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Subject: Objection to Mill & Overlay assessment Cretin/Bayard
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To: Shari Moore. City Clerk
and Melvin Carter, Mayor
and Chris Tolbert, Councilmember

Objection to the high, full amount of the estimated assessment for 2023 Residential Mill and Overlay - Cretin/Bayard Area project.

From: Elizabeth Heeren, 589 Mount Curve Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55116
Parcel ID # 08-28-23-42-0034
File # MO2303

I am a joint owner of the property at 589 Mount Curve Blvd, as described above.
I believe the proposed work is necessary, however I object to the high amount of the estimated assessment.

The property taxes on our property are quite high already. This year's property tax bill is \$10,568.00.

I am a senior citizen, retired and have lived here almost my entire life. I cannot afford the continual property tax increases, let alone major additional assessments.

According to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, "Understanding Property Tax" webpage:

Your property tax bill is composed of local and state property taxes. Local property taxes help fund local programs and services, such as public schools, fire and police protection, **streets**, libraries, and more. State property taxes fund school districts, towns, cities, counties, and other special taxing districts.

It is wonderful that the city is planning to finally put in sidewalks where they are missing. As a senior citizen, I very much appreciate having a safe place to walk and not have to walk in the street. I have been waiting for sidewalks in front of the few houses around our block and adjacent to our block, where for some reason, they are missing, since I was a little girl. Thank you for the sidewalks.

Please reduce the assessment amount. I have been paying property taxes and street maintenance fees for years already.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Heeren
July 26, 2023