

Margaret Gómez
2009

Margaret Gómez has provided leadership in keeping taxes low by voting to adjust the tax rate each year. If values increase, the tax rate is adjusted lower to avoid creep on increase on taxes. This is Commissioner Gómez' record:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>
1996	.5186	0.04
1997	.4950	0.02
1998	.4938	0.00
1999	.5143	(0.02) Increase
2000	.4988	0.02
2001	.4670	0.03
2002	.4460	0.02
2003	.4660	(0.02) Increase
2004	.4918	(0.03) Increase
2005	.4872	0.00
2006	.4993	(0.01) Increase
2007	.4499	0.05
2008	.4216	0.03
2009	.4122	0.01
2010	.4215	(0.01) Increase

Commissioner Gomez has voted for an **Overall Decrease of 0.13**

Tax Relief for Travis County Families

Margaret Gómez has for 16 years voted for 16 years to give Travis County families **tax relief** right off the top. **Travis County is the only entity to provide taxpayers this relief:**

<u>Travis County Families</u>	<u>Travis County Elderly</u>	<u>Travis County Disabled</u>
20% Homestead Exemption	20% homestead exemption plus \$65,000	20% homestead exemption plus \$65,000

The remainder of the tax revenue is used to fund crucial functions of county government such as roads and bridges, open space, parks, trails; emergency assistance for families, including assistance with funerals; public safety and law enforcement; justice of the peace, county, and district courts; jails; investments to prevent children from dropping out of school; teaching children to avoid violence; providing a van to stabilize residents with mental health issues; Capital Idea; interlocals with the City of Austin, municipalities, the Health Care District; Public Defender for People with Mental Health Issues; Public Defender for Children; Public Defender for Families; to name a few. We also take care of county employees and their families so that they can concentrate on serving the public better. County employees help deliver these crucial services to the taxpayers of Travis County.