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## **6000+ Residents from 16/16 Districts Urging Halifax Regional Council to Stop the Tax Hike**

HALIFAX, NS – In less than two months, support for the Stop the Property Tax Hike campaign has jumped from 1,100 to 6,053. Campaign data shows that residents and businesses across the entire Halifax Regional Municipality have signed on.

“This isn’t one neighbourhood speaking up,” said Kevin Russell, Executive Director of Rental Housing Providers of Nova Scotia. “It’s all of Halifax Regional Municipality. Every councillor has hundreds of residents in their own respective districts who are asking them to stop the tax hike.”

The largest number of residents opposing the property tax increases so far has come from the following districts:

**District 12** Timberlea-Beechville-Clayton Park-Wedgewood; represented by Councillor Janet Steele: 756 residents

**District 4** Cole Harbour - Preston - Westphal - Cherry Brook; represented by Councillor Trish Purdy: 674 residents

**District 6** Harbourview – Burnside – Dartmouth East; represented by Councillor Tony Mancini: 636 residents

**District 10** Bedford Basin West; represented by Councillor Kathryn Morse: 555 residents

**District 9** Halifax West Armdale; represented by Councillor Shawn Cleary: 484 residents

With the final budget vote scheduled for March 31, 2026, residents of Halifax Regional Municipality are sending a collective message to City Hall: the proposed property tax increase is unacceptable.

"These are thousands and thousands of real people sending a clear message to their elected councillors - stand with the people or stand for higher taxes," added Russell.

The Stop the Hikes campaign is pressing Halifax Regional Council to pass a budget that everyday people can afford. This includes applying an affordability lens when making budget decisions, prioritizing core services, reviewing spending, and finding operational efficiencies before reaching further tax increases.

Residents and businesses can continue to take part in the Stop the Hikes campaign by visiting [stoptheratehikes.ca](http://stoptheratehikes.ca) or contacting their councillor directly.

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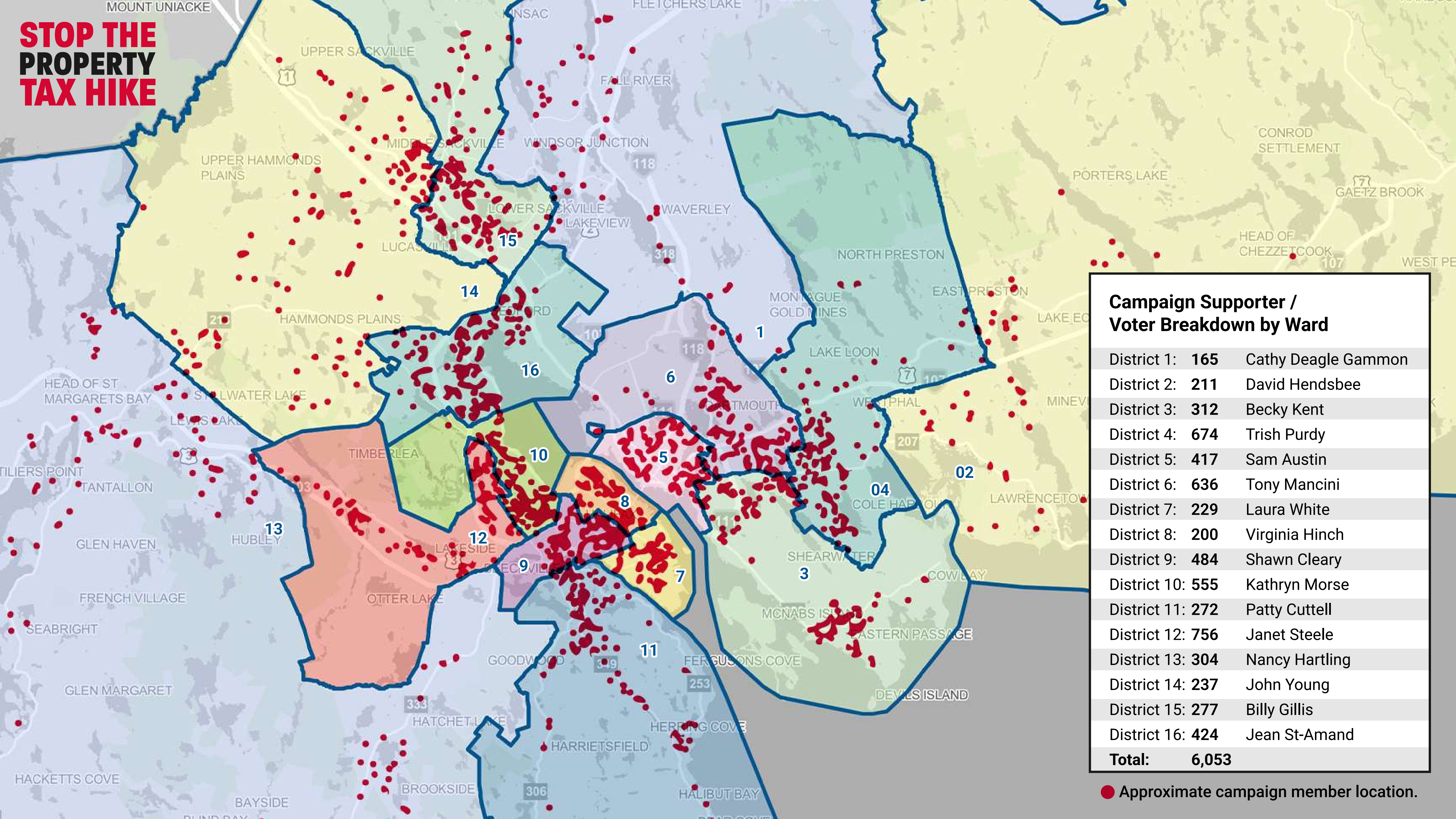
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# STOP THE PROPERTY TAX HIKE



Campaign Supporter / Voter Breakdown by Ward		
District 1:	165	Cathy Deagle Gammon
District 2:	211	David Hendsbee
District 3:	312	Becky Kent
District 4:	674	Trish Purdy
District 5:	417	Sam Austin
District 6:	636	Tony Mancini
District 7:	229	Laura White
District 8:	200	Virginia Hinch
District 9:	484	Shawn Cleary
District 10:	555	Kathryn Morse
District 11:	272	Patty Cuttell
District 12:	756	Janet Steele
District 13:	304	Nancy Hartling
District 14:	237	John Young
District 15:	277	Billy Gillis
District 16:	424	Jean St-Amand
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,053</b>	

● Approximate campaign member location.