid advice from local expert economists, what would serve the city much better would be to slash property taxes, and not by a penny but substantially.

There was a time, many decades ago, when it was preferable to live within the city and to pay a premium for it: great public schools, great utilities, great downtown. This is not the city we are living in now.

Our wish is that the tax rate should come down a lot, to be comparable to the county. Rigging the homestead cap is clearly a backdoor to extracting even more money. Baltimore will never renovate large swaths of its housing, maintain its most desirable neighborhoods, or attract a working class with such shoddy bad policy.

I want to believe you know better, and we will be watching how the City Council votes very carefully.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Feldman
5504 Saint Albans Way
21212

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Vote NO on CCB 26-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:54 PM
To: Jim Czarnecki <czarhouse@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: Vote NO on CCB 26-0151

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From: Jim Czarnecki <czarhouse@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 4:01 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Vote NO on CCB 26-0151

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property taxes

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:54 PM
To: Noach Burr <noachburr@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property taxes

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From: Noach Burr <noachburr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 4:30 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property taxes

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Hello,

I'm a proud homeowner in Baltimore city and I'm reaching out to let you know that I OPPOSE any bills to raise property taxes in Baltimore city for owner occupied primary residents.

Our taxes are already more than the surrounding areas and this bill will only make things worse.

Baltimore City needs to reverse the decade of population decline that we have experienced

The dramatic reduction in violent crime has been a big plus, and I salute you for that!

But the cost of ownership relative to the surrounding communities is also a factor. Property taxes (and the super high water bills) need to come down to keep our city competitive

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion

Noah Burr

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:53 PM
To: Jennifer Evers <hoxtonmarket@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

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From: Jennifer Evers <hoxtonmarket@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 4:50 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
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Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.
Thank you!

Jennifer Evers

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Against a property tax increase for Baltimore City

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:53 PM
To: Carol Berman <carolberman1302@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Against a property tax increase for Baltimore City

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From: Carol Berman <carolberman1302@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 4:57 PM
To: Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Against a property tax increase for Baltimore City

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I just read in Next Door there is a proposed city council vote on Monday, June 15 regarding increasing Property Tax on Homeowners. Some of us already had a credit and the bill is still quite high. I am a 46 year resident of Idlewood and increased taxes could cause me to leave the city or not do needed home repairs or perhaps buy fewer groceries. Sneaking in that 4 % to 5 % increase seems a little underhanded the way it's been handled.

Supporter of the city but not Supporter of increase property tax,

Carol Berman
1302 Meridene Drive
Baltimore, MD 21239

carolberman1302@gmail.com

443-977-6865

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: My opposition to Monday's passage of CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:49 PM
To: Steve y <stevenyannaras@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: My opposition to Monday's passage of CCB 25-0151

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From: Steve y <stevenyannaras@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 5:38 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:11 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:49 PM
To: Roberta Cowan <robcow@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

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From: Roberta Cowan <robcow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 5:39 PM
To: Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151 -Property Tax Increase

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Thank you,
Roberta Cowan

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:48 PM
To: Sara Arno <arno.sara@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

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From: Sara Arno <arno.sara@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 6:43 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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Please know that we strongly oppose this bill.

Our property taxes are astronomical already -- especially for the quality of the services we receive.

We cannot manage higher property taxes!

Thank you.

Sara and Steven Arno

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151- please consider the impact

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:48 PM
To: Marc Payne <mpayne699@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151- please consider the impact

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From: Marc Payne <mpayne699@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:17 PM
To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Dear Ryan Dorsey and Council President Cohen,

I live at 4514 Arabia Avenue, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. As tax values continue to rise even with the cap of a homestead credit our already higher property tax percentage compared to the surrounding counties has a negative impact on existing neighbors and the potential of welcoming new neighbors to the community. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday. Thank you!

Marc Payne
M: 410.430.2673

Sent from my iPhone

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Say no to property tax cap increase in city. We pay too much compared to other parts of Maryland s it is! Ferne Klapper6200 Verdene Ave Baltimore, MD 21209

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:48 PM
To: mitchell klapper <mklappe5@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Say no to property tax cap increase in city. We pay too much compared to other parts of Maryland s it is! Ferne Klapper6200 Verdene Ave Baltimore, MD 21209

Hi Mitchell,

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

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From: mitchell klapper <mklappe5@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:20 PM

To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Taxes

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:47 PM
To: Michael Joseph <mikejoseph1@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Property Taxes

Hi Michael,

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From: Michael Joseph <mikejoseph1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:35 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Taxes

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Dear Zeke,

I am writing to you with respect to the proposed increase on the max amount of homestead credit that we currently receive. My sister is a school teacher and I work for a nonprofit. I cannot afford these continual increases. Property values are increasing so in fact, I am going to have to pay more if you increase the max rate increase to 4 or 5%.

At every turn, there are increased fees or taxes and it's making the city unaffordable. I'd love to retire here, but it's looking more and more likely that I won't be able to afford to.. please consider voting no on this proposal.

Thanks,
Michael Joseph

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Increased Property Taxes

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:47 PM
To: Angela Coleman <coleman3601@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Increased Property Taxes

Hi Angela,

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From: Angela Coleman <coleman3601@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:42 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Increased Property Taxes

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Dear Council person and Council President Cohen, I live at 840 Harlem Ave Baltimore Md 21201 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Angela Coleman

Sent from my iPhone

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Vote no on property tax increase

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:46 PM
To: Wendi Henry <henrywendi@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Vote no on property tax increase

Hi Wendi,

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From: Wendi Henry <henrywendi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:09 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Vote no on property tax increase

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Dear Council person and Council President Cohen, I live at 1931 E. Lafayette Ave Baltimore, Md 21213 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Wendi Henry

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Bill Increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:46 PM
To: Hiram Perez <mars.37@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property Tax Bill Increase

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From: Hiram Perez <mars.37@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:59 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Tax Bill Increase

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Dear Council person and Council President Mr. Cohen, I live at 7265 Swan Point Way and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in a serious increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate already having increases in gasoline, electricity, and groceries, at the same time. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday. Thank you!

Hiram Perez.

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to property tax increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:46 PM
To: Brian Hasselfeld <b.hasselfeld@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to property tax increase

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From: Brian Hasselfeld <b.hasselfeld@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:43 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to property tax increase

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Zeke, Sharon

As a resident of district 6, I deeply oppose any city council bill to raise property taxes.

My family is the rare transplant into Baltimore - from St Louis and Louisiana, have had 2 children born at JHH, both of whom attend RPCS up the street and have come to love our adopted home.

And yet the most traumatic event of our lives occurred December 2023 here in the city - when a group of masked burglars ransacked our home and stole hundreds of thousands of dollars of valuables. All caught on camera. Despite close connectivity to the city and state government, nothing done by Baltimore City police. Written off as another cost of living in the city - which can never change how much the event changed our lives.

We love living where we live and support our city and our local and state government - but we live a half mile from the county line.

We have suffered the realities of the city's crime infestation. We have continued through lack of infrastructure - power going out monthly, roads are a mess, schools are never an option.

Raising taxes further on property owners is not our way out - it is a death sentence as it will push those thinking of leaving over the edge.

Brian Hasselfeld

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB - 25 - 0151

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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:45 PM
To: MELVA STOKES <dustynight@msn.com>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: CCB - 25 - 0151

Hi Ms. Stokes,

Thanks for taking the time to write to us. This bill increases the Homestead cap from 4% to 5%. Yes, taxes will increase. However, Mayor Scott proposes to offset this with a targeted tax credit that you will automatically get on your tax bill. You see it now on your bill as a "special credit" That credit will be larger starting July 1. Each homeowner has been getting this credit since 2002, and Mayor Scott is going to increase it. Essentially, your overall bill may be lower or stay the same.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

Baltimore City Councilwoman
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From: MELVA STOKES <dustynight@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:06 AM
To: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB - 25 - 0151

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Dear Council Woman Ramos and Council President Cohen:

I live at 3722 Greenmount Ave 21218 and I am writing to express my opposition to bill CCB 25 - 0151. I am a senior and my house is paid off.

I am asking that you vote NO on this bill.

Sincerely,
Melva Stokes

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 26-0151

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From: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:18 PM
To: Julie Smith <juliebalto@gmail.com>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: CCB 26-0151

Hi Julie

Thanks for writing. Yes, this bill increases the Homestead cap from 4% to 5% so yes an increase. Mayor Scott also announced that he will be increasing the targeted homeowner's credit – which shows up on your tax bill as "special tax credit." Therefore your total bill should be reduced or the same starting July 1.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

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From: Julie Smith <juliebalto@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 4:11 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 26-0151

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Dear Councilwoman Ramos and Council President Cohen.

I live at 4008 Hickory Avenue, 21211 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 26–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Julie Smith

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: City tax increase.

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:45 PM
To: Jennifer Labellarte <jenniferlabellarte@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: City tax increase.

Hi Jennifer,

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From: Jennifer Labellarte <jenniferlabellarte@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 7:24 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: City tax increase.

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I am a long time city resident. I have owned my house since 2000. Please do not increase home ownership via taxes.

My house downtown has seen increased crime and decreases in value because of the apartments going up.

We already pay entirely too much in taxes. Consider alternative sources like the businesses and new development.

Thank you

Jennifer Labellarte.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB- 25-0151I

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:45 PM
To: hfmayer@verizon.net <hfmayer@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: CCB- 25-0151I

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From: hfmayer@verizon.net <hfmayer@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB- 25-01511

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I am a 30 year resident in Baltimore City at the same address. With the highest property tax rate in the state already, this would ensure that my taxes would increase from a annual limit of 4% to 5%. I can list for you business associates that have moved out of the city because of the property taxes. Consider me one of the possibilities.

If I pay a 5% increase each year, many will have paid more than the equivalent of the cost of the house in 20 years....most mortgages are for 30 years.

Hans F Mayer

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 26-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:45 PM
To: Keisha Wright <keishacarter725@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 26-0151

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From: Keisha Wright <keishacarter725@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:27 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 26-0151

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Dear Council person and Council President Cohen, I live at (1117 W Hamburg Street Baltimore, Maryland) and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 26-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owners/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday. Thank you!(Name)

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***Kindest Regards,
Keisha Wright
Ravens For Life***

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Against Property Tax Credit Increase

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:44 PM
To: Attlay Williams <AttlayWilliams@msn.com>
Subject: Re: Against Property Tax Credit Increase

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Zeke Cohen

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From: Attlay Williams <AttlayWilliams@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:31 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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I, Attlay S. Williams at 4117 Essex Road, Gwynn Oak, Maryland, choose to vote against the 4-5% property tax credit bill. Every governor who gets that position always says no property increase, but it increases anyway.

Thank you.

Ms. Attlay S Williams

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property taxes

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Shelley Krowe <skrowe5250@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:54 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property taxes

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Thank you!
Shelley R. Krowe

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

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Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:44 PM
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From: Shelley Krowe <skrowe5250@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:58 AM
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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Please Vote " NO" next Monday for CCB 25-0151

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Baltimore, MD 21202
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:38 PM
To: Ann Costlow <acostlow@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Please Vote " NO" next Monday for CCB 25-0151

Hi Ann,

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From: Ann Costlow <acostlow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:10 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Please Vote " NO" next Monday for CCB 25-0151

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Dear Councilman Conway and Council President Cohen,

I live at 508 Nicoll Ave, 21212 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Ann Costlow
(410) 375-1036

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Propert Tac Increase

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Dionysia Downs <kaprice2304@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:32 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Propert Tac Increase

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Accordingly, I ask you to vote NO on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Dionysia L. Downs

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Bill

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Lessley, Lucinda (City Council) <lucinda.lessley@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:40 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: Property Tax Bill

If a person doesn't get the credit, they pay the full increase – but it's always been that way for them.

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:54 PM
To: Castagnola, Michael (City Council) <michael.castagnola1@baltimorecity.gov>; Sullivan, Emily (City Council) <emily.sullivan@baltimorecity.gov>; Lessley, Lucinda (City Council) <lucinda.lessley@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Bill

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From: Dionysia Downs <kaprice2304@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:44 PM

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Thank you for your reply. Just one question: what if I do not qualify for the Homestead Tax credit?

***Thank you,
Dionysia Downs***

On Monday, June 15, 2026 at 12:38:39 PM EDT, Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

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From: Dionysia Downs <kaprice2304@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:34 AM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Property Tax Bill

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:35 PM
To: Stacy Boslego <ycats1113@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

Good afternoon Stacy,

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From: Stacy Boslego <ycats1113@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:57 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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Dear Councilperson and Council President Cohen,

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Thank you,
Stacy Boslego

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.”
Philippians 2:3

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Re:

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:35 PM
To: erin brown <brown.erin58@gmail.com>
Subject: Re:

Dear Erin,

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From: erin brown <brown.erin58@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:38 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject:

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Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you! Erin Brown

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB- 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:34 PM
To: Frank <frankh574@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: CCB- 25-0151

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From: Frank <frankh574@verizon.net>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:14 AM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>

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CCB- 25-0151 will raise the cap on that amount so that your yearly payments will go up from 4% to 5%. HOW IS THIS A TAX CUT??? Cutting One penny BUT raising the Home stead to 5% NOT a Tax CUT!!! If this passes You will not get my vote again! I will be spreading the Word on CCB- 25-0151

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Please vote against CCB 25-0151.

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:33 PM
To: James Brasic <zauberfuchs@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Please vote against CCB 25-0151.

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From: James Brasic <zauberfuchs@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:15 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: James Brasic <zauberfuchs@gmail.com>; James Brasic <zauberfuchs@icloud.com>
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June 12, 2026

1101 Saint Paul Street, Apartment 1107

Baltimore, MD 21202-2664

Dear Council President Cohen,

I live at 1101 Saint Paul Street, Apartment 1107, Baltimore, MD 21202-2664, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you,

James Brasic

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James

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:32 PM
To: Ted To <wintrymix@theo.to>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen

Baltimore City Council
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Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Ted To <wintrymix@theo.to>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:42 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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Dear Council Person Middleton and Council President Cohen,

I live at 712 Deepdene Rd and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Ted To

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:07 PM
To: Agnes To <acto@theo.to>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

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Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:44 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:06 PM
To: mpalmer326@gmail.com <mpalmer326@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

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From: mpalmer326@gmail.com <mpalmer326@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:45 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Council President Constituent Services <constituent.cp@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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Dear Councilman Conway and Council President Cohen,
I live at 6402 Clearspring Road and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.
I am asking you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Martha Palmer
6402 Clearspring Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
410-802-8048
Mpalmer236@gmail.com

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property tax increases

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
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Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Patricia P <patricia.patrick52@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property tax increases

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Patricia P <patricia.patrick52@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:57 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property tax increases

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Dear sir,

I add my name to the list of people who are dissatisfied with the proposed tax increase. That will take my mortgage over the \$2000 limit. I'm already paying over \$1900 per month on my mortgage. As an elderly person (68 yrs) it's increasingly difficult for me to keep up with this increase. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards
Patricia Patrick

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: City Council Bill CCB 25-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Michael Getz <michaelgetz724@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: City Council Bill CCB 25-0151

Dear Michael,

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From: Michael Getz <michaelgetz724@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:09 PM
To: Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: City Council Bill CCB 25-0151

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I live at 2542 Fleet Street and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Bills such as this one ultimately harm the city by keeping potential buyers away which has a negative ripple effect on the city.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you
Michael Getz

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151 Opposition

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:05 PM
To: Angela Barber <e2atb01@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151 Opposition

Dear Angela,

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From: Angela Barber <e2atb01@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:45 PM
To: McCray, Danielle (City Council) <Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151 Opposition

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Angela T Barber

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Irvinette Barnes <irvyswirvy@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 6:01 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Property Tax

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Thank you for responding. This is more than I can say for my councilman, Ryan Dorsey. Any correspondence that I have sent him that's contrary to his belief has not even been acknowledged. I don't agree that the savings will be significant enough to make a difference. We have the highest property tax rate in the state of MD. I don't see that this bill will make a real difference. Even more disturbing, is how this was not presented to us in a timely manner so that we could really weigh all that it entails. It is disappointing that City Hall seems to be on their own agenda and not making decisions on what the taxpayers want or for what is truly in our best interest. I am not pleased with this administration and will definitely let my voice be heard when you all are up for reelection. Once again, thanks for at least responding.

On Jun 15, 2026, at 12:05 PM, Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
<Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

Dear Irvinette,

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From: Irvinette Barnes <irvyswirvy@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:59 PM
To: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Tax

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Dear Councilman Ryan Dorsey and Council President Cohen,

I live at 3501 Mary Avenue, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Irvinette Barnes James

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: MUST READ* CCB 25-0151 - feedback requested please

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
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Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:05 PM
To: vercyjb@gmail.com <vercyjb@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: MUST READ* CCB 25-0151 - feedback requested please

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From: Vercilla Brown <vercyjb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:39 PM
To: Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: MUST READ* CCB 25-0151 - feedback requested please

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Dear Councilman Jones
Council President Cohen,

Greetings!

I live at 1524 N Bond St., and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151.

This bill will result in an increase in the amount of hundreds of dollars that owners/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes.

This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents in Baltimore City prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to **vote no on this bill next Monday.**

Thank you!

Respectfully,
Vercilla A Brown
P: 301-221-1451
E: vercyjb@gmail.com

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Do not increase city property taxes.

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:04 PM
To: AOLMemberSupport <yvonnecurry@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: Do not increase city property taxes.

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From: AOLMemberSupport <yvonnecurry@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:22 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Do not increase city property taxes.

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I'm currently in Johns Hopkins and have filled out any forms for this, but do not want any increases in Baltimore City property taxes.

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Taxes

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:04 PM
To: Deborah McKnight <deborahm0320@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property Taxes

Good afternoon Deborah,

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From: Deborah McKnight <deborahm0320@gmail.com>
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Deborah McKnight

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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Baltimore City Council
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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: H&B Valeri <bhvaleri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:14 PM
To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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Dear Councilman Blanchard,

Please add the following names to the list of The Towers unit owners who oppose the subject bill.

Olga Kovbasnuk, Ph.D. and George Uhl, MD, Ph.D., Unit 2801
Susan Fleishman, Unit 1202
Nancy Davidson, Unit 2707/2807
Elaine Wickham Rifkin and Erik Rifkin, Unit 2107

Barbara Valeri

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: opposition to CCB 25-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:02 PM
To: elina nostrant <elina.nostrant@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: opposition to CCB 25-0151

Dear Elina,

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From: elina nostrant <elina.nostrant@gmail.com>
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NEIGHBORS UNITED COALITION Dear Council President Cohen, I live at 2506 Lakewood Ct., Parkville, MD 21234, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday. Thank you,
Elina Nostrant

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
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Subject: Fw: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:01 PM
To: Lady Bell <ladybell1920@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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From: Lady Bell <ladybell1920@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:19 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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Thank you,
Lady M. Bell

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Bill

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:02 PM
To: renee Griffin <rmdsouza10@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property Tax Bill

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From: renee Griffin <rmdsouza10@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 5:20 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Tax Bill

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Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you,
Renee Griffin
801 Montpelier St
Baltimore Md 21218

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:01 PM
To: ELLISON JAMES <james.ellison@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

Dear Ellison,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: ELLISON JAMES <james.ellison@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 7:29 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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Dear Councilperson and Council President Cohen,

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Thank you!

E. James

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: PROPERTY TAX INCREASES

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From: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 7:41 AM
To: Kimberly McBride <kcforeman@hotmail.com>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: PROPERTY TAX INCREASES

Thanks for reaching out and sharing your concerns.

I get where you're coming from. For a lot of homeowners, the reaction isn't really about the mechanics of the Homestead cap. It's about the broader affordability question. Folks are looking at BGE bills, insurance premiums, groceries, mortgage payments, and property taxes all at the same time and wondering where the relief is coming from.

That's a completely fair concern.

One thing I'd point out is that the amended bill isn't being proposed as a standalone tax increase. It's part of a larger property tax reduction strategy aimed at bringing down Baltimore's residential property tax burden over time. The current proposal moves the Homestead cap from 4% to 5% while pairing that change with a phased reduction in the residential tax rate. The thinking behind it is that Baltimore's property tax rate remains one of the biggest barriers to keeping and attracting homeowners, and we have to start addressing that if we're serious about long-term growth.

That doesn't mean residents shouldn't ask tough questions. I've been doing the same thing. My focus has been making sure homeowners, especially long-time residents and families who have invested in their neighborhoods for years, are protected as these changes are considered.

One thing I think we can all agree on is that too many residents are missing out on tax relief they're already eligible for. That's why I've been encouraging homeowners to make sure they're enrolled in both

the Homestead Tax Credit and the Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit. There are thousands of Baltimore homeowners who qualify and aren't receiving those benefits today.

I appreciate you taking the time to write. Feedback like this is important because these conversations shouldn't happen in a vacuum. They should be grounded in the real costs residents are facing every month.

For anyone who wants to dig into the broader strategy and see how this proposal fits into it, here's a good overview:

Baltimore Property Tax Reduction Strategy:

<https://www.baltimorecity.gov/mayor/property-tax-reduction-strategy>

Sincerely,

Mr. Paris Gray (He/Him)
Councilmember 8th District
O: (410)-396-4818
Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov

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From: Kimberly McBride <kcforeman@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, 13 June 2026 07:35:58

To: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: PROPERTY TAX INCREASES

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Dear Councilperson Gray and Council President Cohen,

We live in the 4900 block of Edmondson Avenue and are writing to express our opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, we ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Mr. and Mrs. McBride

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB-25-0151

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From: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 7:43 AM
To: tmaurice87@gmail.com <tmaurice87@gmail.com>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: CCB-25-0151

Good Morning Thomas,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns.

I understand why this proposal has raised questions. For many homeowners, affordability is front and center right now. Between rising utility bills, insurance costs, groceries, and housing expenses, people are rightfully paying close attention to anything that could affect their household budget.

One thing I'd note is that the legislation being considered today is different from the original proposal. The bill was amended to increase the Homestead Tax Credit cap from 4% to 5%, not 6%, and it's tied to a phased reduction in the residential property tax rate as part of a broader effort to lower Baltimore's overall property tax burden over time.

The conversation I've been having throughout this process isn't simply whether taxes should go up or down. It's how Baltimore can remain affordable and competitive while also maintaining the services residents rely on. We currently have one of the highest property tax rates in Maryland, and finding a path to lower that burden is something I believe deserves serious discussion.

That said, I agree residents should be informed and engaged. I've spent a significant amount of time reviewing the legislation, asking questions about long-term impacts, and making sure homeowner protections remain part of the conversation, particularly for long-time residents and families who have invested in our communities.

Separate from this bill, I continue to encourage homeowners to verify that they're enrolled in both the Homestead Tax Credit and the Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit. Thousands of Baltimore homeowners qualify for these programs but are not currently receiving the relief available to them.

I appreciate you taking the time to write. Hearing directly from residents is an important part of my decision-making process and helps ensure these policy discussions stay connected to the realities homeowners are facing every day.

For additional information on the broader property tax reduction strategy, residents can review it here:

Baltimore Property Tax Reduction Strategy:

<https://www.baltimorecity.gov/mayor/property-tax-reduction-strategy>

Sincerely,

Mr. Paris Gray (He/Him)

Councilmember 8th District

O: (410)-396-4818

Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov

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From: tmaurice87@gmail.com <tmaurice87@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:45 PM

To: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: CCB-25-0151

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Dear Councilperson and Council President Cohen,

I live at 528 Nottingham Rd, 21229, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Thomas Maurice

528 Nottingham Rd

Baltimore, MD 21229

443-631-7895

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:00 PM
To: Chara Bauer <chara@perceptostudios.com>
Subject: Re: Property Tax Increase

Dear Chara,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Chara Bauer <chara@perceptostudios.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 11:29 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Tax Increase

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Hi,

I live in Hampden and heard that there is going to be a bill increasing property taxes. I am against any tax increase due to the financial strain already occurring due to the economy and war.

Can you please not allow this bill to pass?

Chara

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:06 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:00 PM
To: m.raim@verizon.net <m.raim@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: Property Tax Increase

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From: m.raim@verizon.net <m.raim@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 11:31 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Tax Increase

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Dear Mr. Cohen,

As a lifelong resident of Baltimore and a homeowner of the same house for 49 years, I would hope that the proposed tax increase will be reconsidered.

Thanks!

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:06 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:00 PM
To: Sharon Dlhosh <spdlohsh@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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From: Sharon Dlhosh <spdlhosh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 1:41 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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The Honorable Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
The Honorable Baltimore City Councilwoman Odette Ramos

Dear Council President Cohen and Councilwoman Ramos,

I am a longtime citizen and homeowner of Baltimore City and currently reside at 3933 Cloverhill Road, District 14. I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore City must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in these difficult financial times when the cost of living is soaring. That discussion has not taken place with us. I first read about it in the Baltimore Sun last weekend, but the article was confusing as to the intent of the proposed legislation and its ramifications on longstanding homeowner/occupants. Accordingly, I ask you to vote NO on this bill on Monday June 15, 2026.

Thank you!

In sincere appreciation and gratitude for your public service,
Sharon Dlhosh
Board Member, Tuscan-Canterbury Neighborhood Association
3933 Cloverhill Road
Baltimore, MD 21218

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:06 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Council Bill 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:59 AM
To: Wayne Carson <hondaman2000@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Council Bill 25-0151

Dear Wayne,

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From: Wayne Carson <hondaman2000@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 3:54 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Council Bill 25-0151

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Dear Council President Cohen,

I live at 2909 White Ave., 21214 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. While a reduction in property taxes has been talked about for years, there has never been any meaningful action taken to do so. It is no wonder that the City continues to lose residents. Between the crime, real and perceived, our poorly performing schools, and the highest property tax rate of any Maryland jurisdiction, it becomes hard to continue to support this city. Perhaps if the City would collect the money due it from various entities, and the mayor would stop adding to his staff, this bill wouldn't need to be part of any discussion.

Please vote no on this further cash grab.

Sincerely,
Wayne Carson

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:06 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Homestead vote

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:59 AM
To: Kaylin A <kaylin.adipietro@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Homestead vote

Dear Kaylin,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

While Bill 26-0151 lifts the Homestead cap from 4% to 5%, it does not stand alone. It will be coupled with a major expansion of the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit, [THTC] which will provide long overdue relief to residential homeowners throughout Baltimore. All City Taxpayers who are approved for Homestead are automatically enrolled in THTC.

By implementing this plan, we will lower the maximum effective residential property tax rate until it reaches \$1.99 on July 1, 2027 per \$100 of assessed value. As a result, residential property homeowners will receive lower property tax bills on July 1, 2027 than they would otherwise have received, and the vast majority of homeowners will receive further relief in FY 2028 and in subsequent years, [with additional help for residents who qualify for state credit programs](#).

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

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From: Kaylin A <kaylin.adipietro@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:34 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Homestead vote

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Hello to my City Council rep, Mr. Conway, and the Council President, Mr. Cohen,

I am writing today to ask you not to move forward with the increase in the Homestead tax credit cap from 4% to 5%. While the amendment of 5 is better than the 6% initially proposed, any increase in the cap will pose a financial burden n the homeowners in the city, like my family. The city taxes, as we all know, are higher than surrounding areas. Even under the 4% cap, we have watched our taxes increase almost 4k since we bought the house in 2018 (residents of the city since 2013).

I urge you to find another way to fill whatever revenue problem the city is facing (I will never understand where all the tax money goes). Increasing the cap will only drive more people out of the city, which will cause further revenue loss.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kaylin Adipietro
Orkney Rd, Bmore 21212

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:06 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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From: H&B Valeri <bhvaleri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 12:41 PM
To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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Please add the following unit owners from The Towers at Harbor Court Condominium to the list of owners opposed to the subject bill:

Robert Higginbotham, Unit 1805
Rosamelia and Mark Drake, Unit 2009
Joan Dolby, Unit 1803

Thank you,

Barbara Valeri

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:06 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to CCB 25 - 0151

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From: sam gilmore <samsoshy6@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 4:19 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to CCB 25 - 0151

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Dear Council person and Council President Cohen,

My name is Tabatha Kittrell and I live at 571 Lucia Ave

I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151.

This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday. Thank you!

Tabatha Kittrell

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:06 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to CCB 25 - 0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:58 AM
To: sam gilmore <samsoshy6@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to CCB 25 - 0151

Dear Sam,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: sam gilmore <samsoshy6@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 4:21 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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Tabatha Kittrell

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151 IS NOT GOOD FOR US!!

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:57 AM
To: Taalib Boyd <1mrboyd@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151 IS NOT GOOD FOR US!!

Dear Taalib,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Taalib Boyd <1mrboyd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 6:38 PM
To: bill.ferguson <bill.ferguson@senate.state.md.us>; Porter, Phylicia R.L. (City Council) <Phylicia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151 IS NOT GOOD FOR US!!

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Dear Councilperson and Council President Cohen,

I live at 1700 S Charles ST Baltimore MD 21230 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Strong Opposition to Bill CCB 25-0151 – Proposed Property Tax Increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:56 AM
To: Sandra Young <sandra.k.young26@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Strong Opposition to Bill CCB 25-0151 – Proposed Property Tax Increase

Dear Sandra,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

While Bill 26-0151 lifts the Homestead cap from 4% to 5%, it does not stand alone. It will be coupled with a major expansion of the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit, [THTC] which will provide long overdue relief to residential homeowners throughout Baltimore. All City Taxpayers who are approved for Homestead are automatically enrolled in THTC.

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Zeke Cohen

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From: Sandra Young <sandra.k.young26@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 6:50 PM

To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; City Council President
<CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Strong Opposition to Bill CCB 25-0151 – Proposed Property Tax Increase

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Dear Members of the Baltimore City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0151, which proposes an increase in our city's property taxes.

Baltimore homeowners and working families are already facing significant financial pressures from the high cost of living, inflation, and utility spikes. Pushing through a property tax increase at this time will directly harm legacy residents, make homeownership even less attainable for young families, and inevitably drive up rental costs for tenants as landlords pass the burden down.

Our city already carries one of the highest property tax rates in the state. Instead of asking residents to stretch their budgets even further, the Council should focus on auditing existing city expenditures, expanding the tax base by redeveloping vacant properties, and finding creative structural efficiencies. I urge you to vote **NO** on CCB 25-0151 and protect Baltimore residents from further financial strain.

Sincerely,

Sandra Young

Baltimore Resident of Hamilton Hills/21214

Sandra.k.young26@gmail.com; 410-652-6578

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Please vote no on City Council Bill, CCB25-0151

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From: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 8:50 PM
To: Debra Wasserman <debra@vrg.org>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: Please vote no on City Council Bill, CCB25-0151

Hi Ms. Wasserman, thanks for writing.

This bill is coupled with the Mayor's initiative to increase the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit, which is the "special credit" on your tax bill. Essentially this credit will increase, meaning you will pay fewer taxes overall. Mayor Scott will be able to say he's lowered property taxes for homeowners this way, and it's paid for through the increased cap.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

Baltimore City Councilwoman
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From: Debra Wasserman <debra@vrg.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 4:52 PM
To: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Please vote no on City Council Bill, CCB25-0151

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Everyone I know who has owned their house in Baltimore City for many years is opposed to City Council Bill, CCB25–0151. As far as we can tell, presently the amount of property taxes that you pay cannot currently increase by more than 4% per year. This Bill would raise the amount to 5% per year. In what way is this possibly helping the average homeowner? I urge you to vote no on City Council Bill, CCB25–0151. As a senior looking forward to retiring, this is just one more tax increase to me and causing more stress, especially with all the other inflation going on. Why would you want to push more people to leave this area?

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Increase

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From: Veronica Walters <vwalter2@jhmi.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 8:59 AM
To: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: Property Tax Increase

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Hi Councilwoman Ramos,

Thank you for taking the time to respond and providing noted information.

Veronica

Veronica Walters
IRB Analyst, IRB 1
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Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine
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Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 8:53 PM

To: Veronica Walters <vwalter2@jhmi.edu>

Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: RE: Property Tax Increase

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Hi Ms. Walters, thanks so much for writing, and please forgive my late response to your email.

While this bill raises the homestead cap, Mayor Scott is going to also raise the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit which is labeled as the "special credit" on your tax bill. Essentially you will be paying fewer taxes because of the increase in the Targeted Homeowners tax credit, as it will off set the Homestead increase.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

Baltimore City Councilwoman

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From: Veronica Walters <vwalter2@jhmi.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:16 PM

To: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: FW: Property Tax Increase

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From: Veronica Walters <vwalter2@jhmi.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:13 PM

To: odette.romas@baltimorecity.gov; zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov

Subject: Property Tax Increase

Dear Council person and Council President Cohen,

I live at 3501 Alameda Circle, Baltimore, MD. and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote “NO” on this bill next Monday.

Please consider the city residents, as I can afford to pay my mortgage. However, it's becoming difficult to pay increased property taxes that may force me to relocate to the county.

Thank you!

Veronica Walters

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Homestead tax increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:56 AM
To: Raina Jones <maddisonredd@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Homestead tax increase

Dear Raina,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Raina Jones <maddisonredd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 9:15 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Homestead tax increase

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Raina Jones

1512 Stonewood rd

Baltimore MD, 21239

6-14-2026

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed increase in the Homestead Tax Credit rate from 4% to 5%.

Like many residents, I am already struggling with the rising cost of living. The prices of groceries, utilities, insurance, healthcare, and other everyday necessities have increased significantly over the past few years. At a time when many families are working hard just to keep up with their bills, an increase in property taxes would place an additional financial burden on homeowners.

Homeownership is already expensive, and many residents live on fixed incomes or have limited room in their budgets for unexpected expenses. Even a small increase in property taxes can create hardship for families who are already stretching every dollar to make ends meet.

I respectfully ask the City Council to reconsider this tax increase and explore alternative ways to address budget needs without placing additional strain on homeowners. Keeping

housing affordable should remain a priority, especially during a challenging economic period when many residents are facing financial uncertainty.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community. I hope you will take the concerns of homeowners into account when making your decision.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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From: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 11:44 PM
To: janthonysr@verizon.net <janthonysr@verizon.net>; City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

Thanks so much for writing to me about this.

While this bill does increase the homestead cap, Mayor Scott will be adding to the Targeted Homeowner's Credit which shows up on your property tax bill as the "Special Credit" This has been around since 2002 and increases since then, which means you pay lower taxes. This is only for owner occupied properties.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

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From: janthonysr@verizon.net <janthonysr@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:34 PM
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Subject: Opposition to CCB 25-0151

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Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

James Anthony, Sr

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Please Vote No on CCB 25-0151

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From: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 11:24 PM
To: Chris Arey <chrisareycc@gmail.com>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: Please Vote No on CCB 25-0151

Thanks for your follow up.

Right now, this special credit is approved each year by the Board of Estimates. There is no legislation governing this credit. I think that's because we'd have to get authorization from the General assembly if we were to legislate it. This way, the mayor can do this each year with BOE approvals.

This special credit has been around since 2002, and increases incrementally each year.

We will look into codifying or somehow making this a permanent credit.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

Baltimore City Councilwoman
District 14
100 N Holliday Street, Suite 553
Odette.ramos@baltimorecity.gov
410-396-4814
www.odetteramos.com

From: Chris Arey <chrisareycc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:43 PM

To: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Re: Please Vote No on CCB 25-0151

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Dear Councilmember Ramos,

Thank you for the quick response. I appreciate the clarification on the amended bill and the context around Mayor Scott's special tax credit.

I do have a follow-up question. The special tax credit sounds like it would offset the impact of the higher cap for homeowners, but I want to understand whether that credit is locked in through legislation or whether it's a discretionary budget item.

Can you help me understand how that credit is structured and what protections exist to keep it in place?

Thanks again for engaging on this.

On Thu, Jun 11, 2026 at 11:15 PM Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

Good evening

Thanks for writing to us. Yes, this bill increases the Homestead Tax credit cap from 4% to 5%. Mayor Scott also announced that he is increasing the tax credit that shows up on your bill "special tax credit". This is a targeted tax credit that essentially lowers your property tax rate, only for homeowners. This increase will take place on July 1 bills.

So you should see a reduced bill, or pretty much the same bill.

Thanks

Odette Ramos

Baltimore City Councilwoman

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From: Chris Arey <chrisareycc@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 3:27 PM

To: Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Please Vote No on CCB 25-0151

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Dear Odette Ramos and Council President Cohen,

I live at 3430 Chestnut Ave., Baltimore MD, 21211 and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151.

This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate.

That discussion has not taken place with us.

Furthermore, Baltimore City property taxes continue to increase at an unprecedented rate, making living in the city unsustainable and unattractive to business owners. Accordingly, I ask you to **please vote no** on this bill next Monday. Thank you,
Chris Arey

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Raising Property Taxes

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Brian Kendrick <briankendrick97@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:10 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Raising Property Taxes

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GM. Voting No on Raising Taxes Baltimore City!!!

Thank you.

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Raising Property Taxes

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100 Holliday Street, Room 400
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From: Brian Kendrick <briankendrick97@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:13 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Raising Property Taxes

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Gm We're requesting a No Vote on Raising Property Taxes Baltimore CityAppreciate it Greatly! School supplies for 4

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:55 AM
To: GaVonne Pinchback <kyvon36@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

Dear GaVonne,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

While Bill 26-0151 lifts the Homestead cap from 4% to 5%, it does not stand alone. It will be coupled with a major expansion of the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit, [THTC] which will provide long overdue relief to residential homeowners throughout Baltimore. All City Taxpayers who are approved for Homestead are automatically enrolled in THTC.

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

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From: GaVonne Pinchback <kyvon36@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 4:15 AM
To: Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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Dear Council person Conway and Council President Cohen, I live at 1022 Lenton Ave and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill on Monday 6/15/26.

Thank you,

GaVonne Pinchback

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Oppose CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:54 AM
To: Rachael Caruso <rcaruso114@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Oppose CCB 25-0151

Dear Rachael,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

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From: Rachael Caruso <rcaruso114@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:22 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Oppose CCB 25-0151

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Hi
We live on Webster street in Riverside. We have owned our home since 2017 after years of renting.

We are in opposition of bill CCB-0151 that would raise property taxes in Maryland. As city residents we already pay more than surrounding jurisdictions. With the rise in home insurance and utilities this will be putting an unjust burden in those who believe in city living and own their home. It will also factor in if we are able to stay or should start to plan on moving to the county in the near future.

To allow such a jump in property taxes will be a hardship on most homeowners. Please vote in opposition to C B 25-0151

Thanks
Rachael Caruso
4104910229
1311 Webster St

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: City Council Bill 26-0151
Attachments: CityCouncilPresidentZekeCohen260151.docx

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From: Linda Batts <samuel1008@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 10:06 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: City Council Bill 26-0151

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Greetings Sir:

Please consider my request.

Linda Batts

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Re:

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
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Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:54 AM
To: jjohnson8895@gmail.com <jjohnson8895@gmail.com>
Subject: Re:

Dear Jasmine,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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Sincerely,
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From: jjohnson8895@gmail.com <jjohnson8895@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:35 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject:

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Dear Council person and Council President Cohen, my name is Jasmine and I own my house near the Belair Edison area and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask that you vote NO to this bill today.

Thank you!

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: City Council Bill CCB25-0151

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Baltimore City Council
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Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:57 AM
To: Edward Dorsey <eddorsey1@icloud.com>
Subject: Re: City Council Bill CCB25-0151

Dear Edward,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

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From: Edward Dorsey <eddorsey1@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:58 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: City Council Bill CCB25-0151

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City Council Bill, CCB25-0151

Dear Council person and Council President Cohen, I live at (ADDRESS) and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank You,
Ed Dorsey
406 West Cold Spring Lane
21210

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Tax increases

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:47 PM
To: Lindsay Dyer <lindsay.ann.dyer@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Tax increases

Hi Lindsay,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

While Bill 26-0151 lifts the Homestead cap from 4% to 5%, it does not stand alone. It will be coupled with a major expansion of the Targeted Homeowners Tax Credit, [THTC] which will provide long overdue relief to residential homeowners throughout Baltimore. All City Taxpayers who are approved for Homestead are automatically enrolled in THTC.

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

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From: Lindsay Dyer <lindsay.ann.dyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:30 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Tax increases

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As a long term resident of Baltimore, I'm very concerned and upset about continued tax increases each year. With the increases each year, I am looking to move out of my beloved city. It's a shame.

Sincerely,
Lindsay

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 26-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Deborah Brain <brainzz59@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:54 AM
To: Caraway, Ashia (City Council) <Ashia.Caraway@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: doneill1952 <doneill1952@comcast.net>; Porter, Phylicia R.L. (City Council) <Phylicia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Farzana Muhib <fmuhib@gmail.com>; Steve y <stevenyannaras@gmail.com>; James Wright <jeverettwright@hotmail.com>; taniarobalino@gmail.com <taniarobalino@gmail.com>; Gerri Salley <salleyg05@gmail.com>; Harris, Javon (City Council) <Javon.Harris@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: CCB 26-0151

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Nice boilerplate response

On Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 11:52 AM Caraway, Ashia (City Council) <Ashia.Caraway@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you so much for reaching out and for sharing your perspective and concerns regarding CCB 26-0151. We appreciate you taking the time to make your voices heard, and Councilwoman Porter will take your feedback into consideration as this bill moves through the legislative process.

Best,
Ashia



Ashia R. Caraway (*She/Her/Hers*)

Chief of Staff

Office of Councilwoman Phylcia Porter, District
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[Baltimore, MD 21202](#)

O: [\(410\) 396-4822](#)

Email: ashia.caraway@baltimorecity.gov

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From: doneill1952 <doneill1952@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 8:47 AM

To: Porter, Phylcia R.L. (City Council) <Phylcia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Farzana Muhib <fmuhib@gmail.com>; Steve y <stevenyannaras@gmail.com>; Deborah Brain <brainzz59@gmail.com>; James Wright <jeverettwright@hotmail.com>; taniarobalino@gmail.com <taniarobalino@gmail.com>; Gerri Salley <salleyg05@gmail.com>; Caraway, Ashia (City Council) <Ashia.Caraway@baltimorecity.gov>; Harris, Javon (City Council) <Javon.Harris@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: CCB 26-0151

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Dear Councilwoman Porter and Council President Cohen,

We, the undersigned owner/occupants in Ridgely's Delight, are opposed to the passage of CCB 26-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that we must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, we ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Farzana Muhib

710 Portland St.

Steve Yannaras
625 Portland St.

Debbie Brain
[623 Washington Blvd](#)

James Wright
313 S Fremont Ave.

Tania Robaleto
313 S Fremont Ave.

Gerri Salley
646 Melvin Dr.

Rosalie Barrett
719 Portland St

Deb O'Neill
208 Penn St.

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Strongly Oppose CCB 25-0151 - Property Tax Increase on Baltimore Homeowners

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Christopher Parker <clparker72@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:41 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Strongly Oppose CCB 25-0151 - Property Tax Increase on Baltimore Homeowners

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Dear Council President Cohen,

Thank you for the prompt and detailed response.

Now that I am enlightened regarding the details of the proposed legislation I can support this initiative.

Sincerely,

Christopher Parker

On Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 11:53 AM Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:
Dear Christopher,

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Zeke Cohen

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From: Christopher Parker <clparker72@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:01 AM
To: Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Strongly Oppose CCB 25-0151 - Property Tax Increase on Baltimore Homeowners

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Dear Councilman Gray of the Baltimore City Council and Council President Cohen,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 25-0151, which is scheduled for a vote today. This bill will harm the people who live in and care about our city.

Raising the Homestead Tax Credit cap from 4% to 5% places a heavy burden on us. It hurts long-term residents and older neighbors the most. We should not try to balance the city budget by making it harder for people to afford their own homes. Edmondson Village is a historic community that thrives on stable homeownership, and raising our property taxes will place an unfair burden on the families and seniors who keep our neighborhood strong.

Many homeowners did not know about this bill because it has been flying below the radar. I ask you to vote "NO" on CCB 25-0151 today. Please protect Baltimore homeowners and keep our neighborhood housing affordable.

Thank you for your time and for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Christopher Parker
3918 Woodridge Road, Baltimore MD 21229
443-762-7665

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Vote NO on CCB 25-0151

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Baltimore City Council
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:49 PM
To: Christopher Glen <christopher.r.glen@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Vote NO on CCB 25-0151

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Sincerely,
Zeke Cohen

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen

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From: Christopher Glen <christopher.r.glen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:59 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Vote NO on CCB 25-0151

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As a long time resident and home owner in Baltimore city, I am encouraging you to please vote against this legislation that will increase our property taxes. Our property taxes are already insanely high. The budget needs to be reigned in instead of trying to squeeze every last dollar out of our pockets to cover it.

Best regards,
Christopher Glen

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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From: H&B Valeri <bhvaleri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:56 PM
To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Savarese, Brandy (City Council) <brandy.savarese@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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Zac,

You really have not answered me. You sent me the current legislative language on the Targeted Homestead Tax Credit. What is the major expansion to which the Council President referred and where do I find the details? Also, I do not understand your comment regarding the tax rate. Will the tax rate on July 1, 2027 be \$1.99 per \$100 of assessed value? Maybe I just need someone to walk through the math with me.

Barbara

On Monday, June 15, 2026 at 01:19:46 PM EDT, Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

Barb,

The THTC rate is set by the Board of Estimates each year ([see legislation here](#)). As such, the tax cut is not codified anywhere.

Also, the council president is referring to the effective rate set for owner-occupants (\$2.248 - \$0.25) – there is no imminent change to the overall property tax rate expected.

Hope that helps!



Zac Blanchard
Councilmember, District 11
Office: (410) 396-4816

From: H&B Valeri <bhvaleri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:35 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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Dear Council President Cohen,

Thank you for your quick response. I would like to be able to provide our unit owners with a more complete picture of what is happening/being proposed. Can you please tell me where I can find the details on the major expansion of the Targeted Homestead Tax Credit? Also, are you saying that the Baltimore City tax rate will be \$1.99 per \$100 of assessed value as of July 1, 2027? Can you tell me where that is codified? I will be happy to reach out to our owners with more complete information if you can provide me with responses to these questions.

Sincerely,
Barbara Valeri

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From: H&B Valeri <bhvaleri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:04 PM
To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Council Bill 26-0151 - Increase of Homestead Tax Credit Percentage

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Dear Councilman Blanchard,

On behalf of myself and other unit owners at The Towers at Harbor Court Condominium (10 E. Lee Street) who have benefited from the Homestead Tax Credit program in the past, we wish to register our strong opposition to the proposed increase in the Homestead Tax Credit Percentage as contained in the subject bill.

We are all experiencing significant price increases in other sectors of the economy as well as potential job insecurity due to a number of factors impacting businesses and the availability of investment and research funds. To have this increase proposed at this point in time not only adds to our general uneasiness with respect to our futures, but, also, demonstrates an appalling lack of sensitivity by our elected representatives to what is happening in the real world. While we understand that there is a "plan" or a "promise" to lower the very high Baltimore City tax rate by several cents in the next few years, this plan has not been codified and is unenforceable. We have learned, from promises made to communities by elected officials in the past, that they are often not supported once legislation is passed.

We are also concerned and upset at the fact that there appears to have been no outreach to our community or others on this subject. Many long-time residents are on fixed incomes and cost increases, such as the one proposed in 26-0151, really do matter. Proposing a cost increase does encourage people to vote with their feet - and move. This is not the result that either the City Council or those of us at The Towers would want to see happen.

Again, please do not support/pass this bill.

Barbara Valeri, Unit 1508

The following owners at The Towers at Harbor Court Condominium have read this email and are in full support of the position taken:

Pablo Felipe Restrepo, Unit 2305
Jeanne Marsh, Unit 1706
Gerrie and Walter Kupper, Unit 1201
Patrick Moulds, Unit 1407
Stephanie Jordan, Unit 1509
Mary and Harold Graul, Unit 1600
Ilene Harris and Michael Stein, Unit 1507
William J. Pencek, Unit 1206
Joshua Mason, Unit 1103
Amy Bernstein, Unit 1909
Charles Kuning, Unit 2609
Phyllis and Robert Roche, Unit 1609
Carol Schaffer, Unit 1606
Betty Hwang and Patricia Hwang, Unit 1205
Ilene and Neri Cohen, Unit 702
Nancy and Stanford Erickson, Unit 2307
Mary-Margaret Bayo, Unit 2209
Judy Waranch, Unit 1502
Arlene Forastiere and Gary Goldstein, Unit 2704
Samatra Lee, Unit 2003
Arif Hafiz, Unit 1804
Cheryl Swift and Douglas C. Dalzell, Unit 901
Cecelia and Marvin Brave, Unit 1106
Anne and David Hamburger, Unit 1701
Lorraine and James Wilson, Unit 701
Tula Connell, Unit 1006
Ursula Spencer, Unit 1208
Billie Darlene Leubecker, Unit 2407
Deedee Remenick, Unit 1907
Malathi Ram, Unit 1702
Doris Ijeoma Modu, Unit 1604
Jeannie L. and Thomas W. Athey, Unit 2301
Joyce Vaughn and Sam Pollard, Unit 2605

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Council Bill CCB-25-0151

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From: CRAIG THOMSON <CRAIG.THOMSON@Inf.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:59 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Council Bill CCB-25-0151

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Good afternoon, City Council President Cohen,

Thank you for your timely and informative response.

While I agree with your idea regarding the HOTC, the base tax rate for all residents and business owners who own their properties is too high and has been causing residents and businesses to move elsewhere. The property tax issue has never been fully addressed by the state, in conjunction with Baltimore City. It's as if elected officials are afraid of taking on this substantial issue and keep avoiding it to maintain the status quo. No elected official has shown the ambition or fortitude to tackle this long-standing issue. Until such a task is undertaken by the Maryland State Legislature and the Baltimore City Council, this financial burden will remain in the laps of all residents.

Sincerely,

Craig Thomson

130 South Washington Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21231

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:51 PM
To: CRAIG THOMSON <CRAIG.THOMSON@Inf.com>
Subject: Re: Council Bill CCB-25-0151

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From: CRAIG THOMSON <CRAIG.THOMSON@Inf.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:19 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>; Glover, Antonio (City Council) <Antonio.Glover@baltimorecity.gov>
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Dear City Council President Cohen,

I live at 130 South Washington Street, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with the citizens of Baltimore. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill tonight, Monday. There are citizens leaving the city by the hundreds each year; as a result, this city's tax base is being depleted because of bad business decisions proposed and passed by this city council and past councils. The council's business approach should be as President Harry Truman once said: "The Buck Stops Here."

Thank you!

Craig Thomson
130 South Washington
410-371-1661 - Cell

Craig Thomson
Long & Foster Real Estate Inc.
410-675-5500 - Office
410-371-1661 - Cell

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Subject: CCB25-0151

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From: James Prost <jprostmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:27 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Subject: CCB25-0151

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Zeke,
Thank you for the update. That certainly helps provide some tax relief for City residents.

Jim Prost

James L Prost AICP
205 W. Lanvale Street
Baltimore MD 21217
jprostmd@gmail.com
410-212-8222

On Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 1:18 PM Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:
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From: James Prost <jprostmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:25 PM
To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: James Prost <jprostmd@gmail.com>; Ellen Meyer <emeyer1818@aol.com>
Subject: Subject: CCB25-0151

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Zack and Zeke,

We have been residents and property owners of [205 W. Lanvale Street Baltimore MD 21217](#) for over 22 years. We completed a major historic restoration of our Bolton Hill townhouse. We are active in city and neighborhood issues.

We would like to express our strong opposition to city council bill 25–0151.. The Legislation would increase the annual cap on residential Homestead tax credit by 25%. It is our understanding that the tax credit was designed to assist Baltimore city residents and provide some relief from an unconscionable high tax rate that is not reflective of the poor quality of services and public safety that the City provides.

Furthermore ,as we have noted to you ,there has not been adequate public participation in the review process ,which appears to have slipped this property tax increase “under the radar”.

We and our neighbors in Bolton Hill and throughout the City strongly urge you to vote against this bill at Monday's Council meeting in order to allow adequate time for the proper vetting of this legislation .

We thank you for your continued commitment to the City of Baltimore and its residential property owners.

Ellen B.Meyer

James L Prost AICP

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Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Re:

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From: Shirlene taylor <shirlenetaylor2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:20 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re:

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Good afternoon. Thank you for the information and for responding to my email

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From: Shirlene taylor <shirlenetaylor2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 6:47 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
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Good afternoon. I am a home owner and lived in this for over 20 years. I property taxes goes up and my mortgage goes up. I am retired and I should not have to have my property taxes go up to help something that my baltimore city taxes should be used for. If it continues to go up you are going to start getting a lot of for closure on these properties. DID ANYBODY CONSIDER THE SENIORS THAT STILL LIVE IN THEIR HOUSES. Honestly this why people don't vote because we have mo one in office speaking up for seniors. If my property taxes increase , i will be forced to sell or abandon my house because I WONT be able to afford it. Maryland is the only state who taxes on house , car and health insurance and SO high. In stead of going for the property taxes, why not get tbe money from the VA tags owner running on our state and city, causing my car insurance to go up from them not having insurance, speedy on speed camera. Your cameras scan a tag that's a VA with a fake address. That's money they can use and not take my property taxes up. Why the public was not in on the decision 🤔 🤔 🤔 🤔

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Against the increase in property tax

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From: Ruby Katz <rubymalka@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:29 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Against the increase in property tax

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Thank you City Council President Cohen for responding. Sounds good.

All the best,
Mrs. Ruby Katz

On Mon, Jun 15, 2026, 12:53 PM Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:
Hi Ruby,

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From: Ruby Katz <rubymalka@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 4:39 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Against the increase in property tax

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Dear Mr.Cohen,

We live in the 41st district of Baltimore City and hope that the bill to increase property tax won't be passed. We are both retired and in our 80's with our mortgage paid off. Many people who own their homes are in a similar age category living off of social security. Please don't raise our property taxes!

Thank you.

Ruby & Stanley Katz
[3319 Olympia Avenue](#)
[Baltimore, Maryland 21215](#)

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB-25-0151

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From: Ilene Cohen <imgcohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 4:56 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: CCB-25-0151

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I am in a higher tax bracket and do not benefit from State Credit Programs. I do not appreciate that you are appealing to lower income residents and not me. You NEED my tax base to support the city—don't forget about that. That seems to be one of the reasons so many people are leaving the city—along with the petty crime, porch pirates, dirt bikers, unruliness in Federal Hill on the weekends, the ridiculous mess of plans for the Inner Harbor, etc.

Don't forget about ALL of the citizens...

With respect,
Ilene Cohen

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From: Ilene Cohen <imgcohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:41 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB-25-0151

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I oppose this bill. I don't want the rate cap raised from 4% to 5%.

Ilene Cohen
[10 E Lee Street, Apt 702](#)
[Baltimore, MD 21202](#)

Nandi, Paroma (City Council)

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:02 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB- 25-0151

Office of the Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen
Baltimore City Council
100 Holliday Street, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Office: (410) 396-4804

From: Jennifer Cleanthous <jencleanthous@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:44 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: CCB- 25-0151

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Mr. Cohen,

Thank you for your reply. However, I am not a residential homeowner. I have one rental property that was an investment I made over 25 years ago. I recently got divorced and had to buy health insurance through the marketplace. As you know, the cost is astronomical. The money I make from my rental property pays for my healthcare. If The taxes increase, I may no longer be able to afford healthcare. Please reconsider your stance on that Bill.

Thank you,
Jen

On Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 12:06 PM Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:
Dear Jennifer,

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From: Jennifer Cleanthous <jencleanthous@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:09 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB- 25-0151

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Please do not pass a bill that would increase taxes during a time of economic struggle for citizens of Baltimore city.

Thank you!

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Darleen Flury <myturnnow@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

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From: Darleen Flury <myturnow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:40 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151

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Darleen Jones

Sent from my Galaxy

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Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151

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From: Darleen Flury <myturnnow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:37 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: No home taxes increase

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Baltimore City Council
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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Bryant, Tuesday <Tuesday.Bryant@umm.edu>
Subject: Re: No home taxes increase

Hi Bryant,

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From: Bryant, Tuesday <Tuesday.Bryant@umm.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 10:35 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: No home taxes increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:47 PM
To: Jessica Loveless <treefroggrl0688@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

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From: Jessica Loveless <treefroggrl0688@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:36 AM

To: McCray, Danielle (City Council) <Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov>; Hameed, Najah (City Council) -Dsiabled <Najah.Hameed@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones-Branch, Jamie (City Council) <jamie.jones-branch@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25-0151

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Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!(Name)

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151Bill

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:46 PM
To: Arianna Miceli <ariannawm@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151Bill

Hi Arianna,

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From: Arianna Miceli <ariannawm@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:15 AM
To: Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151Bill

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Dear Councilman Conway and Council President Cohen,

I live at 210 Saint Dunstan's Rd, Baltimore MD 21212, and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us.

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property tax increase and review of 60K threshold for relief

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From: KERSTI WINNY <kwinnny7352@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:50 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property tax increase and review of 60K threshold for relief

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Dear Mr Cohen,

I have been a supporter of you since I moved to Upper Fells Point in 2006, so quite a long time now. I have always been astonished by the high city tax rates and the extremely chaotic and poor quality of the services and road maintenance - not good value for money at all. The city has been mired with inefficiencies, at least 3 Mayors who have been corrupt and no doubt that is the tip of the iceberg. I could go on.

I am now retired but have paid , and continue to pay, more than my fair share toward the running of this city over the last 20 years. I am not willing to pay any more. As it is the \$60,000 tax relief threshold has not changed since I moved here 20 years ago, so no acknowledgment of inflation by the city for its residence, while we have to cover inflation for city services. My daughter and her family have moved in with me because they can't afford to have a place of their own, so that combined income puts us above this low household income limit. The only services we use are the trash services. No school age children and the police are rarely seen in the neighborhood, and when I have called them about drug related activity in adjacent houses they were not concerned. That said, I am grateful to have the fire department close by.

I am thoroughly tired of the city and will most likely be selling up if my property taxes go up at all. I expect I am not the only person you have heard from about this.

I request that you have the \$60,000 household income reviewed for property tax relief and

that you also vote no to the property tax increase until residents can see where these increases will benefit us and improve city services.

Kersti Winny
403 South Washington Street, 21231

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:48 PM
To: Sylvia O'Connell <sylvi.oconnell@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

Hi Sylvia,

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From: Sylvia O'Connell <sylvi.oconnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:35 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:44 PM
To: Martha Marani <marthamarani@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB-25-0151

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From: Martha Marani <marthamarani@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:29 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Andrew Marani/ICE <andrewmarani@armarani.com>
Subject: CCB-25-0151

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Thank you!
Martha Marani
she/her

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From: Martha Marani <marthamarani@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:29 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>; Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Andrew Marani/ICE <andrewmarani@armarani.com>
Subject: CCB-25-0151

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Dear Council Vice President Middleton and Council President Cohen,

I live at 117 Woodlawn Road and I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of CCB 25–0151. This bill will result in an increase in the amount of money that owner/occupants in Baltimore must pay in property taxes. This is a critical legislative change that needs to be fully discussed with affected residents prior to passage by the City Council, especially in this difficult financial climate. That discussion has not taken place with us. Accordingly, I ask you to vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!
Martha Marani
she/her

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:48 PM
To: Edward Slater <eslater2112@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151

Hi Edward,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: Edward Slater <eslater2112@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:14 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; District3 <district3@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151

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A big NO, to this bill. (CCB 25-0151). Now is not the time to increase any taxes.

Edward Slater
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Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

From: Alger Russell <algre.russelljr35@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 6:06 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: New Tax Bill

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Hello Mr.Zeke

If possible I'm hearing about new tax bill that's going to raise city property taxes. I really oppose to this I'm a homeowner trying to make it sir I just had to put new HVAC system in my home on ; (April 15,2026) which I pass the deadline for the incentive to get the credits due to me .

Mr.Zeke trying to make I rehabilitate myself after coming back into society in (2007) .

If there's anything you can help me with this .

A reply to this email would be greatly appreciated .

Best Regards

Alger Russell Jr.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:13 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property Taxes

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From: RACHELLE LITTLE <boogray2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:38 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property Taxes

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I'm a homeowner in 21229, and to day I was made aware of a Property Tax increase for homeowners. I do not wish to have my property tax increased. We the taxpayers are already being taxed enough!!! Give us a break!!!

Rachelle Little

"Everyday Is A Gift From God, So Be Thankful For Your Gift "

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Bill CCB-25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:49 PM
To: Magda Patris <rasungod7@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Bill CCB-25-0151

Hi Magda,

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Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 6:02 AM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Council President Constituent Services <constituent.cp@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Bill CCB-25-0151

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Dear Council person and Counsel President,

My name is Magda Patris, I live at 720 E Lake Ave in Baltimore City with my husband and our 4 sons. We moved here 5 yrs ago from New Jersey in spite of Baltimore having a bad rep, we thought that it was a beautiful city and decided to move here anyway. I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of bill CCB-25-0151. This bill will result in an increase in my property taxes during a climate that many Baltimore residents are facing financial hardship.

We are already struggling to keep our heads above water. I really don't want to regret moving my family to Baltimore and with bills like CCB-25-0151 being passed, it will just push people out.

We ask that you please vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,
Magda Patris & Herman Neely

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: Property tax bill

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:47 PM
To: Damon Wood <wdamon31@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Property tax bill

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From: Damon Wood <wdamon31@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:17 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Property tax bill

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Dear Council person and Council President Cohen,

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Da'Mon Wood

From: renay royster <royster410@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:21 PM

To: Blanchard, Zachary (City Council) <zachary.blanchard@baltimorecity.gov>; Bullock, John (City Council) <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>; rdorsey <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; Glover, Antonio (City Council) <Antonio.Glover@baltimorecity.gov>; Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>; Jones, Jermaine (City Council) <jermaine.jones@baltimorecity.gov>; McCray, Danielle (City Council) <Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov>; Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>; Parker, Mark (City Council) <mark.parker@baltimorecity.gov>; Porter, Phylcia R.L. (City Council) <Phylcia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Odette (City Council) <Odette.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Schleifer, Isaac (City Council) <Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov>; Torrence, James (City Council) <James.Torrence@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: NO ON CCB 25-0151

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Thank you!

Kiaun and ReNay Mitchell

From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: CCB 25-0151- Don't

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:09 PM
To: T. O'Connell <toconnell25@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: CCB 25-0151- Don't

Hi Tim,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding tax relief for Baltimore homeowners.

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From: T. O'Connell <toconnell25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:42 PM
To: City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: CCB 25-0151- Don't

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Accordingly, I demand that you vote no on this bill next Monday.

Thank you!

Tim O'Connell

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: No Vote - CCB 25-0151

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Jennifer Mata-McMahon <jenmata@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: No Vote - CCB 25-0151

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From: Jennifer Mata-McMahon <jenmata@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:41 PM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>; Gray, Paris (City Council) <Paris.Gray@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: No Vote - CCB 25–0151

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Mata-McMahon

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 2:14 PM
To: Nandi, Paroma (City Council)
Subject: Fw: property tax increase

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From: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:47 PM
To: Roberta Ahmad <hannan60@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: property tax increase

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From: Roberta Ahmad <hannan60@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:03 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: property tax increase

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Roberta A Ahmad (registered voter)