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## Shaker Heights school tax is just too expensive

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I'm writing regarding Issue 13, the proposed 9.95-mill property tax request coming before Shaker Heights voters Nov. 7.

I'm opposed to Issue 13 because I'm not satisfied with the current plan. I support public education and Shaker Schools, but as a senior, I can't afford this.

Although this census information is more than 10 years old, it illuminates the fact that not everyone in Shaker is wealthy, young or has children. The per-capita income for the city was \$47,360. About 5.3 percent of families and 8.6 percent of the population were below the poverty line, including 8.1 percent of those under age 18 and 6.5 percent of those age 65 or older.

There were 11,840 households, of which 34.4 percent had children under the age of 18 living with them.

If you're a homeowner, this issue will cost you \$348 per \$100,000 in property valuation each year for the next 37 years. If you're a renter, this issue will raise your rent.

Voting NO on Issue 13 means we are not satisfied with the current plan. Voting NO on this ballot issue is the only voice citizens have that can't be ignored.

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