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To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: re: assessment for 2023 residential milling and overlay
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Dear Mayor Carter and St Paul City Council

We are the property owner(s) at 492 Mount Curve Boulevard and are writing to object to the new \$1600 assessment for planned milling and overlay road work. This work should be covered the plans to raise the sales tax to pay for street maintenance, which we do support.

We object to the assessment on these additional grounds:

1. Milling and Overlay are street maintenance and thereby general government functions to be funded out of general tax revenues.
2. The Milling and Overlay assessment is in conflict with the 2016 Minnesota Supreme Court decision in the case of First Baptist Church of St. Paul, et al., vs City of St. Paul. [Ideally we would like to see street maintenance taken from sources other than property taxes and paid via assessments that included non profits but the ruling seems to preclude this option.]
3. The Mill and Overlay work does not add additional value to the individual property. This assessment is therefore in conflict with the City Charter. See Judge Awsumb's ruling in City Court 2022.
4. Real estate taxes in St. Paul are high and in the Highland neighborhood continue to rise disproportionately to the services residents receive. Mill and Overlay is part of street maintenance and should be covered by tax revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

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