

## EXHIBIT "1"

**From:** [Carol Smit](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Carol Smit - \$245.16 Proposed Annual Assessment: 4200 N.W. 12th St., Coconut Creek, Fl. 33066  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:17:39 PM

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I have lived near the Fire Department since 1976 and have not noticed a huge increase in its emergency responses in our area to require an annual assessment beginning Oct 2021, since our real estate taxes are and have been for the most part quite high and should cover our needs even though we have grown over the years. I have just retired in June 2021 and will be on a fixed income as well as paying for insurance covered previously by my employer of many years. I also wonder if this planned assessment will be put to a vote by our residents or arbitrarily approved by the commission.

I very much appreciate all that my City of Coconut Creek does for its residents and believe it is a jewel in Broward County. My daughter has just relocated here from So. Carolina with her family and they could not be happier.

Many thanks for everything!

Carol Smit (954) 973-0436

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Larry Teich](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Cc:** ["Larry Teich"; larry\\_teich@bellsouth.net](#)  
**Subject:** Fire Assesment  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 8:04:17 PM

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Special assessments are just tax avoidance schemes. I just received the assessment and have to question the capabilities of the administration that takes 2 years to pave the main road, raises millage by 40% in 2012, lowers millage 12% in 2015 and now assesses my home \$245.16 for fire services while the home values are 35% higher than pre-pandemic values. The answer is no, I do not want to pay a special assessment. I am appealing the assessment based on mismanagement of public funds and lack of confidence. Manage the budget properly and use the millage rates based on home valuations.

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**From:** [Paul Reichers](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Annual Fire Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 9:04:53 AM

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The current Fire Rescue Protection Assessment has been adequate for the past many years. The proposed new annual assessment will be a burden to all but especially so to seniors and retirees struggling to pay their Broward Co. taxes each year, and especially during the pandemic. There is nothing in your recent communication to justify the significant amount being assessed for a single family home. Further, the enormous amount being assessed commercial business establishments will only be passed along to consumers in the form of huge increases in the cost of their goods and services, making this an even bigger burden to individual homeowners.

**DO NOT**, under any circumstances, adopt this proposed assessment!

**From:** [Harriet](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fire rescue assessment notice.  
**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 4:38:31 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I think this assessment is an outrage!!

Just because I own a property in Florida doesn't mean that I live there. I am not a Florida resident and don't think it's fair for non-residence to have to pay for year-round residence. If you want to assess somebody assess year-round residents, not just property owners.

It's bad enough I have to pay for school taxes and other taxes because I own a property there I think it's outrageous that you expect me to pay for fire and rescue taxes on top of these!!!!!!

I'm assuming I have made my point. Maybe the politicians should get their hands out of their pockets and give the money to where it supposed to be and then you would not have to assess people.

Sincerely yours,  
Harriet Lang

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jerry Mchugh](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** upcoming public hearing annual Fire rescue assessment  
**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 5:34:12 PM

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Hello Commissioner's

Id Like to first Start off by say Thank you for a lot of things you do for this City and we do appreciate it.

I myself am not on board with a assessment for the fire station as we had already been paying more in our tax's already . With the way this year has been and people not working and the covid 19 issues the last thing we need is more money going out as our taxes in this city keep increase more then the average city .Also my understanding is the city of Margate will not be sharing our fire department any longer and moving to BSO if I heard correctly as Im sure this also has to do with this but I think that should be brought to the people attention and give options for us to choose from.Thank you for letting me share my concerns .I wish everyone well and to stay safe!

Thank you Kindly

Gerard McHugh

**From:** [Van Hamlin](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Annual Fire Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 6:52:23 PM

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My name is Van Hamlin and I live at 5050 NW 54 Street, Coconut Creek, FL 33073. You may contact me at 954-895-5920. My wife, Sandra, and I own our home and have lived in Creek for about 30 years. I am retired from BSO and my still works for HCA - Parlon. N. W. Regional Hospital is one of their facilities. Obviously, EMS and Fire Rescue deal directly with this medical center. I am also a Board Member for Cypress Lakes H.O.A. We have approximately 166 residences which account for 332 votes.

I am asking you to approve the proposed increase in assessment BUT suspend it's implementation until at least March of the 2022 fiscal year. I feel that inflation has skyrocketed along with COVID-19 Delta, which is making it difficult for many home owners who are now having a tough time making ends meet. Unemployment has increased dramatically, as well. Many local landlords are being punished by having to continue to pay mortgages while their tenants have avoided paying their rents. Without your foresight, many rental properties will eventually be repossessed unless we help the small business owners and private landlords. All of these crisis have resulted in the devaluation of the dollar. In short, we have entered hard economic times where many of our residents may loose their homes without your assistance. These hard times will have a long term regressive influence on tax revenue.

In the short term, You might transfer money from other budgets, such as parks and recreation, to cover any shortfalls. I use this example because our community should not be sponsoring events where people congregate right now. While parks may be left open, they do not have to be attended. The police and fire department can make routine inspections and patrol these areas. A layoff of these staff members may be indicated. Other departments, not directly involved with public safety should be put on rotating furlows, if needed to make up any shortfalls in funding current levels of service by Fire rescue.

**From:** [Kim Fields](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Cc:** [steve.fields-realty.com](#)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing on Annual Fire Rescue Assessment for Tax Parcel No. 484206AD0010  
**Date:** Friday, August 6, 2021 10:54:12 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

We just received a Notice of Public Hearing. The differential in rate per parcel for Industrial/Warehouse vs. Commercial/Office/Institutional is absurd, flawed, and completely not equitable. We own a large property in Coconut Creek and year-after-year, we pay the annual special assessment for fire rescue protection services. Last year, we converted the property to a condominium structure and sold the rear of the property to our former bakery tenant. Based upon the proposed assessment, the front parcel which we retained will be charged 10x the amount as the rear. This is completely illogical and unequitable. Why should a smaller parcel with a yoga studio, furniture store, imaging center and surgical center pay ten times the amount as a fully operating bakery with ovens and other fire hazards onsite? Fire assessments should be based upon use and risk. The Notice clearly states that the proposed assessments allocate based upon historic fire rescue incident reports, property size, and property value. However, despite this assertion, the allocation methodology fails to achieve this end. Not only is the allocation not equitable, but it poses an undue burden on local operators serving the Coconut Creek community.

I am writing to vehemently object to the annual special assessment proposed against my property. I understand that the cost needs to be spread amongst property owners, but the allocation proposed is flawed, completely unequitable and discourages ownership in the city of Coconut Creek. I am not aware of any other municipality that imposes such an unequitable and onerous burden on property owners. Please reconsider the rate allocation to achieve greater equity.

Sincerely ,

Kim Fields  
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**From:** [Lincoln.](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Annual Fire Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Friday, August 6, 2021 6:43:09 PM

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Good Afternoon

My names is Lincoln Payao property owner in Coconut Creek, together with my wife Tania Fileti-Payao here is our comment for the proposal assessment .

As we all know our community eventually will need some improvements but considering the pandemic that we are going through in this moment i think this time or this year or next year would be totally wrong raise taxes our put any Assessments for the population , many of the homeowners right now are NOT even able to pay their mortgage on time or their taxes , so please , i hope you guys will consider all that and think about before put any assessment for the homeowners, i am pretty sure that you guys can hold that until next year to see until the things get better for all of us .

Thank You so much

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