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The timber companies used to pay the timber tax to support our communities. However, in the past few decades, this tax has decreased by a huge amount. This must be re-instated the way it was many years ago to pay for the much needed infrastructure payments due to the changes and damage that has occurred in our communities. A good example is Rockaway Beach, which had to charge the citizens for a new water filtration system that cost hundred of thousands of dollars -- all paid for by the citizens and originally caused by the timber companies that clear-cut the entire Jetty Creek area.