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Talking Taxes: We're doing our part to provide value for your dollars

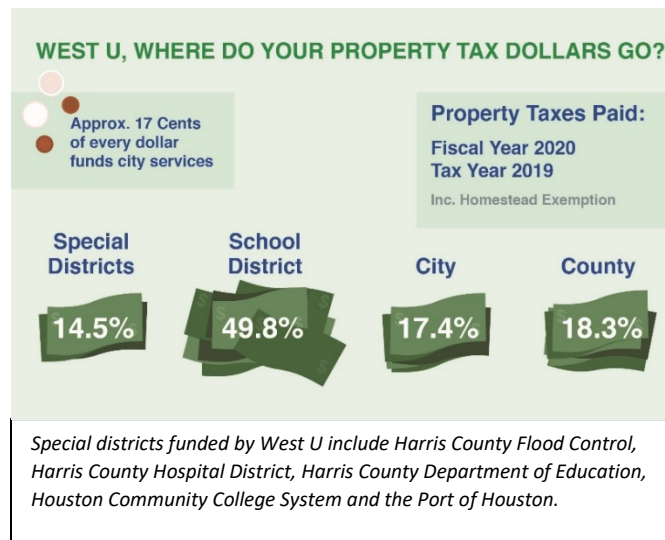
By Mayor Bob Higley

In recent articles, I have extolled the efforts of our City Council members in their acting as good stewards of our tax dollars, while maintaining and improving our wonderful city. Ours is a profoundly difficult task.

In recent conversations, I have heard that you believe that taxpaying homeowners are receiving good value for what we spend. Council will continue to endeavor to retain your trust and confidence. Consider for a moment that a Houston resident living in the Braeswood Place neighborhood pays more in property taxes than a West U resident for a home with the same assessed value.

Cities	2020 Adopted Tax Rate Per \$100 Assessed Value
West U	\$0.31
Southside Place	\$0.32
Bellaire	\$0.45
Houston	\$0.57

And remember: We're only one of a number of agencies which you support with your taxes. The image below shows the breakout of where your tax dollars go?



West U is our little slice of heaven in the nation's fourth largest metro area. One of the City Council's priorities is to keep it that way, while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the county.