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To
Mayor Melvin Carter
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St. Paul City Clerk and Council Members
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Re: Objection to Proposed 2023 Mill & Overlay - Cretin/Bayard Area Project
Property Address: 536 Mount Curve Blvd, St Paul, MN 55116-1168
File # MO2303
Parcel ID # 08-28-23-42-0046

Dear Mayor Carter, dear Council Members:

I am the owner of the above referenced property and I object to the above referenced Mill & Overlay project. Therefore I respectfully urge you to vote against this project's accompanying "assessment".

My reasons are:

1. Assessment for these M & O functions are not authorized by the St Paul City Charter, the St Paul Administrative Code, Minnesota state law, the Minnesota Constitution or the US Constitution; they violate all these bodies of law.
2. The proposed M & O assessment violates the 2016 Minnesota Supreme court case of First Baptist Church of St Paul, et al. v. City of St. Paul.
3. M & O service is routine street maintenance that benefits the entire city equally and the proposed charges for that service are a tax and require a showing of special benefit to the property owner; the value of my property will not be increased by this M & O work and no such special benefit can be shown. See Judge Awsumb's May 2022 ruling in two Ramsey County District Court cases.
4. Mt Curve Blvd between Randolph and Hartford Streets was reconstructed approximately in 1996 and that reconstruction was supposed to last 40 years. What happened? Why is M&O work necessary after only 27 years? What was the special benefit to my property in 1996 and what was the purpose of the special assessment then? Did the 1996 assessment contemplate the need for the 1996 reconstruction to be updated with M&O work? Was the 1996 reconstruction shoddy work in that it

requires M&O services now in 2023?

5. Were St Paul real estate taxes not increased 20% in 1996 and each year thereafter? Our St Paul real estate taxes are high, higher than in most other MN cities, I believe they should be adequate to pay for the proposed M&O work and they should not be further increased.

6. Also should we not get street maintenance that is of high quality and lasts? Constant street repair is a bane.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Respectfully submitted,
Renate M. Sharp