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Hi, my name is Deborah Imelmann. My last name is spelled I as in Ivory, M as in Mother E L M, as in Mother A N N, that's N as in north. I live at 695 4th St E in Saint Paul, Daytons Bluff, ZIP code 55106 and my phone number is 612-251-7656. e-mail is dibennett@usinternet.com and Bennett is spelled B as in boy ENNETT. The agenda item I'd like to mention is the proposed property taxes for Saint Paul in particular. My taxes have gone up over 24% in just one year. The value of my property was increased by over \$66,000 in one year, which just I find hard to believe, but I did speak with an appraiser who discussed that with me. My concerns are that I'm happy to support the city, I want to support education and libraries even though my children are adults and don't live here, but I'm just not seeing the benefit in my immediate area. I chose this House just over a year ago. It was one of the houses that was refurbished in a special program at about 2012 and it's just seems like there has been not much investment in this area since then and lots of the other refurbished houses were bought by management companies and not residents. My understanding is that there's supposed to be owner occupied houses and then there's just a subsequent lack of care for these houses by these management companies. I also believe that it's these companies are driving up the cost of rent, which is problematic. There's also one apartment building really, really rundown place that I think should be condemned, one house north of me on the same St, which is a problematic drug place. The building itself is just falling down and kind of dangerous. That's also a concern. And I just want to know why should I stay in Saint Paul? I've been here just a year. If my taxes keep going up like this, it's absolutely unsustainable. I will not be able to afford this House anymore and certainly won't be able to retire in this in Saint Paul, which is it just breaks my heart. So really, I would love to hear back from somebody who can help me understand what's going on with the taxes again, last night there was yet another shooting here, another gun, senseless gun deaths, and it's happening all around me. So please, I would love to speak with somebody about what's happening here and find out why my taxes have gone up so much. So please hope to hear back from somebody. Thank you.

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