

To: KW County Administrator & Board Members

Date: April 27, 2020

Subject: Property taxes and April 27 Public Comment

As a general statement, King William County should level fund all departments/budgets in FY 2021. The Governor has advised state agency to prepare for budget cuts.... Henrico, Chesterfield and Richmond have slashed millions (including Fire/EMS department) and cut positions.

- 1) **King William should not buck the 4 year trend of lower taxes but the rate of \$0.73/\$100 for calendar year 2021 does that. According to the Commissioner of Revenue, home reassessments show an increase in property value of ~20%. A split rate of 0.86/\$100 of assessed value for calendar year 2020 and then \$0.73/\$100 of assessed value will cause homeowners to pay an additional \$29.**

year	value/100	rate	tax amt
2020	\$1,800	0.86	\$1,548
2021	\$2,160	0.73	\$1,577
			\$29

- 2) **Candidate Moren (and his PAC) need to live up to the promise [or deception] made to voters last November. In order to uphold this promise, he must support/propose a rate lower than \$0.73 to normalize the amount paid in FY 21.**



- 3) **I do not see how this general government meeting satisfies the condition under the emergency declaration and interpretation by the office of the attorney general that the meeting is necessary to prevent "irrevocable public harm". [See footnote 15 @ <https://www.oag.state.va.us/files/Opinions/2020/Sullivan-Opinion-Request.pdf>]. What "fact specific determination" was made by legal counsel to determine this to be a necessity (especially since Zoom limits the timeframe allocated for online meetings and citizen involvement)?**

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