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**Subject:** Wellness Center

Dear Commissioners,

We do appreciate your diligence in running our town. There are many things that are done very well. Some of you are our neighbors, and some of you are friends. We do appreciate all of you.

We have read the pros and cons of the new proposed wellness center. The town has proposed something along these lines for many years, so much research has gone into such a huge project. It's wonderful that evidently the building of it will be paid for without taxpayer money. What is not wonderful is the plan to tax the citizens for the upkeep and running of the facility. We are part of the population on fixed incomes. Many are taxed out of their homes. Many cannot afford newer vehicles, and many have a difficult time with the ever increasing inflation that has hit the country. We could go on and on, but we won't. Many of you have little idea of how it is to be senior citizens on fixed incomes. As you know, we've all received our tax assessment notices. Of course, we don't know what the actual taxes will be until the levies are set. This is not the time to add to already sky high taxes, fees, and increased costs of living. Schools apparently want to assess more levies. Again, this is not the time to add more increases to already diminished retirement income.

If you go ahead with the wellness center project, please do not tear down our Civic Center. It is a local icon that has stood the test of time. Put the wellness center somewhere else. You have several options. May we say it would be stupid to put a wellness center in this location due to flooding in recent years? You already know this as evidenced by trusted engineers who have assessed the situation.

Please do not saddle us with additional tax burdens. Need we say it again? Probably not.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Joe & Lee Parriott