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Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

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Message:

This comment is not about the details or merits of the proposed \$38.5M bond proposition for SPH. My concern, which I've brought up a number of times in the past, is simply about basic fairness in "who pays?". I feel that I must point out once again that if this proposition goes through, the younger property owners of the KPB will be disproportionately shouldering the tax burden (while we qualified exempt Seniors get to both vote and pay less). Additionally, the records will show, I'm certain, that we (Seniors) disproportionately utilize the hospital services. The last study I've seen on economic well-being (Pew Research Center, comparing the period 1984 to 2009) showed the age group 35-44 doing 68% worse over that period, while Seniors (65 and older) were doing 42% better. While I realize the Sr Exemption is State-mandated to \$150k, the KPB portion over & above is not. The last time I tried to testify on a State bill to change the situation, I was cut off by the Chair who stated the bill had been killed by the Committee (with no attribution as to "who" killed it). I am not "anti-Senior", I simply believe the current situation is unfair and has also contributed to the unsustainable growth in real estate values in the KPB. We talk about wanting our children to stay or move back ... if anyone deserves a break, maybe they should get the exemption instead of us.