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Hello,

My name is Monica Marrocco and I have lived in Ward 2 for the past 9 years.

When it comes to public safety and wellness, we need investment in community that is directed by community solutions, not police.

We need REAL access to services that meet basic needs and build equity and inclusion in St. Paul. The current model continues to fail so we must be brave enough to try a different model. Investing in providing access to resources and development (especially for BIPOC communities) is a much better use of the money we give and entrust to the city to do good with. Adding more and more police year after year, and sustaining their disproportionately large piece of the budget pie will not solve anything because it has never solved anything.

Community is speaking. Please listen and put our money towards solutions, programs, and models that will meet the needs of community and actually honor our lives.

Thank you,  
Monica Marrocco