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Mayor Chris Coleman  
City of Saint Paul  
390 City Hall  
15 W.Kellogg Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Council President Kathy Lantry  
310 City Hall  
15 Kellogg Blvd., West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: 2011 St. Paul Street Maintenance Special Assessment

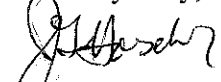
Dear Mayor Coleman and Council President Lantry,

I represent the following downtown St. Paul churches: First Baptist Church of St. Paul; Church of St. Mary; Church of St. Louis; Church of the Assumption; Central Presbyterian Church.

As you know from previous meetings with various representative of these churches, we object to the special assessments that the City is planning to levy against these churches for street maintenance. Our opposition is based on the failure of the City to extend to these downtown churches the treatment it extends to all other churches – that is, the residential rate of assessment. We also object that the City has failed to follow both its own policies as well as state and federal law in carrying out its policy of special assessments for street maintenance purposes. In the end, we do not agree that any properties of these churches are specially benefited or increased in value in any way because of the work covered by these assessments.

We respectfully request that you examine your conscience, review your entire procedure and correct the inequities that pervade your process. We remain available to help you focus on some of those problems.

Yours very truly,

  
John G. Hoeschler

Cc: Shari Moore