



NOAH Statement about the Metro Budget

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NOAH is not advocating for a specific tax increase to be included in the upcoming Metro budget. Instead, NOAH is prepared to support a budget with a substantial property tax increase if it includes these priorities:

1. A minimum of \$10 million in the Barnes Fund for affordable housing
2. More property tax relief for seniors and other homeowners who are low income.
3. At least \$922 million to enable Metro Nashville Public Schools to maintain current operational level, although additional funding for full implementation of SEL programs should be a major priority.
4. A moral budget maintaining current levels of employment and services.

In essence, we are inclined to support a significant tax increase scenario if our requirements are met. NOAH also strongly advises that the Council adopt a fair, just, and equitable budget process that allows for adjustments in these uncertain times.