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Dear fellow New Concord resident,

Two important local topics for New Concord voters are on the November 7 ballot. The first topic is a proposed increase to our existing local income tax. The second topic proposes opt-out electricity and natural gas aggregation programs for the village. The topics are complex, so we want you have the information you need to make an informed voting decision.

The objective for an income tax increase is for the village to be able to continue the high quality of services that residents are accustomed to.

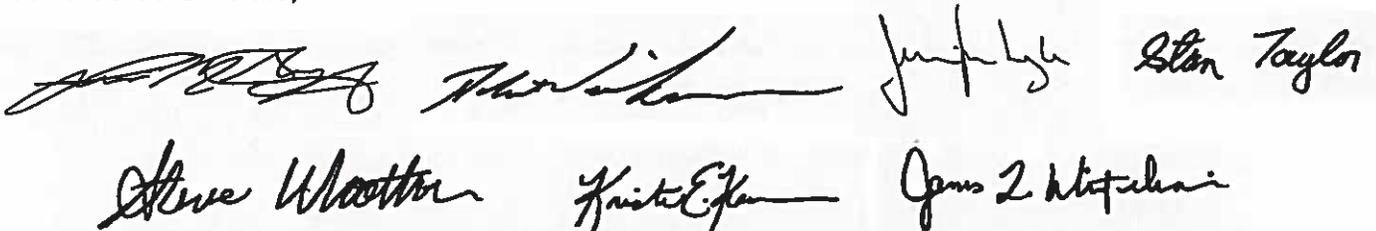
The objective for energy aggregation is to bring lower electricity and natural gas prices to New Concord residents through membership in SOPEC, a statewide governmental energy aggregator.

The enclosed flyers are intended to answer questions you may have on these topics. Additionally, we invite you to attend a **public Q&A forum on Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Village Hall.**

As elected officials of a public entity (New Concord), we are prohibited from using public funds to influence voters to support or oppose a levy or bond issue. However, we are permitted to use public funds to communicate factual information including finances, current state of the village and its operations, and the impact of passing or not passing a levy. Therefore, the information in this letter and the flyers will not ask you to vote in a particular way, but instead focuses on factual and helpful information.

If you are not able to attend on the 10th, you can email us here: <https://newconcord-oh.gov/email-us/>. Or you can bring your written questions to Village Hall between 8AM and 4PM Monday to Friday. You must include contact information.

Your elected officials,



Handwritten signatures of the Village Council members and Mayor: Steve Wootton, Kristi Kearns, Jennifer Lyle, Stan Taylor, Levi Shegog, and Jim Whitehair.

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