Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The LAREDO COLLEGE will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3.58 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 15, 2019 at 12:00 PM at Laredo College Campus, West End Washington St., Elpha Lee West Building Rm. 105, Laredo Texas 78040.

The second public hearing will be held on August 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Laredo College Campus, West End Washington St., Elpha Lee West Building Rm. 105, Laredo Texas 78040.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:**
- Henry S. Carranza, Ph.D.
- Mercurio Martinez Jr.
- Jorge "JD" Delgado
- Lupita Zepeda

**AGAINST:**
- Jackie Leven Ramos
- Ernestina "Tita" C. Vela
- Esteban Rangel

**PRESENT and not voting:**
- Cynthia Mares
- Michelle De la Pena

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in LAREDO COLLEGE last year was $143,816. Based on last year's tax rate of $0.327103 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was $470.43.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in LAREDO COLLEGE this year is $148,351. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of $0.317272 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be $470.68.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of $0.328643 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be $487.55.
Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.