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**OFFICE OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor's Letter

Citizens of Everman,

The economic environment in the State of Texas has been leading the nation's overall recovery effort. All Americans recognize the business-friendly tax policies in Texas and they are beginning to realize the relatively low cost of business property. These two factors are attracting new business, and the employees that come with those businesses. This is a good thing for the economic growth of Texas.

As the economy in Texas grows, the demand for property grows, increasing the value of all properties in Texas. This is great for those of you who are selling property, because your selling price is going up. For those of you who own property but are not trying to sell, this can be bad news. A rise in property values for you, generally, just means a higher property tax bill.

We, in the City Administration, recognize your plight and are actively evaluating the impact of rising property values on the property tax bills of citizens of Everman. Your City Council is working with the City Manager and Finance Director focusing on the reduction in future Property Tax rates to alleviate the pressure from rising property values. While we cannot guarantee the dollar amount of your future tax bill, we want you to know that we consider property tax rate reduction a priority issue that will be dealt with prudently, with your interest in mind.

Thank you for your support of, investment in, and contribution to the City of Everman.