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I see you have a budget meeting tonight, and while I cannot attend, I would like to request that the following statement be put on record.

Thank you for your efforts in preparing the budget for next year. While the increase you've proposed may seem minimal, any increase is still noteworthy. I believe that with responsible spending, it's possible to achieve a decrease in expenses. Public perception often hinges not only on what you accomplish but also on what you can save. For instance, during a meeting about sidewalk additions, one member suggested connecting two points in a straight line was a priority. This approach seems impractical, especially in areas with little to no foot traffic, and I question the wisdom of spending funds on such projects. I urge you to carefully evaluate your proposed projects and prioritize responsible spending. Remember, your effectiveness is measured not just by what you do, but also by what you choose not to pursue. Just because funds are available doesn't mean they must be spent. Many of us would prefer to see those resources conserved and see a potential decrease rather than increase in taxes. Thank you for considering this perspective.

David

