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CITY OF RYE

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*Mayor French & City Council
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You have used the blanket premise that all areas/all departments in the City of Rye Government must “share the pain” equally, more or less. But unfortunately we can’t all be painted with the same brush its impossible to do, you can’t compare Police and Fire service with the Clerical department. The point we are trying to respectfully make is that compromising community safety is reckless. The key to all these 2011 budget proposals are that none of them are mandatory. It’s all elective, you are all making choices on behalf of 15K tax payers.

The City’s search for a new and increased non-tax revenue has you all in agreement that fines are to go up across the board. The only sure way that such revenue growth will be realized is through increased enforcement. How does that reconcile with less Police Officers thats apparently being contemplated? our steady decrease in manpower in the past several years has dramatically effected your elastic revenues.

In regards to the Marine Unit, What City analysis of a future scenario without an Marine unit reveal? Were there trends detected that indicated that this function could responsibly be abandoned? Are there fewer boaters? Were various accident-response scenarios played out? We receive a 55-58% reimbursement from NYS and factor in the Summon’s issued what is the City really saving by cutting this program?

The Dare/Youth division, how do you reconcile the termination of the DARE program or DARE officer when there is recently released quantitative projections that confirm that the elementary and Rye School populations will continue to grow? What analysis was done on this matter, that supports the decision to eliminate the program/ position? There had to be some pressure applied in advance of this decision, in so far as this directly affects Rye’s children...

In closing we respectfully believe that there was no adequate analysis done to support these decisions, in effect you are all electing and choosing to protect the City less by cutting the programs I mentioned. You have prioritized keeping taxes down, without adequately thinking through the consequences of your ideas, initiatives and

actions. There's nothing stopping you from choosing to protect the community more... with a simple discussion or motion you could reconsider these proposed Police cuts when it comes to manpower, training and equipment.

Sincerely,

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