

# EXHIBIT "1"

**From:** [diego de la torre](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** I Request An Exception To The Payment Of Said Tax For Disability Reasons for Tax Parcel Number 484219EB0300 Public Hearing on Annual Fire Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Monday, August 9, 2021 2:29:12 PM

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To: Coconut Creek City Clerk  
4800 West Copans Road  
Coconut Creek FL 33063-3879

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Thank you!!

Cordially,

Ana C. Villamil  
August 9th, 2021

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**Date:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 8:08:59 PM

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**From:** [Howard W](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public hearing on fire rescue assessment  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:47:26 AM

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Commissioner

Regarding the annual special assessment for fiscal year 2021. I totally object to this assessment

of \$68.62 for my condo. Every year my taxes go up, and now an assessment .

We are not getting any relief from any government agency. In my community we have approx 5200. If all the units are assessed the same for this annual fire assessment you will be collecting from one community approx. \$300,000 (THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS). that is not including the approx. FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR MORE already collected from our annual tax bill. How much money does the fire rescue unit really need to operate?

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter

Howard Wasserman  
3301 Aruba Way  
Coconut Creek Fl 3306

**From:** [Epn](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public hearing on annual fire rescue assessment  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 1:54:29 PM

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Property owner of parcel 484220BH0090  
Phoebe nguyen  
3535 nw 35th st #1609  
Coconut Creek, fl 33066

I am writing to object the new assessment for the fiscal year 2021-2022.  
In the CoVid era, everyone is trying to make ends meet. Everything is rising in cost. The new assessment will certainly put more burdens on the residents of the city, and in turn, on businesses.

Multifamily dwelling unit rate is almost double mobile home rate when mobile home is more likely to catch fire based on building materials. Yet, multifamily dwelling unit rate is almost equal to single home family but half in property value. This assessment is clearly target multifamily unit dwellings since Coconut Creek is made up of the Township and Windmore.

I will write official objection to this assessment.

Property owner in Coconut Creek City

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Sent from my Android device with K-9 Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

**From:** [Emile Baladi](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Annual Fire Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 2:53:11 PM

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Parcel Number 484229KD0010

My wife and I live at 1803 Eleuthera Pt. Apt. A1 in a 1400 sq. Feet SINGLE FAMILY Dwelling apartment. Our rate should be \$0.00 not \$220.64.

Baladi Emile & Susan  
1803 Eleuthera Point, Apt. A1  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066  
954/586-4750

**From:** [ChristieV.](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** public comment annual special assessment  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 8:05:20 AM

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I have no interest in giving any more money to the government.  
Tighten your belt and find another way.

Sincerely,

Christie Voss  
2908 Carambola Cir S., Apt 206  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

954-531-5978

**From:** [Berge Markarian](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** annual fire rescue assessment  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:00:16 PM

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**we reside in coconut creek 7 months out of the year in a 2000 square ft home and pay \$3000.00 in taxes .  
in 26 years there we have never used Fire rescue for our property, therefore we are against any increase commencing October 2021**

**We ask kindly you consider our request**

**Thank you**

**Markarian Berge H. & Meline A.**

**Meline & Berge Markarian Rev Trust**

**6500 Flamingo way**

**Coconut Creek, Fl 33073-4516**



**From:** [Leonore Greller](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Objection Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:12:12 PM

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Comments:

I object to assessments being imposed as our insurance rates have been greatly increased here in Broward, as has everything else, and the assessment is being imposed ONLY for single family homes for both 2021-2022. This is not consistent with costs proposed based on the "fire rescue incident reports, property size, and property value". Also, multi-dwelling units should be charged MORE than single family homes, not less, as more people and homes need to be "rescued" when an event occurs.

**From:** [tillie712@aol.com](mailto:tillie712@aol.com)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Notice re Annual Fire Rescue Assessment for Tax Parcel 484229JJ0430  
**Date:** Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:43:44 AM

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These are my comments to your letter dated August 3, 2021 re above mentioned subject matter:

1. Can't imagine why you cannot stay within your budget, like the rest of us do. You did not mention inflation, so I'm guessing your request for additional funding does not have to do with inflation.
2. If you need more money, let the public vote on it, in the manner it is done with other requests for tax increases. The public should have a voting say in these matters.
3. Why are your meetings not zoomed?

Thank you.

Esther Yadin  
3404 Bimini Lane/A4, C.C. FL 33066

**From:** [jj](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Annual Fire Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Thursday, August 12, 2021 12:29:16 PM

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Hello, I Jimmy L. Johnson at 4838 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Coconut Creek, FL 33063 and I wanted to voice my opinion of this matter by simply saying that I DISAGREE WITH A ASSESSMENT. This is not the appropriate time for such a thing, given the fact that we are now in delta variant period of corona virus. Many people are currently being evicted, things are extremely difficult for a lot of people. So with that being said it is just not the right time. And also you have to consider due to the increase of the variant, a lot of people prefer not to attend in person to voice their opinion as well. A lot of people are struggling financially during this time, and by assigning a assessment to their financial struggle and burden is just not good. Many cannot afford to pay, and with that extra obligation people may just end up losing everything. I just think IT SHOULD BE POSTPONED! DUE TO THE CURRENT CLIMATE WE ARE IN NOW. THANKS, jimmy

**From:** [Nelio Lopes](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Hearing on Annual Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 8:38:49 PM

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Hi, my name is Cornelio Lopes, I have been living in Coconut Creek for more than 20 years and enjoy living here. During the last few years, I have been noticing the care with the area is being a bit neglected, especially concerned to streets and public areas, e.g. the work being done in Lyons Rd.

We pay a considerable amount of money in taxes, federal and local, we are facing a difficult situation, and do not agree to have an additional charge to be assessed.

I understand everyone is facing difficulties but we need to review our expenses without lacking quality, we need to be inventive and creative, same as I am trying to do with my personal finance life.

Best regards.

**From:** [Nikki](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Hearing - Fire Rescue Assessment Tax Parcel # 484220GG0160  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 10:46:04 AM

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Good Morning,

We have received your letter with respect to a possible levy against our property commencing October 1 2021 and each year after to pay for a portion of Fire Protection Services incurred by the City.

Herein are the objections from our standpoint;

1. From the information that you have provided, it is evident that the fees are the same for this two (2) bedroom as it would be for a three (3) bedroom or family sized unit.
2. This unit, like many others are seasonally used. Therefore, the risk to fire is lower and the payments should not be the same. It should be proportionate to the risk and is not a - one size fits all situation.

This new Assessment and fee should not be allowed as this is a "Money Grab", This is what we pay Taxes and Condo Fees for.

We await your response.

Thanks and Regards  
Nikki Yeandle  
per  
Correct Construction Co Ltd  
1-29 Strathearn Ave  
Brampton ON Canada  
L6T 4V6

**From:** [Dennis Kalish](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Annual Fire Rescue Assessment for Tax Parcel # 484229DG0150  
**Date:** Monday, August 16, 2021 1:09:23 PM

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To whom it may concern,

We are in receipt of your August 3, 2021 letter in which we are notified that a special assessment may be levied against our property by the City of Coconut Creek.

Please advise - If adopted, will this special assessment replace the Fire Rescue protection levy as shown on our Broward County Property assessment, or will the fire rescue protection levy be billed separately by the City of Coconut Creek?

Yours truly,

Allan Dennis Kalish     Carolyn Joy Seetner Kalish

**From:** [E.L](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed annual fire rescue assesment  
**Date:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:57:26 AM

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Estate of Mohammed R Hossain  
6410 Mallards Lane  
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter to object to the annual fire rescue assesment for Coconut Creek for my property, tax parcel 484206220430. I believe that the proposition is not in full interest of the citizens and would like to urge you to take into consideration the facts that are provided here. Please feel free to use my comment on during the 8/26/21 meeting.

This increase in budget would propose an undue hardship to the residents of Coconut Creek. I believe that our city's fire rescue is already well funded and we'll equipped and there is no need for any new assessments.

I hope that you would withdraw the proposed annual fire rescue assesment and new budget.

Sincerely,

Ellin Hossain for the Estate of Mohammed R Hossain

**From:** [Tammy Lettieri](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fire -Rescue Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:52:05 AM

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I strongly oppose the entire plan to sever ties with Margate Fire-Rescue and Broward Sheriff's Office and start an independent fire-rescue dept and in the middle of the pandemic no less. Once again the increase in taxes is higher than expected and seniors are facing an undue burden. We have already had to deal with escalating costs of: homeowners insurance (\$500/year), internet service (pandemic related), FPL rate increases, and HOA maintenance fees, to name just a few. How much more can one absorb on a small monthly SS benefit? How much suffering do you expect seniors living in single family homes to endure?

The Commissioners who voted for this drastic change to fire -rescue services were shortsighted and bullheaded refusing to even acknowledge the concerns of citizens who asked that they defer the vote on this in May, 2020 Had they at least maintained the free 911 dispatch service provided by Broward Sheriff's Office the costs would have been contained and the annual tax increase less severe. Instead they persevered with not only building a 3rd fire station, which I acknowledge we need, but severing ties with Margate to build our own dept and severing ties with BSO which offered free dispatch service, to contract with an extremely expensive 911 dispatch service from CS PD. Not only is the contract for 911 dispatch services from CS PD prohibitive but it has major gaps in service and will not be able to handle all the calls we receive and will outsource the calls to Sunrise! Furthermore you will be leaving us with inexperienced, younger paramedics without the guidance of senior paramedics which puts everyone's wellbeing in jeopardy. And your planned designated shifts for them are proven to be less safe than shorter shifts with longer breaks, again risking their safety and well being.

Your plans are costly, reckless and shortsighted and should be rescinded with the exception of building the 3rd fire-rescue station.

Regards,

Tamah Lettieri  
3302 Carambola Circle S  
CC FL 33066  
561-302-0686



**From:** [Hien Nguyen](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fire rescue assessment  
**Date:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 5:48:34 PM

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We are unable to attend the commission meeting on Thursday, August 26. We live in the District E of Vice Mayor Rydell. We received the notice regarding the fire rescue assessment. We have several questions/concerns. It would have been prudent to include in the notice as to WHY the assessment was increasing significantly. We are fortunate to be close by and serviced by FS 94. In our case, a rise from \$196.13 to \$245.16, an increase of \$49.03 (almost 25%). We had to look for the fact that there was a new station in District D (FS 113) opening in October 2021. We love that fire rescue will be even more readily available to our community with the addition of FS 113. We were surprised when we received the notice and had to do some research.

When was the last time the Fire Protection Assessment increased and by how much? Please provide the total cost of the new FS 113 and the 2022 Fire Protection Assessment study. Will this new FS decrease our property insurance cost by increasing our rating? What is our current insurance rating for our City?

Thank you,  
Hien Nguyen

**From:** [tara sam](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fire Rescue Assessment  
**Date:** Monday, August 23, 2021 9:17:18 PM

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Hi I'm a new owner for a few years of my condo in coconut creek and when the pandemic happened, the city did not reduce anything to accommodate those who lost work and their businesses. The Broward County Appraiser said that the budget for 2020 was already set and any reduction in anything will be the following year. So why in 2021, city of Coconut Creek wants to do a special assessment of \$220.64? That doesn't reduce anything.

We're still in a pandemic and while life goes on I don't understand why a special assessment is needed at this time.

Some residents like me are trying to work and pay our bills to stay on top and this extra cost is just much right now inclusive of rising HOA fees. It's our tax paying money that keep the fire and police and whoever in jobs and this assessment should not be done during a pandemic. Come back with this idea in a few years when the economy is truly stable

Kind Regards,

Atarah

**From:** [Lisa Meade Romero](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of Public Hearing on Annual Fire Rescue Assessment - TO BE READ August 26, 2021  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 12:23:08 PM

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To the Commission of Coconut Creek-

It is with a heavy heart that I feel compelled to write this message. I think it is a shame for members of the Commission to have publicly stated that the Fire Department would be FULLY FUNDED and then ask for a larger dollar value to replace the normal assessment. This should have been disclosed to the public more transparently than hiding it as a REPLACEMENT of the normal Assessment. I am not in favor of any increase in the Assessment. Since the Commission could not work together with other municipalities to come to a better agreement, with a lower cost, and the Commission CHOSE to vote to separate from Margate knowing the costs to be incurred, the Commission should find the money someplace else in the City's budget. I agree that the City should move toward having control to affect change for better public services, but they must do it in a fiscally responsible manner without jeopardizing the level of service to the public, while being open and honest.

As a resident of Coconut Creek for over 10 years, I am deeply saddened to lose confidence in our Commission. From lack of transparency, to public displays of favoritism and Commissioners not even living in the City, my disappointment has grown. I am a public servant myself, and although it can be easy to get swept up in issues before us, we should ALWAYS remember that it is the PUBLIC that we serve and honesty is paramount. Residents can forgive the Commission for making mistakes, however what residents cannot forgive is that the Commission knows better than the people and that the people's voice is not given the true weighted respect it deserves. I humbly request that the Commission reflects on their oath of public office and the voice of the residents to make the right decision. May we not perpetuate mistakes because we fear admitting poor past decisions and dig down to root ourselves in ego. I pray the residents and the Commission can come together for the betterment of Coconut Creek and its future.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Meade Romero  
5420 NW 49th Ave Coconut Creek, FL 33073

**From:** [Gail Hamaty-Bird](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Food For The Poor  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:25:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Good evening;

We would like bring some information to the attention of the commission and request that it be given some consideration.

Food For The Poor, Inc is a non-profit operating in the City located at 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073. Food For the Poor is committed to serving the needs of the poor in 17 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.

Food For The Poor's rate is calculated on square footage of both Office and Warehouse space. The office and warehouse spaces are separated by a 10" thick concrete wall and are clearly segregated on all building plans and permits. Theses spaces ought properly to be taxed separately. If this is done Food For The Poor's overall increase would be less as warehouse space is assessed at a lesser rate. The Office spaces are approximately 80,000 square feet for an amount of \$78,849.76 and Warehouse space of approximately 41,100 square feet for an amount of \$4,606.97, giving an total with the new assessment rates of \$83,456.73. It is our position that this how the assessments should be calculated.

If the assessment rates are completed because of the "possible" demand on the Fire Department and the concentration of personnel and potential loss is in commercial/office/institutional spaces rather than industrial warehouse spaces, then our Industrial Office 1 Zoning where Offices and Warehouses are allowed should be separated proportionately especially when they have the required minimum fire resistance rating of 3 hours in between.

The assessment will be significant and the time should be taken to ensure that each entity is being properly assessed according to its true nature.

Thank you

Gail

***Gail Hamaty-Bird***  
*EVP/General Counsel*



**6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073**

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[GailHB@FoodForThePoor.Com](mailto:GailHB@FoodForThePoor.Com)

**[www.FoodForThePoor.org](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org)**



***“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.”***

***(Matthew 25:40, NIV)***

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IN 4126 CARAMBOLA CIRCLE SOUTH,  
COCONUT CREEK, FL-33066.  
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I AM A SINGLE MOM WITH  
2 BOYS TO RAISE, AND I  
WORK 2 JOBS TO KEEP FEEDING  
MY BOYS AND PAYING MY BILLS,  
I CAN'T AFFORD PAYING  
ANYTHING EXTRA SO WITH THAT  
BEING SAID I CAN'T PAY  
EXTR FIRE RESCUE PROTECTION,  
I ONLY CAN AFFORD THE  
BILLS I HAVE NOW  
SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
ELSE COULD I SAY FEEL  
FREE TO GIVE A CALL OR  
EMAIL ME

SandraCostamb05@gmail.com

I HOPE YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND  
MY SITUATION.

I APPRECIATE!

