

**FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS**  
**DRAFT RESOLUTION**  
Advertised Real-Estate Tax Rate  
**(Approved by the Federation's General Membership on ???)**

WHEREAS the incomes of many residents of Fairfax County, including teachers and retirees, have not increased in this last year;

WHEREAS the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) increased 2.6% during this last year<sup>1</sup>, further burdening residents of Fairfax County;

WHEREAS the County Executive has proposed a balanced budget based on a tax rate of \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS a tax rate of \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed value will not increase the average real-estate tax paid by County residents<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Virginia will provide Fairfax County \$61M<sup>3</sup> from a re-computed Local Composite Index (LCI);

WHEREAS the budget shows the managed reserve at \$68M<sup>4</sup> plus \$12.43M<sup>2</sup> remaining in reserves from the previous year;

WHEREAS the selected tax rate is customarily chosen to be less than the advertised rate;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Citizens Associations recommends that the Advertised Rate be set at \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed value, under the assumption that the Commonwealth of Virginia will provide, from various sources, at net increase in the transfer of \$61M. With the understanding that should the additional funding from the state is not forthcoming, the County could access the managed reserve fund.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/cex\\_slide\\_presentation\\_fy2011\\_advertised.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/cex_slide_presentation_fy2011_advertised.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/pdffiles/lci\\_freeze.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/pdffiles/lci_freeze.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/offsite/?pg=http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/excel/gf\\_fund\\_statement\\_for\\_web.xls](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/offsite/?pg=http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/excel/gf_fund_statement_for_web.xls)