

PROTEST HIGH PROPERTY TAXES

On a recent Wednesday night, someone on the public access channel 21 in Hammond reported that over 600 homes in that city had been repossessed, foreclosed, or lost in a tax sale. I'll bet that many of those homes were owned or occupied by senior citizens.

Recently, I commented to an Indianapolis reporter that I did not understand why Governor Mitch Daniels responded quickly to Marion County property taxpayers, but never really responded to Lake County property taxpayers' call for help.

The reporter said that Marion County taxpayers responded differently than Lake County taxpayers. He told me that one week 500 protestors picketed the governor's mansion. The next week, 1000 people demonstrated in downtown Indianapolis. Two weeks later, there was another downtown demonstration with over 1,000 protestors.

Not many people in Lake County can afford to travel to Indianapolis for demonstrations. But, many people can afford to picket at city, town, township, or county offices. One of the best people to ask for advice on how to start a protest against high property taxes is Wes Miller of Hammond, Indiana

I'm hoping that Wes Miller will start to lead some protests against high property taxes in front of some city halls this fall. I hope that the protests are big enough to catch the attention of the news media in this area, in the Chicago area, and in Indianapolis. Maybe then, some politicians will get the message – "STOP TAXING PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOMES!"

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Written in 2007.