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To: Public Comments
Subject: City Council pay increase

Resending to include my ward and mailing address and my full name in the signature.

Dear Councilors,

I listened with dismay as members of the City Council voted against a reasonable pay increase for councilors. If a public hearing had been held on the matter I would have given you this guidance: I do not want to vote for people who can afford to take on your work; I want to vote for people who will best serve the mission of the role.

I realize this topic is uncomfortable for you, but I urge you to think about the bigger picture in the future. As it stands, any councilor who did not vote for this reasonable cost-of-living raise voted against equity. I plan on keeping your decisions in mind as long as I am able to be a voter in Somerville.

I appreciate the councilors who recognized that accepting a stagnant wage would close doors to many deserving, brilliant, and talented individuals who would have liked to run for an elected city seat but can't afford to accept the financial burden. **Thank you, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Councilor Sait for voting for the greater and long-term good.**

Thanks for listening,

Jenn Harrington

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