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Hi,

I'm writing in regard to our proposed 2023 property tax statement. A 28.8% increase from our 2022 taxes is completely unacceptable. THAT IS A \$2,542.32 tax increase! The valuation of our house did not increase over \$150k from 2022 to 2023. Average property taxes in the city increased 15.34% and our tax increase was almost double that. You need to reconsider who is bearing the brunt of the increase and spread it around more equitably.

I'm a progressive citizen. However, when I consider what we receive for our tax dollars it does not add up...we pay additional fees for trash collection and street maintenance. At this tax rate and fees, you will definitely not get my support or my vote. I think I speak for a lot of people who have received a similar tax bill. Also, people will simply leave St. Paul and move to other cities that offer more services at a lower rate.

I will not be attending the in person meetings, but I hope that the tax increases are reconsidered.

Thank you,

David Ellis

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