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To: Members of the Saint Paul City Council

Re: 2023 Mill and Overlay- Cretin/ Bayard area

We are writing to state our objections to the planned project and our estimated assessment.

We have been homeowners for 30+ years. Some of those years were outside the city of St. Paul and the last approximately 8 years have been at our current address. As longtime homeowners, we are not “new” to public construction projects or assessments for these projects.

We received a letter dated June 28, 2023, that outlined the planned project and noted the estimated assessment calculation of \$5496.36. We have never had a letter with an assessment of this magnitude. In our opinion this amount is excessive, unfair, and unequitable. We have spoken with our neighbors; we know what their proposed assessments are, and we are being significantly penalized for living on a corner lot. We derive no more use or benefit of the street(s) than any of our other neighbors.

Additionally, we would like the following noted:

-in the 8 years that we have resided in our home there has been no maintenance performed on the streets. In the previous cities we resided,

roads received regular maintenance such as oiling/ gravel to preserve the integrity of the road surface.

- there are a significant number of roads in Saint Paul that are in much worse condition than the proposed mill/ overlay project streets and we find it almost inconceivable that the City Council would make it a priority to spend \$2 Million of the dedicated \$4 Million to improve city streets on the planned Phase 1 project. (Details from letter sent to homeowners 4/12/23).

- the past several winters the City of Saint Paul has been deficient, almost to the point of negligent in the plowing of the streets following snowfall. This has resulted in buildup of snow and ice on the road and in turn excessive use of chemicals and sand to make the roads passable which has caused further wear. However, maintenance and prompt attention to snow removal is certainly more cost effective than road replacement. As the saying by Benjamin Franklin goes, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”.

In summary, we do not support the planned 2023 Mill and Overlay – Cretin/ Bayard area project. Additionally, we feel our \$5496.36 calculated assessment is excessive, dis-proportionate, inequitable, and exorbitant considering it amounts to nearly half of our annual \$13K+ property tax that we already pay to the City of Saint Paul. We hope that

you will take this information to make modifications to the planned project and the proposed assessments.

Cordially,

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