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Residents Propose A 'Citizen's Budget' Proposal

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - New Haven residents Jeffrey Kerekes & Mona Berman submitted a Citizen's Budget Proposal in response to New Haven Mayor John Destefano's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008. Mr. Kerekes and Ms. Berman have suggested that the City take a fresh 21st century approach to financial management. The proposal is practical and specific, filled with line item suggestions for tax cuts and well as revenue generating ideas.

This Citizen's Budget Proposal will be formally presented to the New Haven Board of Aldermen (BOA) as testimony for the public hearing on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 6:00 pm, second floor of City Hall.

If the budget passes as currently proposed by the Mayor "some of us will have no choice but move out of New Haven" reports Kerekes. "The comments on our petition certainly reinforce Mr. Kerekes's statement" says Berman.

The state mandated property reassessments are conducted every five years and the latest are scheduled to go into effect in New Haven this summer. Typically, when property assessments double, mil rates are cut in half. The Mayor wants to reduce the mil rate from 44.85 to 43.29, barely more than one and a half (1) points. You can calculate your proposed taxes online at <http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/Finance/index.asp>. "Make sure you are sitting down," advises Kerekes.

Berman and Kerekes compiled a list of their own ideas as well as those offered by other residents throughout New Haven. Their current proposal is available online at <http://newhavenissues.blogspot.com/> and will be submitted into public record at Thursday's hearing.

Jeffrey Kerekes & Mona Berman, residents of Lyon Street in New Haven, are active members of their community. They are interested in promoting citizen participation in our democratic system and involving city residents in issues that directly affect them. To find more information about these efforts and activities, visit <http://newhavenissues.blogspot.com/> or call 203-676-0880.

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See Attached Citizen's Budget Proposal.