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I am speaking against the proposed 2023 Budget.

I already receive the maximum property tax refund from the State of Minnesota every year because my property taxes are increased so much annually in comparison to my income, frozen at St. Paul Public School Teacher pension rates since 2009. I cannot afford further increases of 15.45% in property taxes as well as double and even triple digit increases in government, streets, sanitation, recreation and the whopping 546+% for economic Development and Housing.

Everyone in St. Paul, even in the same neighborhood, does not share the same income portfolio. Yet all choose to make their homes here and that needs to be encouraged rather than push people out to the suburbs and rural counties. The elderly and infirm I met in nearby neighborhoods while delivering Meals on Wheels paid for their homes during their working years and also want to stay home as long as they are physically able to. Putting huge sums into housing for one sector of the population while driving out the steady and stable homeowners already in residence makes no economic or civic sense.

Young people ready to move into our city and become long term contributing members of our schools, councils, rec centers, cannot afford the price tags attached to our Capitol city.

Let's come up with a better plan and save our city from this disastrous way of planning and governing.

Thank you,
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Sent from my iPad