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Dear Citizens of Brevard County,

I am Trudie Infantini, your District III Brevard County Commissioner; I am reaching out to the community to make you aware of issues facing Brevard County today.

I regret to inform you that the County Manager has proposed up to a 14.5% tax millage increase on your property. The increase is to generate revenue closer to last year's revenue. This increase violates the will of the people who voted for the Save Our Homes Benefit where an increase to the assessed value of our home is limited to 3% cap.

Many assessed values have increased meaning they will be paying up to 17.5% more in taxes than last year (14.5% tax rate increase plus 3% assessed value increase). However, some with lower property values will actually be paying less because the percentage increase in tax is lower than the percentage assessment decrease.

If you ask a Commissioner if they are increasing taxes they will tell you "no". A Florida statute states a tax increase to make up for lost revenue is technically not a tax increase. It is my belief this is actually a tax increase and we need to be straightforward with our residents.

If possible, please attend any of the millage meetings. The proposed tentative Ad Valorem Millage meeting is on August 2 starting at 9:00 A.M. Two Public Budget Hearings are scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 P.M., all at the government complex in Viera. Please come share your view on the proposed taxes!

On a similar note, on July 12<sup>th</sup>, three Commissioners voted to instate a North Brevard Economic Development Zone. This means the county will be diverting tax dollars from all over the county to District 1, including \$3.5 million of new taxes will be contributed to this NBEDZ when the new FPL plant comes online in 2013.

Please come and voice your opinion at our Commission meetings.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Trudie Infantini".

Trudie Infantini  
District 3 County Commissioner

*Please distribute to your members.*