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## THE 40% RECORDATION TAX HIGHER COSTS. HARDER TO OWN A HOME.

Buying or selling a home in Charles County just got a lot more expensive. We can fund our priorities without pricing people out of their future.



### THE PROBLEM

The county increased the recordation tax by 40%, adding significant new costs for homeowners.

- ✓ For a \$450,000 home, **the tax hike adds more than \$1,800 at closing.**
- ✓ This hits first-time buyers, young families, and seniors the hardest.
- ✓ These added costs make it harder for working families to buy or sell a home in Charles County.

**THE BOTTOM LINE:** We're funding schools and housing by placing more barriers in front of the people who help make them possible.



### THE GAP

The need is real. The approach falls short.

- ✓ The tax was meant to support schools and affordable housing.
- ✓ But the burden falls on people trying to enter the housing market.
- ✓ We're collecting more without clear accountability or a plan to measure results.

Good intentions aren't enough.

**FAMILIES DESERVE A SMARTER APPROACH.**

## MY PLAN: REAL INVESTMENTS. REAL ACCOUNTABILITY. REAL RESULTS.



#### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS THE SMART WAY

- I support strong school funding.
- Let's protect our schools without putting more pressure on homebuyers.

**STRONGER SCHOOLS VIA STRONGER OPTIONS.**



#### PROTECT FIRST-TIME BUYERS AND FAMILIES

- Explore exemptions or relief for primary residences.
- Don't make the dream of homeownership harder than it already is.

**LESS OBSTACLES. MORE FOCUS ON LONG-TERM BENEFITS.**



#### TIE HOUSING FUNDS TO MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

- Every dollar should lead to real results.
- Track units built. Track families housed.

**FUNDING SHOULD DELIVER RESULTS.**



#### DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EXISTING FEES

- We already pay development fees.
- Let's make sure those dollars are working.

**TRANSPARENCY MATTERS.**



#### REVIEW THE TAX BY FY2027

- Let's agree to a formal review.
- If it's not working, we shouldn't keep it.

**REVIEW. EVALUATE. ENSURE PROGRAM SUCCESS.**

**WE CAN FUND OUR PRIORITIES WITHOUT MAKING FAMILIES PUT THEIR DREAMS ON HOLD.**

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