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TAKE ACTION!

Miami-Dade County Commissioners expected to Raise Taxes 56% for Bond Debt Plus 12.2% for Operational Expenses County Commission will hold hearing First or Second week of September 2010

Dear County Commissioner:

At a time when Miami-Dade County citizens are struggling to put food on the table and pay their mortgage, electric bill, and all normal day-to-day expenses, Miami-Dade County Commission is considering a 12.2% tax hike for operational expenses.

A 12.2% proposed tax increase will result in increased foreclosures and many businesses will be forced to reduce their staff and, or permanently close their doors. Commercial Real Estate development will dry up and construction will come to a halt, and senior citizens will feel the pinch to an even greater degree.

A higher tax rate would mean property owners with long-time homesteaded residences will end up paying higher **taxes**, even though their property values may have plummeted.

You should begin by asking Mayor Alvarez to lead by example and reduce his \$313,000 annual salary and ask the County Commission to find other ways to reduce overhead starting by reducing the size of each department and halting long-term debt pet projects.

Call the County Commissioners and ask them to back off from a planned 12.2% hike in operating tax rates and 56% jump in debt service taxes to fund new projects as taxpayers continue to suffer. Is this what we want for Miami-Dade County?

For the record, Carlos Gimenez, Javier Souto and Joe A. Martinez did vote against the 56% rate jump. Mr. Gimenez and Mr. Souto also voted against the 12.2% increase tacked onto operating millage, the county's largest slice of every tax bill.

In the coming weeks, you will hear commissioners argue that the rollback rate is not a tax increase, only a measure to save our community. Call it what you will, we do not want a tax hike in any form.

We urge you to heed the will of the people of Miami-Dade County and reject a tax hike at a time when Miami-Dade County unemployment is at an all time high.

Sincerely,

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