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Re: **OPC and RARA Millages**

Dear Ms. Hill:

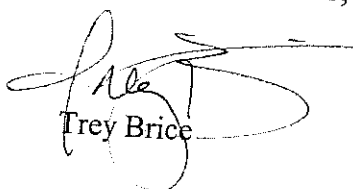
As directed by the City Council, I have prepared and enclose proposed ballot questions for the renewal of the Rochester-Avon Recreation Authority (RARA) and the renewal and additional millage for the Older Persons Commission (OPC). The RARA ballot proposal is a straightforward renewal of the present millage that includes authorization to levy through this year. Thus, the renewal millage will begin levies in 2006.

Because the OPC ballot proposal includes a renewal and an additional millage request, the proposal is slightly more involved. The General Property Tax Act, at MCL 211.24f(5), provides that a municipality may only propose a joint-single question requesting both the renewal of a voter authorized millage and the authorization of a new additional millage if the additional millage is less than 0.5 mill. As the additional millage request is for 0.0676 mills, the City may place both the renewal and new additional millage request in the same ballot question. The present OPC millage expired with the levy in 2004. This necessitates the ballot proposal to request the levy to begin this year.

In order to finalize the ballot proposals, I need the City's assistance in coming up with the amount of the first year millage (to be inserted in the last line of each proposal) if the millage is authorized and levied in full.

Very truly yours,

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