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# Of course councilman is against downsizing

In his recent Another Voice about downsizing in West Seneca, Vince Graber attempted to capitalize on current economic fears by claiming that the downsizing would hurt the town economically.

He made the following two claims but provided no proof or explanation as to how a smaller board would cause these issues: 1) downsizing will hurt the town’s ability to borrow money; 2) downsizing will downgrade our bond rating. I fail to understand the link to downsizing. Certainly the issues can’t be so complex that Graber couldn’t explain them to his constituents.

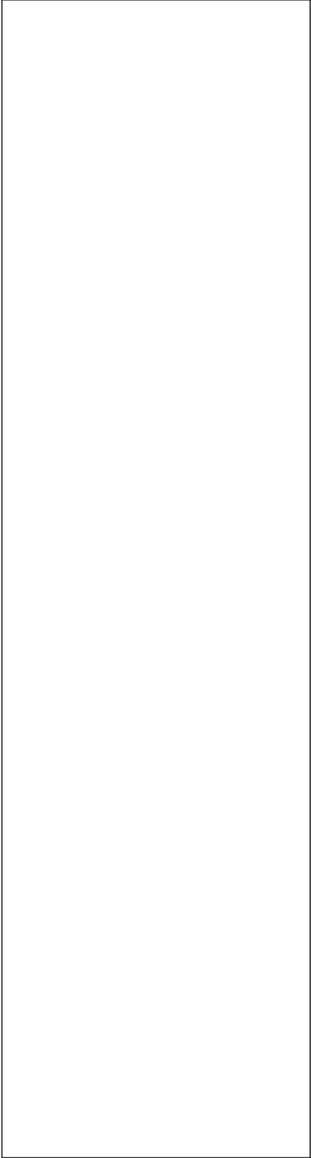
There is a lot of analysis in the media suggesting that something is structurally wrong with our approach to taxation and spending at all levels in New York— state, county, local. If we continue to do nothing, then nothing changes.


It’s not surprising when our politicians suggest that cutting government is not the answer; self-preservation is a powerful motivator. But there is another level of self-preservation that is beginning to be heard more loudly—that of parents wanting to preserve their families; that our next generation of children will not have to move away in order to make a life for themselves.

As a parent of four school-age children, on Wednesday I will be voting “yes” to downsizing.

Terry O’Shei Jr.

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