

October 4, 2017

Ms. Kimberly Fraser  
Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and  
Mental Health Services  
One Victoria Place  
Suite 205  
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Re: Proposed Renewal Levy

Dear Ms. Fraser:

It has been brought to my attention that the ADAMHS board has requested to place a .7 mil renewal levy on the May, 2018 ballot.

I am greatly concerned that if Lake County continues on the path of ever increasing real estate taxes that we may price our senior citizens and others living on fixed incomes out of their homes that they have worked all of their lives to achieve.

All levies, whether they are new, renewals, or renewals with an increase must be justified to the voters, and not automatically assumed that if they were passed in prior years, that voters will just automatically agree to continue to be taxed.

For all non-profit entities that want money from the taxpayers, I plan to audit each and every one of their Form 990 for the past five years, and make my findings available on-line for all Lake County residents to review.

I am requesting the annual Form 990 for each of the entities under the ADAMHS Board umbrella for the past five years. Also, I would like to review the Form 990 for the past five years for the ADAMHS Board governing organization.

After many months of reviewing the real estate tax issue, I have come to the conclusion that there are no lobbyists for the average homeowner. We are continually asked for more money based primarily on emotional issues. I want to be a lobbyist for the citizens of Concord Township and Lake County, and show them exactly how your entities are performing based on their published numbers. I have done a preliminary review of one of your drug rehabilitation entities, and I must say I was a bit shocked at their profitability. I will reserve any further judgment until I review the Form 990's.

Sincerely,

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CC: Lake County Commissioners