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Ms Saunders

City clerk

City of London

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Please read the following letter at the next city council meeting in the appropriate slot on the agenda.

Dear Mayor and council,

Before you finalize your budget please consider the following:

- 1) Some of you promised tax increases within inflation and you should honour your promise.
- 2) You are entertaining frills such as a bridge to nowhere at the forks of the Thames. Please distinguish between frills and needs.
- 3) I retired to London as it was a lot more tax friendly than the city that I left. I do not want to move again if my home becomes unaffordable.
- 4) Property taxes are paid from net income and are not based on ability to pay, hence regressive, unfair, and abusive.
- 5) As a retired teacher, I am blessed to have my pension indexed to inflation which has been set at a 1.3% increase. I cannot negotiate or go to arbitration to change that number. Why would you even consider an increase which is 100% more than inflation?
- 6) Please consider those of us who are on fixed incomes as every dollar taken above the inflation rate degrades our standard of living.
- 7) If those of us on fixed incomes have to adjust and live within our means, then it is not unreasonable to expect the same from you. You were not elected to tax grab but to manage wisely and fairly.

Sincerely

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