

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Supporting legislation sponsored by State Senator Sean Logan and Representative Marc Gergely that proposes the abolishment of all property taxes on homesteads and farmsteads within the Commonwealth; and further, urging Governor Rendell and the members of the General Assembly to take all appropriate actions to assist in this effort.

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Council that reliance upon the property tax must be reduced and a fairer, more equitable way to finance our schools and local governments must be found; and

WHEREAS, the inherent problems of the property tax result in young families being more hesitant to buy homes because of the uncertainty of the tax; and

WHEREAS, lower income families and individuals, particularly our seniors, find themselves financially strapped because of our failed property assessment system; and

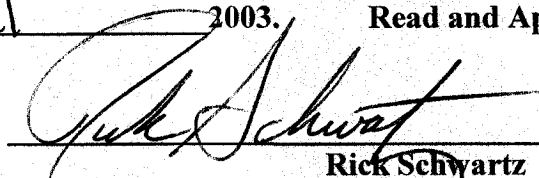
WHEREAS, abolishing the property tax will encourage our legislature to take a serious look at other methods of financing education and local government in Pennsylvania; and

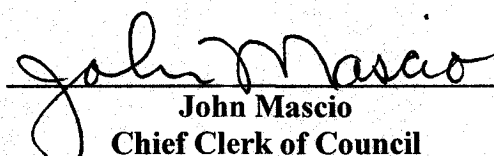
WHEREAS, legislation introduced in Harrisburg will (1) abolish all property taxes on homesteads and farmsteads owned and occupied as primary residences in Pennsylvania; (2) propose a Constitutional amendment that would allow homesteads and farmsteads to be taxed at a different rate than commercial and industrial property; and, (3) proposes integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth that would circumvent the need to wait two more years before voters could approve a constitutional change.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that we support legislation sponsored by State Senator Sean Logan and Representative Marc Gergely that proposes the abolishment of all property taxes on homesteads and farmsteads within the Commonwealth; and further, urge Governor Rendell and the members of the General Assembly to take all appropriate actions to assist in this effort.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCHWARTZ

In Council October 21 2003. Read and Approved.


Rick Schwartz
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

From: Mascio, John
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2003 11:09 AM
To: 'Governor Ed Rendell'; David Brightbill; Jack Wagner; Jane Orie; Jay Costa; Jeffery E. Piccola; Jim Ferlo; Michael A. O'Pake; Robert J. Mellow; Robert Jubelirer; Sean Logan; Anthony DeLuca; Dan Frankel; David Levdansky; Don Walko; Frank Dermody; Frank Pistella; H. William DeWeese; Harry Readshaw; Jake Wheatley; Jeffrey Habay; John Maher; John Perzel; John Pippy; Joseph F. Markosek; Joseph Preston, Jr.; Kenneth Ruffing; Marc Gergely; Michael Diven; Michael R. Veon; Nick Kotik; Paul Costa; Samuel H. Smith; Susan Laughlin; Thomas C. Petrone; Tom Stevenson
Subject: Bill No. 1336- Motion of Allegheny County Council

Dear Governor Rendell, State Senators and State Representatives,

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on October 21, 2003, Council unanimously passed the attached motion supporting legislation sponsored by State Senator Sean Logan and Representative Marc Gergely that proposes the abolishment of all property taxes on homesteads and farmsteads within the Commonwealth; and further, urging Governor Rendell and the members of the General Assembly to take all appropriate actions to assist in this effort.

Your attention to this motion is requested.

Sincerely,

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council



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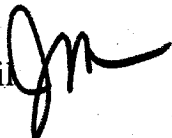
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Ed Rendell
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

From: John Mascio, Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council 

Date: October 24, 2003

Subject: **Bill No. 1336-03 Motion of Council**

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