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Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2010 10:38 AM
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Cc: D2ogg1@aol.com; Dan Lowery; Tom Eaton; Ted Prettyman; Jon Seidel; Carol Smith; Carole Barnes; Eric Reaves; Andy Young; Jon Seidel; Jim Nowacki
Subject: Gary Mayor encourages people NOT to pay taxes, then asks DUAB for help
Attachments: Clay encourages people to apply for tax cut September Press Releases website7.pdf

Dear Ms. Russo,

I am attaching a press release from Gary Mayor Rudy Clay (9/7/07) in which he encourages residents of Gary to "take advantage of the programs that may qualify homeowners for a cut in their 2008 property taxes" at the same time his city administration was heading for financial disaster by having a property tax shortfall.

While all Indiana residents are eligible for deductions and credits, I believe his political posturing was counterproductive.

Taxpayers and residents in Gary are planning to challenge the City of Gary's budget proposal for 2011 primarily because it is unrealistic. **Budget allocations for Gary's 2011 budget still greatly exceed revenue projections.** There is no way the City of Gary can survive this irrational approach to governance and budgeting.

To note: The City of Gary has borrowed \$8.5 million payable over the next five years, to meet city payroll over the next 6 months. We are getting deeper and deeper in debt with no hope of an actual reduction in city spending.

We would encourage you and members of the DUAB to force Gary to reduce its lavish spending in a city where property taxes are now 50 percent higher than any other city in the State of Indiana.

Until you can enforce the budgets and spending you have outlined on the City of Gary, you should not have any authority to tax the people here by removing state imposed tax caps designed to help the people of our city. While the DUAB process may be well intended in its mission, it is causing a great deal of financial distress on the good taxpayers of the City of Gary.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

September 7, 2007

MAYOR CLAY URGES HOMEOWNERS TO APPLY FOR TAX CUT

Gary, Indiana-Mayor Clay is urging Gary residents to take advantage of the programs that may qualify homeowners for a cut in their 2008 property taxes. Mayor Clay says Governor Mitch Daniels has approved an extension of the June deadline for applying for the cut in 2008 taxes.

Mayor Clay says, "The tax re-assessment and rising property taxes have had a tremendous effect on our community, and Lake County. We commend the Governor for his efforts to find means to lessen the burden on the taxpayers."

Homeowners may now apply at the Lake County Auditors office through October 15, 2007 for homestead deductions and homestead credits. Homeowners previously applying for deductions do not have to re-apply.

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Subject: Status of Gary's Cash-Flow & Summary of Implementation

Greeting, Ms. Russo,

The April 26, 2010 DUAB Board Resolution for the City of Gary noted that:

5) That, in addition to all other legal requirements, the relief authorized in this resolution by the DUAB is subject to the condition that the Petitioners shall submit cash flows and a summary of the implementation and outcomes of cost savings initiatives in a form acceptable to the DUAB within 10 days of the preceding month-end beginning with April 2010 and continuing for the remainder of 2010.

My question pertains to whether or not the City of Gary has been submitting timely reports as outlined in the DUAB Board Resolution, and if so, may we receive copies of those reports.

Thank you.

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