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## February 15, 2022

First, I hope the new city manager changes the budget format. Organizing it by some ethereal objective does not ever help me find what I am looking for. Also should not be organized alphabetically since one must often wade through dozens of little things to get to the big ones. On taxes and fees, the new city manager should know that the average homeowner saw their taxes and mandatory fees raised by 4.6% annually on average during the 2010s. So, don't let anyone tell you that tax rates tell the whole story or that the city has been fiscally responsible on behalf of taxpayers.

## February 18, 2022

Since Council stipulated more than two years ago that Alexandria is facing a climate emergency, and reiterated our goal of cutting our greenhouse gas emissions in half eight years from now, what percentage reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas emissions will the proposed FY2023 budget and Capital Improvement Program enable us to achieve over the next 1-3 years?