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Fwd: Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program for Evanston.

Clare Kelly <ckelly@cityofevanston.org>

Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 12:10 PM

To: Liza Roberson-Young <lrobersonyoung@cityofevanston.org>, Elizabeth Williams <ewilliams@cityofevanston.org>, Uri Pachter <upachter@cityofevanston.org>, MJ Johnson <marionjohnson@cityofevanston.org>

Liza, Liz, Uri-

Could you please forward this message from Senator Laura Fine to the HCDC Committee members? Would it be possible to add her email to the packet for the HCDC meeting?

Thank you.

Clare

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Laura Fine** <laura@senatorfine.com>

Date: Mon, Jan 19, 2026 at 3:28 PM

Subject: Re: Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program for Evanston.

To: Clare Kelly <ckelly@cityofevanston.org>

Cc: Ben Isabel <ben@senatorfine.com>

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVANSTON CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM

Dear Councilperson Kelly,

I am writing in support of the proposed Circuit Breaker Program in Evanston, an initiative that would provide meaningful financial relief to residents facing rising housing costs. At a time when too many families—seniors on fixed incomes, long-time homeowners, and renters—are being squeezed by property tax pressures and the rising cost-of-living, this program offers a responsible, targeted, and community-centered solution.

The Circuit Breaker model in Evanston would prevent displacement. This approach protects people from losing their homes because their tax bill grows faster than their paycheck. By tying relief to income, the program ensures support goes exactly where it is needed most—protecting vulnerable residents.

Communities across the country have adopted circuit breaker programs because they work. They reduce economic strain, prevent homelessness, and preserve the social fabric of communities. It is a smart, compassionate, and fiscally sound investment in the people of Evanston—one that will provide stability, fairness, and community strength for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kindly,

Laura Fine

State Senator, 9th District

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On Sat, Jan 17, 2026 at 2:12 PM Clare Kelly <ckelly@cityofevanston.org> wrote:

Hi Laura,

Here's a link to the proposed Circuit Breaker Program that many long term residents here would benefit from.

<https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showpublisheddocument/102773/639041790157774167>

Here's a link to the HCDC meeting that will hopefully take action on this item on Tuesday at 6:30 to move it forward. They welcome public comment virtually. It's the first item under new actions.

<https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showpublisheddocument/102771/639041786794922035>

Thank you.

Clare

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