

## ***Real Property Tax Reform Commentaries***

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[We Can Make NYC Property Taxes Fair And Equitable](#)

(The Labor Press, May 11, 2017)

[NYC Must Fix Our Property Tax Mess](#)

(The Labor Press, March 17, 2016)

[A screwed up NYC Real Estate Tax System](#)

(The Labor Press, March 2, 2016)

[Making Sense of NYC Real Estate Tax System](#)

(The Labor Press, January 20, 2016)

[Why Not Chance Some Real Property Tax Reform?](#)

(The Labor Press, February 13, 2015)

[Comments on "Inconsistent + Indecipherable + Intractable = NYC Property Tax Code"](#)

(Letter to the Editor, *City&State*, March 25, 2015; posted May 5, 2015)

[WHY NOT CHANCE REAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM?](#) Testimony to City Council

Finance Committee on NYC's Real Property Tax and Assessment system

*City assessment practices – that unfairly benefit the wealthiest New Yorkers who own luxury homes and apartments – require change. The opportunity to capture some five billion dollars to re-invest in targeted tax relief for the middle and working class and businesses, many struggling in these tough times, must not be overlooked...Something remains really wrong when a system perpetuates inequities such as a co-ops along the perimeter of Central Park paying less – based on effective tax rates -- than a typical homeowner. [Assessments; Property Taxes; Real Property Tax; Real Estate Taxes; Real Property Tax Reform]*

(May 2, 2011)

[Queens Civic Congress to Mayor Bloomberg: No Property Tax Hikes](#); avoid same old menu of moldy measures

(November 6, 2008)

[Queens Civic Congress to City Hall: No Property Tax Hikes](#); Yes to Reform

(September 29, 2008)

[Reform, not raise NYC Property Taxes](#) (Queens Civic Congress letter)  
responding to New York Times editorial, *The Needy and Budget Priorities*  
(July 7, 2008)

[Queens Civics' Call For Real Property Tax Reform](#)  
(March 2, 2007, Queens Civic Congress Testimony at City Council Finance  
Committee on Real Property Tax Assessment)

Real Estate Tax Reform ([Plan](#) released by Fernando Ferrer in 2005 mayoral  
campaign)  
(October 23, 2005)

[The Property Tax - Creating stable, middle-class neighborhoods](#)  
(The [Drum Major Institute](#) For Public Policy, October 2003)  
Also available in [PDF](#) format.

[Property Tax Hike Alternative Proposed at Legislative Reception](#)  
(November 17, 2002, Queens Civic Congress)

Real Estate Tax Reform (5/28/02: then Finance Commissioner Martha Stark  
referred to it a ("[The Corey Bearak plan](#)" at City Council Hearing)  
(May 28, 2002)

[N.E. Jewish Community Council Urges Mayor Giuliani To Avert Increased Property Taxes](#)  
(February 14, 1994)

[N.E. Jewish Community Council Urges City Commission To Avert Increased Property Taxes](#)  
(November 22, 1993)