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Thank you for this opportunity to communicate my concerns regarding the City of Suffolk proposed 2020-2021 budget.

When deliberating the proposed budget, please reduce expenses by taking into consideration services that few residents use and by making proportional cuts in those areas. However, don't dismiss the positive effects that those services may have toward the overall sense of community that those services provide.

Please consider reducing city employee working hours, increasing volunteer opportunities, and reducing expenses wherever possible.

Ultimately, the citizens of Suffolk need all city council members to exercise best judgement in deciding where expense reductions should be made.

This proposed increase in the real estate tax rate will have lasting harmful effects on real estate property values.

Therefore, once the pandemic eases and sales tax revenue increases, the city council should act promptly to reduce the real estate tax rate for the following fiscal year.

Sincerely,  
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