

Henry comes out swinging against property taxes

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(Fort Wayne, IN) -- We finally hear from Fort Wayne's Democratic candidate for mayor -- and he comes out swinging about property taxes.

And we have new information about Allen County's possible property re-assessments.

We've learned that in response to local state representatives' request that the governor consider ordering a re-assessment of Allen County's property values -- like already ordered for four other counties... the Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance is now in the process of reviewing Allen County's data.

A decision could come as early as next week.

And now Democratic Fort Wayne mayoral candidate Tom Henry is getting in on the action.

Standing outside his parents' home, Henry said the thousands of Allen County residents who live on fixed incomes cannot afford the property tax hikes.

So he's calling on Governor Daniels to order an immediate special session of the legislature to figure out a way to provide homeowners with some relief.

He says one way is for the legislature to offer homeowners a one-time rebate for short-term help.

Tom Henry/(D) FW Mayoral Candidate: "First of all, I'm asking them right now to go into special session, and to release the \$288 million in rainy day funds money, because it is raining and people are drowning in taxes."

Henry also said he supports the panel appointed to review -- and perhaps overhaul -- the state's property taxing system, for a long-term solution.

But he wants immediate relief for homeowners in a special session.

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