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Mayor Joe Fontana; Councilors Bud Polhill, Joe Swan, Stephen Orser, Denise Brown, Paul Van MeerBergen, Dale Henderson, Sandy White

I am writing this email to you because I am saying NO to the 0% 2012 budget cuts. And saying YES to my community and my city.

I voted for a Mayor and my ward councillor believing that they would be transparent and fiscally responsible. Zero percent but at what costs? I want a municipal government who follows good policies and does what is best for the whole community. I want a Mayor and city councillors who are thinking long term and about the possibilities of our city.

I disagree with your decision and rational behind these cuts:

1. Reducing the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund by 1 million dollars.
2. Diverting 1.3 million dollars from the city's strategic reserve funds to the current budget.
3. Reducing funding for the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) budget by \$500000

Mayor Joe Fontana you promised a zero percent tax increase WITH NO COSTS TO SERVICES. You have broken your promise and it is disheartening. I chose to make London my home because of the life it offered to me and my community. I am concerned that these cuts will have a great impact on our city, our future and our neighbours.

As a Londoner I am willing to pay an increase in my taxes, if as a Mayor and Councillors you have done your best for our city and not just tried to reach 0%. I am willing to invest in London.

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