

As Town Of Hempstead Supervisor, Laura Gillen's First Proposed Budget Was Criticized By Councilmembers For Raising Property Taxes By \$2 Million

In 2018, Town Of Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen Proposed A Budget, Her First, That Councilmembers Said Would Have Increased Property Taxes By 0.74%, Or \$2 Million

Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Proposed A 2019 Budget That Town Board Members Said Would Increase Property Taxes By 0.74 Percent. “On Monday, Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen, a Democrat, was expected to present her tentative 2019 budget to the Town Board. However, just before Monday’s special meeting began, the other six members of the Republican-controlled board held a news conference, announcing that they had their own spending plan, which they said would lower taxes by 4.2 percent. The board’s amendments reduced Gillen’s planned budget, proposing \$432 million in spending, versus Gillen’s proposed \$443 million... Town board members said their budget would reduce property taxes by \$11.6 million — 4.2 percent — versus Gillen’s budget, which included a 0.74-percent increase.” (Erik Hawkins, “Hempstead Town Board Nixes Gillen's Proposed Budget,” [LI Herald](#), 10/18/18)

- **“In 2018, The Levy Went Up By 1.9 Percent – Roughly \$20 Per Homeowner.”** (Erik Hawkins, “Hempstead Town Budget Talks Begin, With \$443M Plan,” [LI Herald](#), 10/11/18)

This Was Laura Gillen’s First Proposed Budget As Hempstead Town Supervisor.

“Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen last week submitted her 2019 budget for the town. The roughly \$443-million spending plan — Gillen’s first — should make for a small tax reduction for 80 percent of residents, the supervisor said.” (Erik Hawkins, “Hempstead Town Budget Talks Begin, With \$443M Plan,” [LI Herald](#), 10/11/18)

A Hempstead Town Councilmember Claimed Gillen’s Budget Levied “\$275.2 Million In Property Taxes, Up From The \$273.2 Million Figure For 2018,” An Increase Of \$2 Million. “In her first major fiscal action as supervisor, Laura Gillen presented a tax-hike budget, which was filed with the town clerk on Sept. 28, 2018, called for \$275.2 million in property taxes, up from the \$273.2 million figure for 2018.” (Alex Costello, “Hempstead Town Supervisor Candidates: Meet Donald Clavin,” [Patch](#), 10/15/19)