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**NIKIYA DODD**

Alderwoman, 5th District

# **Disappointing budget increases taxes, relies on sales tax pipe dream**

## **Statement of Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd September 24, 2019**

To ignore the demands for quality and timely constituent services will eventually result in consequences. To believe that the only way to increase our city's revenues is to rely on a sales tax that has already been confirmed as dead on arrival is irresponsible.

The Mayor has failed, yet again, to provide leadership for making tough decisions that will produce a sustainable and reliable source of revenue that will relieve our already financially burdened, tax-paying residents.

The Mayor's budget proposes a levy increase of \$52 for the average homeowner; homeowners in my district are projected to pay an increase of up to \$72. This increase in property taxes does not factor in the costs to improve constituent services such as snow removal, garbage pickup, recycling, forestry services, repairing our aging infrastructure, or maintaining city-owned properties.

Shame on us if we continue to allow for more cuts to public services that our tax-paying citizens rely on to improve their overall quality of life.

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