

2. If there are "other" key city programs or services not mentioned in question one, please use the space

ID	Responses
1	City Forestry, addressing boulevard trees, stump removal and replacement.
2	If you don't have Public Safety, nothing else matters. Saint Paul Mayor and City Council HAVE FAILED! EPIC FAILURE! Only 6% of the entire nation is WORSE!
3	incorporating education (k-12, tech, traditional private colleges and universities) into city government.
4	The bogus garbage program. Specifically: the garbage hold request process, which requires that the request be submitted BEFORE the BILLING QUARTER, NOT "two weeks" before the hold start date as specified on the city website. If you give notice after the quarterly bill is generated, CITY OFFICIALS via Amy Brenmoen's office tell me that you STILL have to pre-pay for SERVICES NOT PROVIDED during the hold period, and that a credit will be applied to your account to be used when service resumes. For a 6-month snow-bird hold, that could mean a lock on your money for 6 months. AND THE GARBAGE COMPANIES NEVER NOTIFY YOU THAT YOU HAVE A CREDIT (they don't issue statement for negative balances). This is completely bogus, and, requiring payment for service not rendered aka an interest-free-forced-loan-for-6-months seems like a pretty dicey legal issue. For example, a hold request starting November 1st or December 1st must actually be sent to the hauler in SEPTEMBER, before the bill is generated the first week in October for Oct/Nov/Dec service. If you request a hold for November the first week of October after the quarterly bill is generated, the city has told me that I must pay for Nov Dec (even tho everyone agrees that no service will be provided) and then get the credit applied in April when I return. To be very clear, the CITY is the one who informed me that this is the policy.
5	Get back to Policing and trash this counseling the thugs nonsense never worked never will! Parenting is the key. Never saw a thug that didn't think he or she could not get over on a counselor!
6	ANYTHING TO REDUCE CRIME
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8	Heritage/Historic Preservation--very important!
9	HPC
10	Police report that Hmong and Burma Ceros are stealing Catalytic Converters daily in St. Paul. Over 500 this year alone. There should be a law that prohibits the purchase and recycling of the converters by metal processing plants. This is an outrage and embarrassment for our city. Stop this now. You may be the next victim.
11	Street maintenance and improvements.
12	Get bicycles off the sidewalks. Stop creating new projects which are redundant to existing programs. Too much wastd money, no oversight. Raising taxes is not the answer to all these new programs. Stay within your budget. You can't exect the citizen to continue to be taxed with no services given. Decrease the administration numbers-too many people being paid exhorbant salaries. The mayor doesn't need 17 assistants.
13	Drug trafficking reduction, location and regulation of "sober" housing (aka NOT sober housing), level 3 sex offenders living together and by kids, car theft reduction, abandoned vehicles removal

14	Planting trees on parkway, identification/removal of sick and infested trees, no kill animal shelters, public transportation safety including sanitation and licensing taxi/Uber/Lyft drivers
15	Shot spotter
16	I would like to see in a snow emergency or tree trimming on streets if cars are in the way tow them away so they can plow and trim the trees.
17	Too busy to think now.
18	Helpful solutions to homelessness - long term not just a quick fix. We need to think outside the box and outside our comfort zones to see the humanity of people left homeless through no fault of their own and come up with solutions that truly help - not just provide a band aid covering.
19	securing firearms and prosecuting those who don't
20	Proper monitoring and enforcement of laws such as leash laws and clean up/maintenance. Better services that make it easier for city residents to keep their city clean - eg garbage bins at bus stops.
21	Police; support them while keeping an eye out for any naughty behavior Bolster affordable housing without rent control, it's bad
22	Green infrastructure improvements and climate change mitigation initiatives. Make our city resilient to climate change!
23	stop putting in stupid bike lanes all over the place. Make Maryland Ave 2 lanes again. FUND the police. Scrap the current trash program and go back to the old way.
24	Look into ways to control traffic with technology. Cameras, etc to replace traffic cops
25	lower property taxes, less red tape for property owners and businesses, reducing crime/gun violence from illegal firearms
26	We are downtown St. Paul residents - Waucota Commons neighborhood. Funding for pole mounted power and communication lines. Getting these underground would go a LONG WAY to beautifying the city. Improve downtown St. Paul sidewalks and landscaping. As more and more people visit this area due to the thriving restaurants and baseball stadium, it would be great to have new sidewalks and greening-up landscape improvements.
27	Fix the roads properly, add police eliminate positions that mayor added wasteful spending Approve more housing projects
28	Forestry. With the loss of so many Ash trees in the city this year, I would like to see accelerated planning and budgeting for restoration of these trees. This is good for all citizens of the city and for the city's climate goals.
29	The City needs to provide only those services which the city is required to provide, not social services and all the do good services it currently is involved in. Those services should be done by non-profits and social service providers and are not key services for a city to be funding. St. Paul has terrible streets and alleys, is too concerned about bikers and their yelling for more bike lanes (there are more than enough as well as paved trails), and should be spending city funds to repave and rebuild its streets for the vehicles they were intended. Time to get back to provide good, basic city services to the people and business that pay for them
30	Trash bins for pedestrians and transit users. There are shockingly few trash and recycling receptacles on the streets for walkers and people using transit to deposit trash. This leads to increased litter and the city looking dirty and unappealing.

31	The city's focus should be on public infrastructure (including, in particular, green infrastructure) and public safety. That is the fundamental purpose of government.
32	I believe the proposed rent control amendment would be better if the limit was x% over the cost increases (taxes, insurance, licenses, etc.) that the landlords have to pay. That way both the landlord and the tenant are protected.
33	We need programs to encourage entrepreneurship and small businesses in Saint Paul. We also need to create an environment to attract and keep higher-income workers in the city rather than incentivizing them to move to the suburbs. Improved schools and better safety infrastructure are very important measures.
34	Support, training, and resources for police/law enforcement.
35	No mention above specifically on policing resources - need to prioritize filling vacancies will a mix of new resources: team members with suicide prevention, mental health and addiction training and expertise Solutions for homeless will result from several of the priorities listed above but continued vigilance on areas where these numbers continue to gather late at night and cause disturbances.
36	Improve the rec centers and their programs; hire competent staff to supervise and organize activities for toddlers to teens; thereby allowing parents to go to school, or work, so they can support their own children with housing and food.
37	I want shot-spotters installed and more police officers hired as the crime and gunshots are increasing in my Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.
38	Roads, sidewalks, park space, public safety are the priorities. No increase in taxes, eliminate new programs, new city positions, Library increases and Recreation increases and Mayor's positions. Reduce these departments and hours of operation. Where is your audits? Don't take on county services or schools. The highest taxes here are irresponsible and driving people out of the city. Shame on Council for this
39	Some of the items above are unclear and thus hard to answer. Mental health support for example is unquestionably important to the recipient, to people who need it, but not sure if this means whether the city should fund it or provide the service or what. Likewise job creation - maybe the city can help but not sure what is envisioned.
40	Improving and renovating the Midway neighborhood- rebuilding, refilling empty stores and businesses, and improving safety on our streets-especially on Snelling and University Avenues.
41	Street infrastructure Lower taxes
42	Cut city funding, support for homeless day shelters and prohibit more, close existing. Close guaranteed income program.
43	Taxes, we pay them, we should have a say in how their spent. We should have police in Highland Park, take them out of the places council members don't support them.
44	Police Support - Extremely Important Downtown Ambassador Program - Extremely Important
45	Reparations, addressing systemic racism with social programs and education improvements/reinvestment targeted to the most economically disadvantaged in our community. Improvements toward our environmental sustainability (encouraging carbon taxes/carbon neutrality, investing in public transit) are also critical and not mentioned above.
46	Alley plowing

47	Reducing Carter's Administrative Budget; Reduce the 6.9% tax levy to 2.5% because the administration doesn't even have a well thought out plan. He and CC are throwing money at an idea that may or may not work.
48	Policing. Transform into Safety. Exchange LEOs for Safety Officers. Without guns but empowered and trained to assist those in need.
49	Police! Policing is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!
50	Financial support for elderly on fixed incomes.
51	We need more police!
52	Violence is a primary concern, since it affects not only the health and safety of citizens but also the reputation and future of the city. The police department needs to be a high priority, with an accent on 1) keeping force levels high enough to serve and protect the community and on 2) improving the quality of policing and police recruitment. Prosecution and the courts need to function. Currently they seem to malfunction, allowing dangerous people to remain free to commit new crimes. We need to invest more in security, including more cameras in more places. Areas in St. Paul have become unsafe. I'm happy to see that crime has been reduced downtown and credit efforts to get the homeless off the streets during the pandemic as a positive factor.
53	We need more police to reduce crime/violence.
54	Education Community/Social Services to children and families Animal Care and Control (has improved exponentially since the last manager retired)
55	Food inspection
56	I would prefer that the City of Saint Paul get out of the socialized garbage collection business, which costs so much more than we citizens can pay in the private sector. Instead, the City of Saint Paul needs to attract and hire many, many more police officers. Wasting money on "social diversity" programs has not worked, as we all saw from the George Floyd BLM and Anti-"fa" riots last summer. With crime close to out-of-control, more police officers are needed - not more social programs.
57	Hiring more Police/Law Enforcement Officers, so our neighborhoods can have more foot patrols. We need to address the Gang Violence problem in St. Paul.
58	St. Paul's plan to address the effect that Climate Change is/will further challenge our government and citizens. Why is there no (apparent) plan to begin replacing lead water pipes in older areas of the city??
59	Hold the line on taxes.
60	Noise level reduction and monitoring
61	Public safety is critically important, but this does NOT mean additional funding to the police department. This means working collaboratively with the St. Paul community to find effective alternatives to policing where appropriate and improving the police department without increasing its funding.
62	The garbage program unfairly burdens small landlords who own 2 to 4 units. Before the program you could get 1 to 2 more than adequate sized containers for 1/2 the cost. The program should be per building (with more than adequate volume per unit.)
63	Forestry keeps the city cool and CLIMATE CHANGE commitments.
64	preparation for climate change impact on poor neighborhoods

65	I think a good goal would be to reduce the amount of time and money spent on legal services related to disputes over historic preservation. Bricks made in 2021 are going to look a little different than bricks that were made in 1921. Maybe this is already changing, but I have read and / or heard about some lawsuits over that kind of thing that seem like a complete waste of time and money.
66	Affordable housing first, second, and third
67	affordable child care
68	We need to do something to make our city safer. I live on the East Side and do not feel comfortable walking in my area or being out of my house. I will shop in Maplewood or Woodbury, but not on the East Side. We need to curtail the speed of traffic on White Bear Ave. I believe between yesterday and today there were five car accidents along the avenue, some with injuries. There is nothing to get people to stop on White Bear as far as shopping, or a nicer restaurant. White Bear has become a way to get from 694 to 94 quickly by many drivers. What about a nice sit down restaurant on the Hafner site with patio seating and perhaps flowers pot and amenities to make a nice attractive business. How did all the money to go West Saint Paul Robert Street, and East Side gets nothing. White Bear could become Robert Street with many businesses and amenities. Coffee shops, gift shops, craft stores. Maybe crime would be down if we had something to do along the Avenue. How about the food truck park at Hafners. Now the trucks are on the street which provides a different view of the food truck park. People are crossing the streets now to get to the food trucks which could cause some problems. What about a park in the area for softball, soccer or tennis. Took away Prosperity Park and now its just a bathroom. No place for kids to hang out with friends and be safe.
69	Increase police staffing levels
70	"Children and Family Support (Financial Empowerment)" is where we give a baby \$50 and pretend that is going to help anything? It's not enough money to make a difference to the family, but adds up to a lot on the city level. Invest those dollars in libraries instead.
71	The city need to increase it tax base.Stop using valuable land for free parking.Get non-profits Org to help pay for services the are using
72	Get rid of guaranteed income pilot program. It literally teaches laziness.
73	Support our police. Support fathers. Support non profits and advance the common good.
74	More public bathrooms in parks, downtown, and other places were people congregate.
75	Increasing our police force may fall under a couple different categories but I want to make sure this is part of the budget as well as shot spotter
76	I wish you had separated out transit and other vehicles - transit is so important and should be prioritized. We should do everything we can to encourage people to get out of their cars and take transit or walk or bike. I also think that we should be shifting from a police department to a holistic public safety model, in which non-police officers (domestic violence advocates, social workers, etc) respond to most emergencies.
77	Climate change
78	I'd like to have a bin for green waste like Minneapolis.
79	I rate fully funding and staffing the Saint Paul Police Department as "Extremely Important". I rate fixing our under-maintained roadways as "Extremely Important".

80	Defunding SPPD and reallocating the funds in such a way as to actually benefit community members.
81	replacement trees on minnehaha, more trees on north snelling
82	Incentives for green power, infrastructure to adequately encourage solar power of homes and buildings
83	Public safety is extremely important to me. Funding police is not. I want to fund community-centered programs within libraries, rec centers, and community organizations.
84	If "public safety" is code for police than change that to extremely not important.
85	Crime -prevention and management- Critical
86	Food security. A food policy audit is needed to understand how the city can do better. Lots of cities are leading the way. We can too.
87	Emergency housing, in-school Covid screening
88	If infrastructure for transit, assuming "mass transit" buses, trains, etc. were to be separated from 'vehicles.' I would rate it as "extremely important." We need massive improvement in transit infrastructure, however, we need to minimize improvement or encouragement of personal automotive usage.
89	schools are a mess! No one wants to work for or go to St. Paul Schools.
90	Our technology system is lacking and we are leaps behind other major cities. As a result people pay too much for wifi when other places pay barely anything. The current public Works Director wouldn't have a clue what is needed. I'm not sure of DSI fits into licensing and permits but they are a terribly led department with an out of touch Director and staff that is not engaged and is discriminatory. Also the district council structure needs changes.
91	Build infrastructure that forces car drivers to move slower through the city. We cannot expect enforcement to address the issue.
92	There should be more "police storefronts" in the neighborhoods. When we did volunteer work, people in the neighborhood felt safe coming in to the storefront. We even had one teenager who stole a gun from his brother and brought it to the storefront. I feel like we made a difference, the neighbors picked up brochures and gathered information about services
93	Criminals need more than a slap on the hand...they need to be punished...nothing is learned when you let them go back to being evil.
94	Maintain the infrastructure not people's lives. That how local government should work.
95	Curbside compost- important!
96	Rethinking police, a mental health emergency response team. Stopping domestic violence.
97	Have to support police, crime is ruining the city
98	Adding Shotspotter with CCTV (not worth doing one without the other)
99	Climate change preparedness and environmental sustainability initiatives
100	Providing attractive jobs to youths along with free mentoring to support families and reduce likelihood that youths will turn to gangs, drugs, theft, or feeling hopeless.
101	Transportation for seniors to Medical Services
102	Whoever wrote this up should have not put, Technology Improvements and Security in the same question. They should not have put Infrastructure for Transit and vehicles in the same question.

103	I don't understand why the police force gets such a high percentage of our tax dollars... especially when they aren't proven to help as much as non armed emergency services, while we just let the rest of the city rot
104	Renewable energy incentives, specifically for installing solar to increase our energy diversity. Turning public green spaces into less mowed lawns to native prairie and grasslands.
105	None
106	Do not let the country sell off parkland in nearby Maplewood.
107	Thank you for the opportunity to take this survey. Defining all the categories would be helpful including links to existing programs under each category. Suggestion to change the language of #2 to something more all-inclusive such as change from 'Children and Family Support (Financial Empowerment)' to 'Quality of life support for individuals of all ages in need'. It would be great if you would remove the dichotomy of 'small business' vs existing medium-large sized businesses and instead focusing on incentives for job creation through business recruitment, retention, or expansion and focus on developing a working vision for the types of jobs and work places that are desired in our fair city such as, 'Creation of prosperous jobs and workplaces that are safe, ethical, respectful, collaborative, facilitate a high quality of life, and contribute to the improvement of our city, region, and state.'
108	Not a city service, but please make the hard choices about the options above that leads to a reduction of property taxes. St Paul has become an expensive (and really not that great of a) place to live.
109	What is the city doing to educate and promote technology growth through computer programming, cryptocurrency education, and developing new businesses through technology?
110	Communication venues with average citizens about their neighborhood. Especially seniors who are not able to access computer technology but still VOTE and are RESIDENTS.
111	Police
112	Public safety should lead with crime prevention, domestic violence prevention and mental health services
113	Curbside compost pickup to decrease the amount of stuff that goes into landfills.
114	Full funding for the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

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#### 4. Which City programs or services need more resources?

ID	Responses
1	Police
2	Better infrastructure for bikes/peds/transit; more programming/hours/services at rec centers; more income support for residents
3	Mental health, public safety, EMS/fire, and funds to help others succeed (especially with housing).
4	Saint Paul Police Department
5	Police dept needs more money to reach the staffing levels that the chief outlined to the city council. The mayor's position is wrong. Police are under-staffed and overworked, causing direct harm to residents due to rising personal and property crime levels.
6	Legal advice, as the district councils and city council have made several decisions regarding issues in my neighborhood which lawyers have informed me are patently illegal - violating the laws related to city code and variances. It's pretty disheartening when the city official flagrantly violate the law for their own interests. Eg: Amy Brendmoen and the Black Bear Cafe, as borne out in the legal judgement against the city.
7	Every resident, particularly the unsheltered and very low income residents must have safe, affordable housing where they can stay for a long time (not be kicked out for high rent increases etc.). A safe home will help ALL of us in SOOOO many ways - economic, safety, school outcomes, health outcomes. It is a foundational HIGH priority
8	Police
9	POLICE
10	snow plowing and removal is worse in st paul than any other cities in the area, with older neighborhoods, need increased attention paid to snow
11	Heritage/Historic Preservation (HPC)
12	HPC
13	There should be a law to prevent the purchase of stolen catalytic converters.
14	See responses above
15	Road repairs-the roads are full of potholes and cracks. Use the gas tax money for the roads which is what the money was suppose to be used. Stop stealing the road money for bike paths.
16	Street maintenance and snow plowing! Both are terrible! Every spring, there are huge pot holes that take months to fill in or don't get filled in at all! The street plowing sucks! ALL vehicles left on the street during a snow emergency need to be towed! Streets need to be plowed curb to curb and down to the pavement. You wait too long to plow and the roads turn to packed down ice for the rest of the winter until April! You can do better!!!!
17	Assistance for single parents of young kids, access to mental health support, food and utilities support for low-income houses, law enforcement, help with increasing property taxes for low-income homeowners so they can stay in their homes. Drag racing and Illegal fireworks prevention.
18	PUBLIC SAFETY
19	We need to continually improve equity0
20	Snow removal and lead water pipe replacement
21	Shot spotter

22	Police
23	Libraries, police, enforcement of laws.
24	I support the creation and full funding of the Office of Neighborhood Safety.
25	Too busy to think now.
26	Affordable housing
27	I am historically politically progressive, but I feel strongly that we need more police. Gun sales need to be monitored. Roads in St. Paul are in extremely bad condition. Worse than surrounding areas, worse than Minneapolis, even worse than New York! Not sure if it's a city or county issue, but Totem Town should be restored to help divert kids from a cycle of bad choices.
28	• Single-Family (Inspiring Communities) Financing • Multifamily Housing Financing • City Outreach/Marketing Administration • Buildings' Energy Efficiency Financing (vis-a-vis Mpls' Green Cost Share program) • Affordable Housing Admin & Financing • Vacant Housing Remediation (DSI/PED) • Economic Development Administration
29	Community building and connections.
30	gun violence prevention
31	Animal Control. Parks and park maintenance (especially in East Side!). Higher bus frequency so that public transportation is more realistic for commuting to work. Eg - schedules every 15 minutes during peak hours rather than every 30 minutes.
32	Public transit, especially buses when it comes to having regular routes and schedules
33	Transit, Schools, Parks
34	Public transit
35	Streets
36	City street maintenance and reconstruction. City streets remain in terrible shape and slow projects.
37	Parks/green space.
38	Snow plowing, recreation facilities, libraries
39	The police
40	Police/public safety
41	Traffic control. Our streets are more dangerous than usual. There is no speed limit and reckless driving is an epidemic.
42	Basic municipal services should be prioritized until they are improved: street and sidewalk infrastructure, public safety, needed tech updates, public utility services. Then pressing social needs (housing, small business support, etc).
43	Police
44	Children and family support
45	Roads police
46	Police. Crime in our city is at the highest levels in my lifetime, and we have all seen how limited police presence has emboldened all those who have no regard at all for the law.
47	Public Works for street repairs, rebuilding streets for its vehicles. Public Safety for more police officers and reduce gun violence.
48	Street repairs and associated infrastructure improvements
49	Public safety, gun violence reduction, mental health support,, technology improvements.

50	Many sidewalks are in bad shape. The public transit system (metro mobility and metro transit) do not have enough qualified workers. This especially affects low income workers and disabled people who rely on public transportation.
51	Police/public safety
52	Public Safety Snow plowing effectiveness ! Plows seldom plow to the curb leaving less room for bikes, cars. Stop eliminating street parking for bike lanes that remain underutilized at the expense to access for downtown businesses for deliveries and patrons.
53	Police department, fire and emergency, parks and rec programs with organized activities and drop in centers. It would be great to have daycare programs in these park programs so their parents could go to school or work. Teach people skills so they can have pride and support themselves; stop giving away money and calling it social programs. By supporting small businesses they create the jobs; the City shouldn't be the employer. I don't believe the City should have ever tackled trash collection; there were much bigger fish to fry and that money could have been spent more wisely with a bigger return for ALL.
54	The library needs more permanent funding. More police officers and the installation of shot-spotters.
55	Roads and parks, and green space and snow plowing, leaf removal, safe sidewalks
56	Police, fire, libraries, youth recreationd activities, more parks, more mental health activities
57	Library Services; Mental Health Support
58	Road and street improvements
59	Libraires
60	Affordable housing, mental health support
61	Police department.
62	Public safety, affordable housing, pedestrian infrastructure. On snow plowing and removal, I'm not sure that more money is needed, but the city in my 22 years here has never seemed to do a good job with it, especially compared to Mpls. You need competent and accountable people running and working in the program.
63	Gun violence reduction, drug crimes reduction, rent control (w/sliding fee scale for tenants) and prosecution of absentee landlords.I lived in Mpls during their rent control period (1970's) on the West Bank and it was excellent.
64	Street cleaning Homelessness
65	Law enforcement. More patrol officers, more prosecutions of violent criminal, car thieves, etc. Add shot spotter and other tech.
66	Safety, police, fire, plowing!
67	We need to properly fund the foundational elements of the city before spending on other programs.
68	Police and public wirks
69	Need to move funds going to police to programs that actually reduce crime
70	Police and fire. Also, support local small businesses, don't put more mandates on them making business even harder
71	Police and the Mental Health Unit within the department.
72	Safety. Non-police.
73	The POLICE!
74	Support for elderly on fixed incomes.
75	Police!

76	We need to repair our roads before they collapse beyond repair.
77	Increase police funding needs to happen to make St Paul a safe livable city
78	Public safety
79	St Paul Police Service, Parks and Rec, Mental Health
80	I don't know enough about your budgets and spending to hazard a guess.
81	Police
82	Police, law enforcement, and crime prevention need more resources. Social diversity programs have proved almost worthless, so spending should be cut back.
83	Crime and litter out of control, place looks like a garbage dump, get the people who owe community service cleaning up. And people who get free rent should be responsible for taking care of the grounds. If able they should help. Most won't even pick up a piece of litter! The pot holes are bad!
84	Policing and violence reduction. Drug addiction rehab
85	Safety
86	St Paul Police! Shot Spotter
87	I don't know that throwing more and more money is the answer. I think we need to rethink policies surrounding how we currently use the money allocated to these things.
88	Police Department
89	Replacing lead water pipes for older residences throughout the city. A restoration of the "This Old House" grant program to upgrade energy efficiency investments in older residences.
90	Downtown evening and after midnight police security.
91	Independence Day Fireworks Celebration
92	The city must prioritize community safety and should fully fund Chief Axtell's budget request for the police department. It is imperative that a training academy is held for the next 2-4 years to address the significant loss of officers in the department and to ensure the number of officers is increased appropriately. It would be appropriate use of ARP funds to fund training academies.
93	Streets need to be repaired and replaced. Trees need to be watered. Grass needs to be cut
94	Please continue to fund programs such as the Community Ambassadors and other community-based public safety initiatives.
95	Make the garage program more flexible and allow sharing of units within the same 1 to 5 unit properties.
96	Forestry and funding whatever programs will help meet climate change targets.
97	Litter reduction. Fine people who have litter in front of their homes and businesses. Can be a modest fee. Housing improvement--reduce cost of inspections and encourage housing aesthetic improvement--new siding, matching windows, eye--sore removal...so many houses look terrible in Dayton's Bluff, for example. Noise management--regulate downtown airport noise. No long plane idling or repetitive flying over neighborhoods. Monitor traffic noise in neighborhoods and erect traffic noise barriers. Noise impacts mental health and sleep health and even lowers IQ. Ensure traffic noise barriers are not higher on one side of the road than the other. Noise has become quite bad in my home since a newer higher barrier was placed on the other side of a road.
98	parks and libraries

99	Park maintenance and snow plowing and removal seem like they are in need of more resources. I'm less familiar with current levels of funding and future needs for other programs and services. I would hope that we are continuing to provide good levels of services for immigrants, but I know the federal government policies are making that moot (because of rules that limit legal immigration).
100	Programs designed to steer at-risk youth away from crime and into after-school activities, job training, etc
101	Better use of resources and employees. e.g. I don't think you need 6 employees doing nothing but watch a backhoe dig a hole.
102	Gun control. Getting guns off the streets. Consequences for gun law offenders!
103	Affordable housing, financial empowerment and bicycle infrastructure.
104	Police and public safety. Plowing, need to have streets cleared timely and thoroughly. Not enough police officers to cover the needs on the East Side. Parks - place for kids to hang out and be with friends in a safe environment. What about creating sport teams for kids to start at an early age and continue. Hockey rinks for skating in the winter, Entry level sport programs for kids to start at age 5 and continue through school age and perhaps into high school. Kids enter high school without knowing how to play a sport.
105	Police!!
106	The policed department needs more money to get the force levels back up and mental health experts. The city needs to subsidize more affordable housing. Our streets and bridges need to be maintained and improved. Too many potholes and bridges falling apart.
107	Public safety and violence prevention
108	Police to hire more officers and implement a community policing approach as well as partnering with mental health resources
109	Sidewalks and ADA accessibility are abysmal. Forestry should be expanded to encourage new plantings as climate changes AND encourage plants/vines/greenways as a natural, lower cost climate change solution. Why does Public Health receive a decrease in proposed funding despite a global pandemic?
110	Police, Fire and emergency, street maintenance
111	First of all, I think the city has been taking on expense that should come from the state and federal government. The city is not a social service organization. It's purpose is to serve basic needs: safety, roads, libraries and schools.
112	PUBLIC SAFETY community needs are not being met as far as violence. Long waits for officers, offenders being let go in a matter of hours after being arrested for violent offenses. And the lack of the judicial system not giving appropriate sentencing time for crimes. Offenders our out on the streets and many with in hours re offend to even a stronger decree.
113	Less resources -- Garbage -- either make it a city service or go back to what it was. The consortium is terrible.
114	Law enforcement, i.e shot spotter.
115	Police and
116	Police department, mental health, and small businesses. Your ignorance is literally destroying this city.
117	Snow plowing, street maintenance. we need a sustainable funding plan for streets that doesn't bankrupt homeowners with assessments or unfairly shift the burden to businesses. If our current infrastructure is unsustainable we should use the one-time federal money to modify infrastructure to reduce the ongoing operating cost

118	Police
119	Police and mental health treatment.
120	Programs to address climate change.
121	Police
122	Not clear exactly what is meant by "job creation." If it involves giving tax breaks to businesses that undermine other budget priorities, then that's a problem. Similarly with "public safety." Some functions under that umbrella are a priority, some not. Same for "infrastructure for transit and vehicles." Increase funding for transit; no more expensive highway projects
123	Biking, non-police public safety
124	Infrastructure. Specifically, lead water pipe replacement, better sewers and drains, bike paths. Also, property tax relief. The property taxes in this city are way too high. You know there's a problem when a leftist millennial homeowner is complaining about taxes
125	Saint Paul Police Department is under-funded and under-staffed. Fix this before more people quit. Public Works funding to fix our under-maintained roads.
126	Tenant protections, mental health outreach, non-police public safety options
127	Affordable housing
128	Public safety, public works
129	gun violence reduction
130	Public safety
131	Libraries, rec centers, parks + green spaces.
132	Police, fire dept, roads
133	Affordable housing and education services (adults and children)
134	Safety and upkeep- this is capital city
135	Public safety should be number 1. That means more police so that their presence is around at all times but primarily night time.
136	Mental health, housing, public safety (not police), traffic calming measures/separate infrastructure for pedestrians/bikers
137	Transit and bike infrastructure.
138	Police—too many carjackings and too much gun violence. Don't rely on overtime to enhance service
139	Gun control, mental health
140	Police, Social Workers, and Schools programs. Rec Centers. Get kids off the streets and on to fields, studios, and stages.
141	Public safety/SPPD
142	The basics, fire, public safety, libraries
143	Public safety and infrastructure.
144	Law enforcement/public safety, snow plow and removal, street repair (pot holes), more community and youth outreach, homeless
145	Police, Fire, and EMT, PERIOD! We look like Chicago/Detroit these days. There is ZERO support for those people!
146	Public safety, permits and zoning, actual community outreach.
147	Public safety! I know longer feel safe in my beloved hometown, it is extremely disheartening and sad to watch St. Paul on the decline. Let's get the basics right before we take on ambitious programs that go beyond the scope of what our city can realistically impact
148	I think there needs to be alternatives to police - so more social workers working along side/instead of police for calls. That would take more resources, rather than just shifting funding from police to these services. I also would like to have more affordable housing built
149	The police, snow removal and street repair, affordable housing
150	Roads, all of them.
151	Cops. Cops Cops Cops Cops. Our police department needs more support - financial and otherwise. Public safety, crime reduction, and justice FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES, should be our top priority
152	Transit, biking and walking. We have to reduce VMT everywhere.

153	Affordable housing and Public safety. Please let the tenants of businesses have an affordable rent, may be better businesses will be motivated to move in. The police staff need to be increased, encourage volunteer police to add to the security of neighborhoods
154	POLICE
155	Police and Fire
156	Police, helping kids
157	Public safety approaches that do not involve the police.
158	Police and public works
159	The police and EMS
160	police
161	Police
162	Mental health!!! Affordable healthcare. Affordable housing!!!
163	More bike lanes and traffic calming and traffic enforcement EVERYWHERE
164	Basic services that impact daily life: public safety, plowing, libraries.
165	POLICE!!!!!!!
166	Saint Paul Police Department, Saint Paul City Attorney's office
167	Libraries, housing, mental health services, restorative justice services
168	Mental health services. Many people are stressed out and don't know about walk in programs
169	Pave really bad streets like Summit; add more bike trails- connect the Midtown Greenway to the Ayd Mill Road trail; get rid of day shelters and make permanent housing; either stop a homeless encampment immediately or else allow it to be permanent
170	POLICE
171	Quit calling it resources and call it our money!
172	Linbrary Maintenance I heard about at Suunie's parade.
173	Those that reduce poverty... the true cause of our issues
174	Mental health and support for the unhoused, better social safety nets all around, climate resilience
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176	Youth development and after school programming.
177	Subsidized Housing Housing Vouchers Public Housing Programs Affordable Housing Police Services (more presence, gun violence programs) Children's Programs (after school and summer) Road Infrastructure and Maintenance Snow Removal Public Safety
178	Preserving green space
179	public transit; people who can't afford to own a vehicle deserve accommodating/frequent public transit.
180	I didn't answer question #3 for lack of information. Please define all the categories including links to existing programs under each category and the existing / proposed budget for each category.
181	Probably police. Or some sort of service that puts violent criminals in prison. Tired of the violence.
182	Education. Not only to the facilities but helping people see the value of a good public education.
183	I believe as a senior the Metro Transit police need the support of all the cities it serves. I especially have noticed a definite decline in the livability of the city of St. Paul in the past 4 years or so. I spent at least 50% of my time with my extended family in New Brighton over the past 18 months and when I come back to the Iowa Ave. Hi-Rise the surrounding neighborhood has declined visibly and the differences are very clear seeing Maplewood north of Larpenteur Avenue and traveking south on White Bear Avenue into our city.
184	Police, rec centers
185	Likely all of them but lets make sure people have a sustainable place to shelter and support families and communities.
186	Services for renters, violence prevention, crime intervention
187	Mental health and carbon footprint reduction.

188	Housing! supporting low-income homeowners including those who own condos where prices are skyrocketing due to age of building and repairs underfunded.
189	Mental health, children and family services, affordable daycare and housing
190	Affordable housing
191	Affordable housing and more quality temporary housing shelters
192	Community first public Safety create Office of Neighborhood safety( ONS) this is why Im selecting Public safety on the above selections Use \$40 million in Federal American Rescue Dollars to Support Key Housing Strategies' respond to our ongoing housing crisis, including connecting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to support, services, and resources, supporting affordable and deeply affordable housing, and ensuring residents can secure stable, accessible, and fair housing at all ends of the continuum.
193	affordable housing and public safety (in the way of more recreation/opportunities for youth and gun violence prevention, not what we are doing now...)



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Have other ways to balance the budget that were not listed above, please add it below. This space

**Responses**

Take funds from the bloated Police budget and reallocate that to programs that serve the community
Perhaps decreasing the number of people working for the Mayor. That might help him become more involved.
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE OVER PAID! POLITICAL "ADVISOR" TO THE MAYOR IS FRAUD AND WASTE!
Even more Federal grants, the feds are giving out money like crazy right now.
1. Find a legal way to get nonprofits, especially colleges/universities and houses of worship, to pay their fair share to support the infrastructure. 2. Look at "non-essential" services for staff reduction. (I don't have any idea of what should be cut.) 3. Reduce complexity of permitting processes, especially for smaller businesses. 4. Bill violators for restitution. (Smallest Cog Bike Shop is an example of how this could be improved.)
Review all positions in City to see if redundancies with County could be reduced/eliminated. Easier access and transparency to Mayor's and council members budgets...line items rather than just for instance "salaries". Info should be easily accessible via web.
Stop over serving bike paths, bums begging, toilets for tent city's, illegal criminal aliens. Let's trim the mayor's bloated staff that I have seen no leadership come out of only more red tape!
SPPD overtime jobs should be part of the City of Saint Paul police income, not individual officers--they use city owned squad cars, gas, and wear the department issued uniform, etc to protect private businesses, facilities at premium rates. That revenue needs to be funneled through the city and overtime hours monitored to decrease fatigue of officers that may impact their effectiveness at the day jobs.
STOP WASTING MONEY ON BIKE PATHS
A 6.9% property tax increase is astounding. In 17 years in my home, my taxes have more than quadrupled. Street maintenance is far more and there are other fees that were not there 17 years ago. I am paying for parking permits and until recently, there was no parking surveillance. And \$3 for the daily permits is so annoying and unfair! Perhaps fewer staff in the mayor's office? And where did the covid fundig go?
The city is getting a lot of Federal funding (pandemic/ARPA)--why on earth would taxes be raised this year as people are just starting to find some level of stability? My salary did not go up this year. And, some of the things the city has done recently are just out of scope at the city level. The amount of money being spent on affordable housing is meaningless and there are state and Federal programs better equipped and designed to deal with these issues. And some are just dumb (\$50 college fund for newborns).
Eliminate district councils
Cut back on expensive bike trails.
Reduce mayor's staff. Too much administration, not enough work being done. Too many programs giving freebies. Parent/Parents need to raise their children, not the government. Education doesn't need more money. Reinstate library fines. People need to learn responsibility.
Look at EVERY expenditure and stop putting things on autopilot! If a program doesn't show good results, then stop funding it! Stop raising our taxes every year!!!! Living in St. Paul is becoming unaffordable due to large increases in property taxes!
Enough with helping small businesses and tax breaks for the Summit Avenue crowd. The middle class is disappearing. Increase taxes where they can afford it. Start taxing churches. Increase moving violations- we need to get racing, loud motors and stereos and speeding under control. Increase tax on fireworks and citations on illegal fireworks that cause fire hazards and lead to overspending on mistaken "shots fired" police calls. Increase taxes on gun and ammo. Fine large-scale drug traffickers to recoup some of the cost to the city.
The library, in particular, has largely moved online and probably does not need as many hours as it has.
Have bike riders pay insurance and make them get bike licenses and have them obey the same laws as vehicles on the road.
Get rid of bloated staff in mayor's office. Focus on making our city safe enough so an old woman can actually walk down the street at night without fear of being attacked. Plow the streets curb to curb, and remove the ice hills left at intersections by the plows. Clear the bike lanes of ice and snow. Keep libraries fully funded. Preserve the historic Hamline Midway Library building. Tax Allianz Field. Don't give those rich jerks TIF.
Allow user fees to be on a sliding scale so that all residents have the opportunity to access services and facilities.
Tax or accept donations from church properties commensurate to businesses.
Too busy to think now.
PRIORITIZE! we spent over \$500 million to redecorate the state capitol (premises used only part-time) but can't find \$50 million for families who need housing 365/24/7. How about PSAs to promote things like fair housing. Since the Hillcrest Golf Course closed, I've heard so many of the "not-in-my-back-yard" complaints about not wanting affordable housing put into the space because, you know, it brings "those" kinds of people. We nudge people's attitudes to more awakened and tolerant if we do more to promote a shared humanity and "there but for the grace of God" consciousness.
Mayor's staff is bloated. Resiliency officer? Really?

1) Add City Staff Capacity Either increase staffing, reduce red tape, or invest in IT to reduce current staff burden, by: — Hiring more City Staff AND/OR — Investing in City Process Efficiencies: • Standardizing and Automating City Processes • Reducing Project/Application Approval Criteria • Reducing and/or Delegating-Down Approval/Signatory Authority 2) Obviously defund any regular activities to: • Remove Public Art • Trim Weeds — Tell those who care about spray paint or the length of grass to remove/mow it themselves; — Otherwise, tell them that these activities must have the lowest ROI of public funds. 3) Reject community input without basis in reality— (the Council is aware of City Departments' need for both staffing and process efficiency improvements—as well as of the funding drain constituted by either. So including the absurd zero-sum survey option to "increase process efficiencies and reduce staff" is either irresponsible or irrelevant.

Reallocate police budget to true public safety measures (social workers, education, housing, livable wage for all St Paul jobs)

offer support to police officers by employing other professionals (e.g. social workers, mental health professionals) to respond to lower level 911 calls

Have realistic fees - eg to encourage public transport use and disincentivize parking downtown or in busy areas. Make it easier for businesses to get metropass access. Remove single family zoning as it is exclusionary and extremely carbon inefficient. Encourage duplex, triplex and quadplex conversion and construction

Increase public pressure on colleges and other so called non profits to contribute to the city. Create a public list of college that have contributed a reasonable property tax offering va those that don't. Use the power of the 'lectern'

Add a time-based progressive carbon tax to industrial businesses and instill one-time carbon fee to all new gasoline powered vehicles registered to St. Paul residents.

cut the mayor's pay

Operational efficiencies; eliminate/reduce new administrative positions at director/deputy/asst. deputy levels.

Focus on basic city services. Leave minimum financial support for people out of the equation. Spend property taxes on police, roads, street maintenance, snowplowing, buildings and equipment. Leave social programs to the state and county.

Increase taxes on landlords who run properties into the ground while diminishing the quality of life of tenants and neighbors.

Stop wasting money the liabilities that come with adding additional car infrastructure and focus on only adding, improving, and repurposing space for active transportation. This will help save the city significant money looking toward the future.

expand property tax base

Increase user fees for those that can afford it. For example, I would not want lower income families to pay for library services or rec park admission. High emphasize on business process efficiencies. Hire 'user experience' experts to design easy to use websites, access to buildings and parks, and universal design principles for buildings and technology and business processes.

Eliminate the 13 positions created by mayor Carter Not working on holidays or allow overtime pay for jobs that should be completed on timing manner

We have to find a way to have the numerous non-profit institutions in St. Paul (colleges and religious organizations) pay their fair share for use of city services. The sewer and road maintenance (?) fees that we pay separate from our property taxes were a great idea, but I understand they were challenged and the city no longer collects them from these institutions. What else can we do? Is there any type of tuition tax that could be collected? Obviously, this is not my area of expertise, but I'd like to see us exploring this idea. The colleges in St. Paul can afford to contribute, and if people can afford to attend them, they could afford a small tax as well.

Reduce the staff numbers in the mayor's office as well as council offices. Staff needs to be kept in place or increased in the departments, not in administration or in more social services which belong in the private sector.

My property taxes have increased nearly 50% since purchasing a home in St. Paul in 2015. That rate of increase is unsustainable. Homeowners (and renters, whose rent increases as property taxes increase) need a break.

Reduce staff in the mayor's office. Although this won't cover too many budget increases, there are far too many administrators in the city government and reducing the number would sent the right cost-saving message.

- increase water bills. Remove the system of averaging across the winter so that summer lawn watering is effectively free. - sharp hike in parking fees and car licensing to incentivize public transit. - make metropass available to more businesses.

Decrease Mayor's Admin budget - too many admin staff at the top. Eliminating parking for more bike lanes while taking away new development requirement for minimum parking was a terrible idea! SLOW down the bike lanes additions - current ones are not being utilized.

Reduce all the extra staff positions being proposed. There is no way there is not redundancy and we don't need staff to continually "study" projects for the Mayor or City Council. Corporations know how to tighten their belt and the City should do so for all their departments. We need Police and Fire for public safety and we need to decrease the out-of-control violence by young people (under 25). Social programs implemented today don't handle the immediate problem. Social programs are like social workers; it's long term improvements and goals.

Reduce inefficiencies, consolidate similar jobs & government departments

Reduce managers= bloat. Stop doing human services and social services that the county and schools are responsible. Merge Ramsey County Libraries and Parks together. This is double taxed. Eliminate 2 Libraries and have summer and fall hours of operation=reduction. Both should only be open 40 hours a week. Stop paying out lawsuits that city staff are at fault

Reducing the city's unionized workforce should not be an option. The city should eliminate its 'temporary' staffing positions and convert them to full-time unionized jobs.

Reduce the size of the Mayor's Office and other staff at City Hall

Increase taxes on investment property owners.

Not my area of expertise, but please don't keep raising taxes, assuming that residents are a bottomless pit. Charge developers more for the services they need. Review every city agency to reassess whether it's needed and at the level it's currently staffed. Especially take a hard look at what the police are focused on and whether it's the right stuff.

- Charge motorists for speeding on Snelling and the Snelling Ave. Bridge...Please! This has worked in Mpls on the 10th Ave. Bridge from downtown Mpls to Dinkytown for years! Speeding in general in the Midway neighborhood is a terrible danger.

Decrease taxes

Get rid of all the extra people we have employed since Mayor Carter took over.

Reduce or eliminate items of least importance, use, etc. Charge more for things used by specific parties.

Increase taxes on those making more than \$400,000 per year, close loopholes for large businesses and wealthy individuals, carbon taxes, legalize recreational marijuana (and collect taxes on that revenue)

The mayors cabinet is too large and they are getting paid WAY TOO much. We used to do a lot better with many fewer people working at reasonable salaries. Let's get back to the basics. Balance the budget with what we have, not increase taxes and fees every time we turn around. It's not sustainable. It's not working. St. Paul isn't working better.

Get rid of giving every child born in Saint Paul \$50.00; reduce Mayor Carter Administration Budget by \$400,000 (equals about 4 to 5 positions); but a temporary stop to bike lane a walkable city projects for at least 2 years to give the economy of our city time to recover.

Reduce the mayor's staff for starters! Went from \$800k to \$2M! Unacceptable!

Get rid of the mayors extremely excessive staff and any other departments who have excess staff. Get rid of the garbage service. It is extremely expensive for those of us on fixed incomes & yet you mandate we have it. Not fair.

Cut money to immigration, loosen regulations (less regulators), lower taxes (influx of businesses starting or moving back to the city), stop fraud with immigrant communities where husband/wife culturally married, not legally in order to stay on assistance programs. Cut the mayors staff, cut staff in multiple departments, except police.

Eliminate departments created by Mayor Carter. City govt way too bloated. Housing can be made more affordable by reducing property tax burden and zoning laws. This would encourage more people to move to St Paul and would encourage builders to build housing in the city. Population growth would increase tax revenue.

The city is spending too much money creating nebulous jobs within the mayor's office and administration. It's wasteful spending. St. Paul is not a medieval court whose king needs a host of retainers. Lose them.

Increase luxury item sales taxes Increase taxes on toxic fuels and the fees/penalties on chronic polluters Collaborate more with private donors and nonprofits that can receive private and government grants Install solar panels and/or small wind turbines on all City buildings to power the buildings, and sell the excess energy back to Xcel. Also, cut down on the street cleaning at 3am. I've lived here 22 years and this is the first year we've had street cleaning in the middle of the night week after week, in the summer, on streets full of parked cars. What's with that?

Lower mayor city council salaries

Reduce spending on social and diversity programs, where our tax money is being wasted. Direct it instead toward more police, more police presence on our streets and in our neighborhoods. The "feel good about ourselves" diversity programs have done \*nothing\* to reduce crime in Saint Paul. Staff and support our law enforcement officers, instead. I have already been a crime victim twice in Saint Paul, and if I could afford to move out of the city, I would. Mayor Carter and the City Council members have failed to show any improvement in crime statistics. Stop wasting my tax money.

Stop frivolous spending! Who is paying for all the gun violence ambulances and hospital trips? Bill them. No new fees, too many already for people on fixed income no tax increases! Especially for fixed income. Fix the welfare program, too many able bodied not working

Get rid of the cost wide garage that I pay way more for than I used to and how about a pay cut for the top 5% that don't deserve the pay they get.

Reduce any layers of management

Reduce or freeze government salaries over 60k.

Decrease the Mayor's staff which is ridiculous. Stop unnecessary costs to add bike lanes. The new park at Sylvan playground is beautiful. However they spent a ridiculous amount of money on building the building housing the restrooms which are now locked 24/7 and have places port a potties on site! Ridiculous!

If I can specify that the decrease in services is to decrease money given to police, I would agree with that.

Has the city looked into tiered fees? For example a parking ticket being a certain percentage of annual income, rather than a flat fee?

Eliminate the mandatory participation in the trash collection program. Allow neighbors to share carts and allow (for a one-time, small registration fee as in Maplewood) --for people who compost and recycle heavily and haul their own trash to transfer stations-- to opt-out of the program. Reduce the bloated staff in Mayor Carter's office.

Decrease city regulations, inspections and permitting staff including city planning and engineering costs.

Eliminate the \$50/child born in St. Paul program. Eliminate many mayor cabinet positions or reduce the salaries of those positions by at least 50%.

The city must take a hard look at all departments and determine where inefficiencies lie, particularly in the mayor's cabinet and administrative staff. The city needs to look to other solutions than property tax increases.

Consolidate County and City Services. Freeze City hiring. Reduce hours to 40. Stop NEW programs and new social services

Property taxes should be raised in an equitable manner that puts more responsibility on those with greater financial means.

Focus on core city operational functions, not expanding controversial programs. For example the tenant protections was arguably the most aggressive in the country. Pass something that doesn't need a legal defense fund.

Significantly increase property taxes on non homestead single family properties. Come up with some sort of tax incentive treaty where city leaders across the metro (or state!) agree to stop the race to the bottom with tax incentives for businesses and developers.

Follow Saint Paul PD on Facebook, and there is constant and relentless complaining about the relatively short amounts of time that people spend in jail because of COVID or because the county attorney chooses not to prosecute certain types of crimes. The complaints basically are, how can police officers possibly do their jobs if they arrest someone and they get out of jail right away? I think that's the best argument for de-funding police that I've seen. If police are just driving around, not arresting people who are selling and / or using drugs, and creating environments where drug users feel like there are no consequences for that activity, then why have police at all? I'm sick of police officers trying to make me feel sorry for them. I really believe that some police officers are deliberately not doing their jobs as a strategy to blame the current mayor for the perception that there is a public safety problem in Saint Paul. The Police Chief and other managers need to initiate progressive discipline where that is happening, and hire new officers who actually want to make the City safer, and implement other non-police strategies that are likely to reduce crime.

Eliminate waste and redundancies; maximize efficiency, collaboration

Fewer mayoral departments and increase efficiency of existing departments.

Look at all city services and see if each person's job is needed. How many people are on committees to support the mayor. Once a department is created, does it ever go away when not needed. What does everyone do. Are all jobs in the city necessary. Adding more holidays doesn't help to get the work done. Most people in a work environment have 6 to 7 holidays. How many does city staff have. How about asking Colleges and Universities in the St Paul area to cough up some of their profits for city services. They are tax exempt, but could possibly contribute to the greater good from their foundations. Many of them continue to build and expand their campuses, so there is money out there that we may not have tapped into.

Reduce mayor staff from 80 to 20

Stop building bike paths and fix our roads first. The majority of people I see riding bikes are WHITE and look well off. I've heard public officials talk about our wonderful bike paths and how they enjoy riding their motorized bikes on the trails. How many people in the BIPOC community do you think can afford a motorized bike? If we have messed up roads, one pothole can destroy a BIPOC person's vehicle which can lead to a downward spiral. I have known BIPOC people who have lost their jobs because they lost their vehicle and no longer had a reliable way to get to work. Also, these bike paths are eliminating metered parking spots downtown that generate quite a bit of money for the City.

Encourage institutions and parking areas to opt in to contribution (may be less than property tax: what can buy or how could it be used as a positive goodwill communication technique)

Reduce cabinet, eliminate 40-person advisory committee

Stop trying to please a vocal minority of privileged, well-educated, youngish single white people while letting the rest of the city to have to deal with half baked, expensive, paternalistic plans and the daily annoyance they produce. Example- speed signage that no one pays attention to and bike lanes no one uses. While I am at it the reckless abandon in which the city dispenses short term rental licenses without input from neighbors; or attention paid to the bylaws and practices of homeowner associations, while decrying the lack of affordable long term housing. Get a clue.

Reduce the amount of tax-free land in the city. For example don't allow churches and universities to purchase more property that will become tax free once they own it. Or start requiring such organizations to pay for city services such as plowing and policing.

I believe that the Mayor, the City Council, Department Heads etc. should down size the number of people they have working for them. Consolidate jobs. Those salaries would save a bundle.

I would love to see lower maintenance outdoor city spaces. Particularly ones that include native plants, do not use pesticides and promote biodiversity. Create volunteer options for people to maintain the greenspaces

Cut the top. Too many cabinet positions in the mayor's office. Also, please stop getting sued and losing -- stick to basic services.

Increase efficiencies. Admin fees are much too high (garbage service for one). Do more with what we have than adding to our already overloaded systems.

Close 3 libraries DB w/7th Hamline the city has more per capita than Mpls.. Shut services that duplicate with the County. Stop spending on social programs. Eliminate the Ambassadors they are useless. Develop city owned parking lots, built over them to generate revenue. Build housing on top of parking lots. Get the state to pay parking taxes for the ample parking tax. Maybe tax per parking spot/stall. Como Park need charge for parking.

End guaranteed income program. Nobody is going to parks and facilities because it is so unsafe. Decrease those budgets to get more police. Also, I used to work for the state so I know how little work taxpayer-paid positions do. You increased the attorney's office by 19 staff, but they aren't even charging felonies anymore. Honestly, what are you doing?

Use the one-time federal money to buy down the ongoing operating and maintenance cost of our infrastructure. Focus on core services and infrastructure rather than new social programs that are better operated by county or state. Address long-standing culture, organizational structure, and staff skill level problems that prevent city services from operating more efficiently and responsively to residents. (I am a public employee myself so this is in no way standard public employee-bashing but a true observation from living here for awhile.)

Why is \$166M of AAP funding not going to offset a property tax hike? You are taxing us out of the city- Reduce the number of new offices created.

Let voters decide where the tax dollars are spent

No one wants service losses, but some things could probably be re-prioritized. For example, it's less important for some services currently assigned to police could be provided more cost-effectively by other providers. Snow removal might not need to be perfect, but could focus on maintaining curb cuts and bus stops to ensure basic mobility for all. I'd rather see revenue increase than services cut. I don't really mind if taxes on my house go up a tad, but would rather focus on bringing in revenue from large, high-value properties--in particular, being very conservative with TIF use and finding a way to collect some sort of revenue from tax-exempt but well-resourced non-profit propertyholders. Also, can the city be more aggressive about charging large private propertyholders if they don't do required maintenance? For example, the Midway Target and neighboring development often fail to properly clear their sidewalks. Fining them for this would raise revenue and improve accessibility.

Again, I wish increasing parking fees was a separate category - I highly support this.

Tax churches, colleges, and other nonprofits. Enforce parking rules!! I've lived in several large cities in my life and still am amazed at the loss of revenue that occurs in St. Paul. Why wouldn't you enforce your own rules?

Stop expanding the scope of city government (E.g. "Financial empowerment, rent control). Focus on core functions (public safety (and yes, that means a fully-funded and staffed police department first and foremost), fire department, utilities, road maintenance, licensing, etc). After you demonstrate competence on your core functions, come to us for more money for new programs. I would like to see increased efficiencies with existing staff. I have seen a lot of wasted time in Public Works and Parks and Recs.

Divert police budget towards resources for homeless neighbors & mental health outreach, decriminalize non-violent offenses such as graffiti, possession, public intoxication, etc. so police/time resources are not wasted. Corporate landlords could take on additional taxes/fees to offset affordable housing if affordable housing is not available through their properties.

Increase business and wealth tax.

Defund the police department drastically.

Increase business taxes and sales tax. Increase taxes levied on properties over a certain value (say, \$400k).

Police have an inflated budget. Defund police, fund programs and departments that keep Saint Paulites safe.

Reduce spending on police.

Increasing property taxes for property valued over a certain amount, lower salaries for higher-ups working at the city, and cutting CERTAIN services (I'd be on board with cutting any of those listed: graffiti removal, mowing, etc, but I would not want things like affordable housing services or things like that to be cut).

Decrease budget in non essential areas (non infrastructure) and increase tax base ( eg stop TIF where not needed)

Stop programs that don't meet outcome goals. Smaller City government. Example, you are looking to add rent control. Based on how it is written you would need to process exemptions for every unit in St. Paul because of how high the tax increase is. I have no confidence in St. Paul to manage that.

Create jobs, no more TIF districts, trim or repurpose staff

Dont take on solving societal problems that are best addressed at the state and national level, provide solid basic services to citizens of St. Paul

STOP giving money away to those that can work! There are plenty of jobs! I raised two children on minimum wage and was able to get out of poverty WITHOUT government assistance! People need responsibility instead of handouts!

Use current funds wisely. Reduce salaries of higher staff and reduce their staff in functions that are not necessary. Try a zero based budget approach and priority based budgeting. Scan and see who already does the work you are trying to do and collaborate even more. Invest in broader tech. Require additional usage fees for large businesses using roads and infrastructure. Don't just have the needs on the backs of families and small small businesses.

Please do not raise property taxes! It is out of control! I know SO MANY people that are moving out of the city due to the insane property tax increases and lack of services. Please keep a better eye on this, you are pricing families out of the city.

It would be great to increase process efficiencies but without reducing staff - shifting them to other things.

Figure out how to get all the non profits to pay their share of city services. You are taxing people on fixed incomes out of their homes which is discrimination.

Eliminate free parking on city streets. Build more housing in the desired places in the city (near light rail, grand, Selby, summit)

In regards to the "light rail" we have noticed that some people feel they do not have to pay for their ride as we always have paid. There should be security on each car to ensure payment. One time there was an announcement made that they were going to check for customer/rider tickets and after that announcement a group of riders from our car just got off at the next stop. Increase the park fees and license/tabs fees.

Good luck

Get rid of top heavy employees that don't do anything. Do not keep adding "specialists" in government. Take care of the problems instead.

Quit using tax money to pro up social justice issues. Reducing Melvins cabinet members and other recently created positions that do nothing for the tax payers. Stop the vaccine mandate for employees

Eliminate excess personnel with creative titles that have been added to the mayors staff. Its money down the drain. Chief Resilience Officer , Chief Innovation Officer?!? Really?

Cut the council and mayor salary and staff.

Make big corporations pay their fair share of taxes. No deals for building in St. Paul.

Parking meters, speeding tickets



Reduce staffing on programs that are nice to have versus basic priority programs

I wish there is a way to tax the colleges and universities instead of asking more from property taxes. They should not get free ride and so much of our commercial space is nonprofit or untaxed. Why must it be all or nothing? If I'm wrong I would love to know that.

Defund the police. Rethink policing.

Don't spend money we don't have, get rid of Mayor Carter's extra employees and quit giving money away.

Why have you completely omitted reducing the police budget from the "how to balance the budget" question above? There is plenty of fat to cut there and you won't even consider it? This is why I am moving out of this backwards town.

Take money from the police. They do NOT prevent crimes and they rarely solve crimes already committed. This has been proven time and again by independent investigations. Also, stop coddling property developers and investors. We give them way too many incentives to build homes that only wealthy people can afford.

Defund St Paul Police Department

Tax the rich. Tax Amazon. Tax Carbon emissions. Increase fines on oil spills in Battle Creek. Increase fines for non compliant corporations. Please whatever we do let's not raise user fees or shorten hours of our community spaces. That is guaranteed to raise crime rates and child suffering.

Legalize marijuana

Pay the commissioners less

Maybe use all the suggested strategies equally for the next year and measure the impacts of each with pre-defined indicators and continue to trial different strategies until the budget is balanced and the city is meeting or exceeding its operational goals and satisfaction of citizenry.

Increase taxes for those who own more than one property.

Stop needless spending on programs that that benefit very few and don't seem to have any measurable positive outcomes (ie removing late fees at the library).

I don't want to see staff reduced, but increasing dated systems will help people be more efficient. If you are going to raise property taxes, it would be nice to see how those additional funds are going to support the community directly (education and public safety) versus increasing the revenue for programs that aren't efficient. I would be curious to see how the city is helping foster growth and revenue through other ideas. Increasing efficiencies seems important and mowing less seems smart. There are large grassy areas near my house that I enjoy, but they are just grass. Turn it into more of a natural landscape to eliminate the need to mow.

Tax the rich. (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

Decrease police budget. Police leave their cars with motors running. Healthy communities start at the bottom of economic support to families.

When I say reduce staff, I mean at the top levels. Recs, libraries and public works are desperate for part time and seasonal front line workers and we instead choose to pay people hundreds of thousands of dollars to sit at home and not effect any change. I am a mid level city employee and with the changes in tech we don't need as many people in my office as we have - especially when they refuse to stay up to date with the tech changes.

Raising taxes is unpopular. But residents need to understand that building a strong, caring community with a variety of services is not cheap. Seek other avenues of financial support (Federal?) Encourage volunteerism and support of the many non-profit agencies.

While it does seem that we have high taxes already, I wonder if there isn't a way to raise taxes a bit more on those that can most afford it (make it more progressive) and not make it more difficult for lower to middle income folks. Also, I know that Saint Paul has a lot of non-profit land that is by-and-large not taxable but maybe we need to find a creative way to raise funds from some of those larger entities that are doing quite well while again, not having adverse affects on small churches and other similar institutions with small budgets for which that would present hardships.

Start collecting taxes from wealthy corporations that seem to get all the tax breaks.

It may also be used to elaborate on you would prefer to balance the city budget.

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pace below to elaborate on your funding priorities for the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

#### Responses

Housing is the Number 1 issue overall in the city, support renters, construct more affordable housing units. Parks and Rec and Library services are the most important services to restore. To build for the future, we need safer streets.

Use the money to further help the residents of Saint Paul.

NO PREMIUM PAY.

Streets are a disaster city-wide, due to decades of under-funding by mayors who chose "no tax increases" over good infrastructure, to boost their personal political purposes.

All of the options above would improve the City but it's not fiscally smart to use one-time funds to add permanent positions. That's why I'm opposed to hiring new staff that will cause additional budget stress after American Rescue Plan Act funds are spent.

Housing and safety go hand in hand. If residents are housing stable and feel safe in their neighborhoods(whether renters or owners) they feel better about where they live. We need to bring back jobs that are good paying and can help build home ownership for those that choose that option.

Housing as stated above is my highest priority. It would help with neighborhood safety as well.

Infrastructure would put people to work.

Streets.water.sewers.. transportation safety get people to work

ARP was "marketed" as funds to specifically address economic, housing and medical issues related to the global pandemic. It appears many states/municipalities are using poverty level income/need requirements to disburse those funds only to redistribute for public services that are not pandemic specific. This is a misallocation of funds--many middle income people have experienced severe hardships as a result of the pandemic and these funds are meant to address those issues: Housing, medical, jobs/economic development ONLY areas these funds should be used. Including expanding MinnesotaCare fee based healthcare income level to \$35-\$40k versus \$25K income per year (which is antiquated and does not line up with PHA income guidelines regarding "poverty/low income."

FUND THE POLICE

Some Saint Paul streets are in horrible shape. Ex: Summit is one of our most beautiful streets, but it is one of the worst.

Play catch-up on street repair/maintenance. St. Paul streets are now appalling. And money I have to spend to continually get an alignment is a direct tax that should not have to be paid.

Better police protection and add more police. Stop the theft of catalytic converters.

The city should use this money to reinforce existing programs and not try to expand services. While to the council this looks like "free money", but it isn't "free" in any way. We expect you to be frugal stewards of the taxes we pay each year!

This money is tax money being used in the worst way possible. Here is all this "extra money" used however you want - NO. Give it back to the tax payers and stop creating new programs just to spend the money. Small businesses were destroyed by the government - the small businesses need the support to get their businesses back. Large corporations got a big uptick during the pandemic because of government interference.

We need more police!!!! For a city our size, we are not at full strength. Stop demonizing our officers! Hire more snow plow operators! Buy more plows if we need them! We will always have winter and we need to be better prepared. Our streets in the winter are horrendous!

People on my area are really struggling financially and mentally. Parents of kids who can't be vaccinated and/or cannot afford or find childcare are having a hard time finding work and therefore money to support themselves. Kids are ultimately bearing the brunt and they are the future of this city.

In marking infrastructure Priority One, I primarily mean broadband.

Lower taxes because we are paying too much and I cant afford them any more.

Broadband for all should be #1. Fix the roads should be #2. Provide some forgivable loans for homeowners and landlords of NOAH units to repair properties should be #3. Re-plant trees should be #4.

Ensure the equitable distribution of vaccines and other priority healthcare measures (absolute top priority). Prioritize public safety through strengthening community ambassadors and other non-violent/non-lethal means.

TOO BUSY TO THINK NOW. (TO BUSY TO UN-USE ALL CAPS. EASIER FOR ME TO TYPE.

Again - HOUSING security is fundamental. Without it, people can't compete for jobs, job training, schooling, raising children, caring for elders, etc., etc..... People need a home base from which to function into every other aspect of their lives.

It is the job of government to keep us safe. SPPD does not have the same troubled history as does MPD, and more officers/programs should be prioritized to make citizens feel more secure. Crime sends people away and erodes the tax base. Yes, I live in a lower crime area, and yet don't feel safe. We need more protection, not more apartment buildings that benefit the companies and not the people.

Fund community-based violence interruptions groups

I support some level of rent stabilization in theory, but the rate of rent increase must be tied to the rate of inflation and property tax hikes. City trash and water services are difficult to use. Police response times are not acceptable (especially in East Side again). School performance is poor, leading families with the means to do so to move to wealthier neighborhoods. All of these need to be high priorities to keep Saint Paul thriving and an attractive place for young professionals to live in.

Complete streets is bullshit not every street needs on street bike trails especially when there's cars flying by at 50 mph. Instead of simply making room for bikes and pedestrians, we should be willing to make the street network less friendly for cars and safe for bikes and pedestrians.

More housing + public transport

All for infrastructure - street and bridges. This is one off money. Use for one off projects that need it.

Climate change resiliency and the rollout of dual-use green energy installations.

Use technology to control traffic , fund police to the level needed to maintain peace, develop a separate mental health and dispute resolution division to deal with those issues

Would like to see high-speed free (or subsidized by those who can afford it) wi-fi for all citizens - helps with education, health, and business citizen needs. As St. Paul completes streets - encourage multi-modal transportation solutions and have a green-design master plan. Develop more and better partnerships for affordable housing. Again, hire a staff of 'user experience' experts as you expand online payment options and other online services. Must do usability testing and design sprints to learn/determine user needs as more services are put online. Also, user experience experts will prevent development of 'silo' services that do not make sense to users.

Plant new tree ASAP Fix our roads

Replace, rebuild and repave the city streets such as St. Paul Avenue between Fairview/Edgumbe and West 7th for one thing.

You shouldn't use one-time funding to fund programs that will require ongoing expenses. Investments in areas like infrastructure (e.g. street repairs, affordable housing) are most appropriate for this reason

Housing will become more affordable if income and opportunities increase. We need better after school educational programs for children and home support.

We have been waiting for sewer separation projects on our street to be done (originally planned for 2008!)

We have no street lights on our street -

I would like to see the money spent to reimburse small businesses and the essential workers that kept the City afloat during the pandemic, but I don't want it spent on city business or projects. Residents feel less safe due to the extreme violence that has overtaken our neighborhoods. That occurred during the pandemic. We need that addressed. Neighborhood rec centers could have been used for covid testing and vaccine centers making it easier for residents, especially seniors to access. I would like to see monies set aside for those same rec centers to reactivate and increase programs for kids, inside and outside, as well as provide technology centers within the rec centers. I know the libraries already have them. The rec centers can provide mentors, tutors, etc. that will help to guide kids and occupy their time by learning, playing, sports, technology, etc.

The government has all the staff they need to support these funds, again consolidate similar positions & duties, remove redundancy in all departments & divisions

Stick to basics that everyone uses. Stop enlarging, expanding and over reach. Stay within our budget for sustainability. Roads and plowing and leaf removal, new trees not being watered. These are priorities for living safely in the city and get the cops out of the cars and walk their streets and get to know people

Public safety is essential.

All the potential uses above are worthy. Modernizing to reduce or maintain costs is important; look at what the MN courts have done in recent years.

"Modernization" of City services should not just include "online services": St. Paul needs better educated, engaged and informed City employees and elected officials for modernization!

Crime feels out of control and criminal not held accountable.

Safety, police, Fire.

Improved education services to close achievement gaps (year round, before/after school programming, free meals). Improved internet access. Investment in trade colleges/associate degrees. Public transit investment to reduce reliance on carbon-producing fossil fuels.

Get back to the basics. We have a HUGE opportunity here. Our roads are failing, quickly. Let's do big things with this money, not little bits here and there for many programs. Public safety across St. Paul is horrible, I've never felt so unsafe in all neighborhoods. Invest in safety. Keep the people wanting to live/work/play in St. Paul. If housing really is a crisis, invest in subsidized housing. Not luxury housing. Don't force out the small local landlords who already provide a lot of affordable housing which you (City) don't have to manage.

To fill the 100+ open SPPD positions, we need to invest in marketing to attract candidates and we need to fund two academies a year. We need to get back to having enough SPPD resources SIU (sex crimes, gangs, narcotics, etc.). Those resources are now on Patrol. We need to get back to having SPPD resources to restore the traffic enforcement unit, especially to monitor speeds around our schools and popular drag racing streets. We need to have more than 1 SPPD resources working on missing persons. We need to have more than 2 resources per district (6 total) following up on reports submitted online or non-emergency or low priority calls patrol officers were unable to respond to the day before. We need to get to a place where we have more than 6-8 resources for the city doing parking enforcement (abandoned vehicles, snow emergencies, general parking enforcement [no parking zones], etc). Everyone automatically think that more officers means more on Patrol. We may need a few more in this department too, so wait times after calling 911 isn't as long. However, because so many have had to be moved out of units supporting other SPPD services to Patrol (responding to 911 calls), other vital support to help and even be proactive with public safety is suffering.

Should not go to administrative sector. Should not go to anything that is not a one time need. Efficiencies should be given top priority.

POLICE ARE NUMBER 1!

Financial support for elderly on fixed income. Reduce our taxes, let us opt out of garbage fees, etc.

Police, police, police

fix to roads which are in bad shape, more police.

Reduction of property taxes for senior citizen

I'd like to see more programs for young people and families at risk: educational, recreational, citizenship, parenting, environment, job training, mentorships, etc. In some cases, like court diversion, these programs should be mandatory. This pandemic was one more obstacle to the stability of our low-income families. Our area is seeing more illegal dumping, more property crimes, more shootings. We have to provide better opportunities for those struggling. We also need to get more illegal guns off our streets and make it harder (if not impossible) for irresponsible and sociopathic people to get and keep guns.

Get a grip on gun and gang violence

Violence and crime and drug addiction are everywhere around us in Saint Paul. Law and order must be restored.

The only acceptable use of the funds is safety.

We should be investing in those most affected by the past two years -- low-income families, essential workers, etc. Especially when you look at available internet access at home, there is a clear divide (especially with the number of immigrants in the twin cities). The way we can make our neighborhoods safer is by making sure everyone in the city has what they need to survive and thrive. When the incentive to commit crime is removed, and when we educate and help all our citizens equally, then we can build communities together.

Technically it s/b used for anything that suffered as a result of Covid 19 pandemic (small businesses).

This funding should not be wasted funding programs that are unsustainable after the ARPA funding is no longer there. I don't want programs of questionable value placing a need to raise property taxes. \*\*start a program to fund replacing lead water pipes. \*\* add \$ to programs to upgrade sewer/water/other infrastructure efforts which will see a payoff for decades to come.

Public safety - More police

NOT these 2 but it wouldn't let me unselect them above (not a good survey design): Jobs & Economic Development. Vaccine and Public Health Measure Engagement



Fund the police training academy with ARP dollars and infrastructure projects, specifically rebuild our crumbling roads and make needed pedestrian improvements. Too much emphasis is placed on bike facilities that are underused. Focus on funding one-time projects and not creating new programs that will require future support from the tax payers.

Streets and neighborhoods need to be safe and well maintained and watched over

People need housing and things to do. Probably don't want people getting overly creative finding their own housing and things to do unless you want to waste the covid bucks on public safety.

You're going to need staff to coordinate the compliance for these activities and to help get the money out the door. People who complain about that don't know what they are talking about. I think Saint Paul / Ramsey County and State of MN are doing well with vaccine and public health, but we obviously need to improve, otherwise we are never going to get back to anything close to pre-pandemic levels of activities like people eating out, attending large events, etc. Finally, this is a great opportunity to partly catch up on street, sewer and other maintenance / reconstruction. I think better broadband is a very high priority, too. Remote work / flexible options like occasionally working from home seem to be here to stay. Lack of broadband will exacerbate challenges that people with lower incomes have in getting and maintaining good jobs, because they might struggle to afford reliable transportation and might also struggle to afford a good computer and internet access that would allow them to work from home.

So many issues stem from unaffordable housing. If we can solve this issue, it'll have a cascading effect on other issues in the city. Also, providing opportunities for fun and growth for young people will help prevent crime/bad choices.

Use \$ to help small businesses that suffered during Covid.

I feel like job creation and the extreme shortage of deeply affordable housing need to be top priorities. If we want to stabilize our community and end the cycle of poverty we need to transition more folks into the trades, build more deeply affordable housing and increase the amount of funding we spend on education.

Use some the boarded up houses, there are three within a block of my neighborhood for homeless or families in need. Why do these houses continue to be boarded up, set up for break ins and eyesores for my neighborhood. Why does the city let these eyesores stay and not do something with them. Devalues the price of my home. Probably wouldn't see this in Mac Groveland or Highland. Why does the east side get less attention.

Use funds to restore cut services but not to expand because this is temporary funds. Crime reduction TOP priority including prosecution.

If our streets aren't safe, who will even want to live in Saint Paul. After another murder in Saint Paul the other day, my spouse asked me if we should move to the suburbs. Saint Paul needs more affordable housing. We can't have homeless camps. Some people are barely hanging on. MN doesn't need another bridge collapse. Fix the 3rd Street Bridge, fix the RiverCentre bridge, fix the potholes. Get rid of the pavers downtown. They are too expensive to maintain. Former Public Works Director, Kathy Lantry, recommended the elimination of pavers years ago!

These funds should be used with an eye towards public health: how will this impact the social determinants of health? While infrastructure funding is valuable, relying on one-time infusions create a future maintenance backlog and is not sustainable.

I am trying to stay within areas that I think the city has a remote chance of making and impact that is realistically within their power. Unfortunately, with any new money coming, new rule, or program coming on board they have to be administered and that costs money.

Advance reconstruction of Dale Street with Ramsey County from University to Larpenteur.

Use the one-time funding to build permanent housing for people who lost housing due to the pandemic. Make sur there are homeownership opportunities not just rental. It should be set up for the no ongoing budget item is created. It will be sold or pay for itself as time goes on and the ARP money expires.

Use the one-time money to address infrastructure maintenance backlog and investments to reduce ongoing operating costs to put city budget on more sustainable path

Safety first- more officers in general and on the streets of St. Paul. Listen to the Chief. Bring back a Gang Taskforce. We need Shotspotter. Schools need SROs. Economic growth- rebuild small businesses lost over the last two years - reduce red tape, fees etc. provide other economic incentives. Housing- clean up the homeless camps and provide more services. Juveniles- Bring back some accountability for juvenile offenders. Continue services in the community for mentoring and jobs for youth.

Support out police, support our communities with job growth and fix roads that are way past overdue.

Sidewalks! Several areas in my neighborhood do not have sidewalks. Every street should have a sidewalk in the city of Saint Paul.

Increase police force priority 1

Restore services that were cut, because the investment in the facilities (libraries, rec centers) has already been made, and it's efficient to use them fully. Lots of good uses for the extra money, just don't pour it down the throats of the police.

We need to fix our streets and utilities. We should also look at ways to curb violence and help our less privileged youth.

If you would uncouple Complete Streets from Infrastructure, I would make Infrastructure a top three priority. Complete Streets enhancements are secondary to fixing streets that have fallen apart.

I think that infastructure should be prioritized, with a commitment that 75% of those employed on infastructure projects be residents of Saint Paul— thus we improve job opportunities, foster a sense of ownership, pride, and responsibility within the community, and pump the brakes on outsider corporations gentrifying st paul neighborhoods.

Our city should embrace public, outdoor options for all people to enjoy the city.

I couldn't unselect "neighborhood safety" above after accidentally clicking it. If that means more money to the police department then please ignore it.

The pandemic revealed a serious problem for affordable housing for both renters, who were squeezed by economic contraction and many of whom now face paying back rent, and for the unhoused, who were constantly harassed and moved throughout the winter. To address this ongoing problem, which should be considered a city infrastructure issue, the city should now explore options to provide both affordable housing options for families and housing first priorities for the unhoused. Additionally, to continue to support the community that makes St. Paul great (and keeps residents here, paying property taxes), the city should restore reduced services and invest in making city infrastructure (especially public transportation) ready to meet today's needs.

Funding should first go to helping those most in need.

Food security and larger foods systems work should be prioritized. Let's look at how city policies can better support that.

Neighborhood safety is number one! If people who live in higher crime areas aren't safe, money can't be thrown at them to help them. Safety is number one.

I'd like to see a public broadband service for residents to give a competitive service for the current option with a free option for low income residents

We need safe neighborhoods and safe activities for children.

We need to increase the police

Please put these Dollars to things you are wanting to increase taxes on. Lower taxes for homes so rent can decrease. Cover the necessary fixes on infrastructure with these funds so you don't continue to tax and assess us to death. Do not add fluff programs. Decrease expenses now by investing upfront and lower need to tax and assess us later. This is not sustainable. No one living on the NE should be paying those taxes and the taxes in HP for the moderate side are twice as high as other cities and states because you are not smart with these extra funds. Pay now for infrastructure investments and safety and don't threaten us with more taxes and fees.

I would want to prioritize building new affordable housing.

This is our chance to replace aging pipes without causing further financial hardship on the citizens.

American Rescue Plan money can be used to clean up the rampant vagrancy that has been allowed to flourish. Encampments should be cleaned up, removed and not allowed to pop up again. We can clean up the parks and green space currently populated with vagrants and littered with needles, human waste etc.

Improve walking biking and transit options

More police presence is needed (Hillcrest Center, Sunray Shopping Ctr) I am afraid to walk around either center, it is scary and intimidating. A police storefront again, would be nice, a place to go for safety.

Take care of your workers.

Without good infrastructure the city cannot function. Lead water pipes, rupturing water mains, collapsing sewers are some recent issues needing work. Safety means life without fear of being shot, robbed, harassed. The vaccination disaster is coming home to roost here and all over the USA.

Public safety - the police. Not an office of neighborhood safety.

Neighborhood safety does not mean police. It means mental health services, drug rehabilitation support, getting shelter for those that don't have it. All these things will pay us back 10 fold in the coming years.

People love Saint Paul but they will leave when they no longer feel safe. It's not negotiable.

INCREASE SAFETY!!

Pave heavily pot-holed streets; add bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Make Rec services a priority.

Encourage affordable housing and pride in communities.

It's our money use it to bring down taxes for all or don't use it.

We have enough in the budget to fund our city already. When was the last time the police actually stopped a crime? How many tens of thousands of dollars have been spent in labor trying to get some cell phone cases back because their brothers across the river shot someone and the public dared to be pissed about it?

Public health should always be number one, and all budget plans should always be filtered through a racial and economic justice lens, as well as a climate justice/resilience lens.

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People can go back to work when their children can go back to public spaces and have safe stable housing to come home to.

Gun violence reduction, pedestrian safe streets

to clarify; my priority 1 is housing priority 2 is job dev priority 3 is infrastructure/streets

Income and purposeful occupation dictate an individual's quality of life, therefore the number one priority ought to be creating, maintaining, or improving every individual's income (regardless of gender, age, ability, race, or creed) through purposeful occupation (job) creation, maintenance or enhancement. Furthermore the job creation ought to be measured by safety, moral, respect, collaboration, and contribution to the improvement of our city, region, and state. Number two priority of neighborhood safety is consideration of security in person and property as protected within the US constitution. Number three priority of Infrastructure and Complete Streets is consideration of efficient movement of goods and people for a prosperous economy to support priorities number 1 and 2.

If we can make the city safe again, much of this will figure itself out as people will want to live/work here again, which will boost tax revenues.

(there should be a way to "un-check" dots if you only want three answers". There is an obvious housing shortage for people all across the metro. The need for affordable housing in the form of houses is needed as well as apartments. People are strapped financially and need to be able to grow their skills to find a better-paying job. Increasing education in tech fields will help people find better careers. Investing in tech in the community will help lift up the dated structure of our community.

Unfamiliar

Safety is essential

None of us are safe until vaccination levels are higher. Children growing up afraid carry those scars forever and housing forms the basis for growth and safety

Support tenant services in the Muslim community

You screwed over thousands of employees by forcing them to work on-site in dangerous conditions and haven't extended EPL even though we're a full year and a half into Covid, with numbers rising again. Note that these are the poverty level front line employees, while the management teams (and yourselves) got to work from home. Legal team has advised not to enforce the mask mandate, so employees are yet again at risk. Give the money to those who need it and who served their communities through this mess - Who are caring for the kids affected by all this gun violence and catching Covid from them. Who are picking up needles, forcing homeless people out of camps and ran emergency shelters at the drop of a hat.

Whether we are white, black or brown, all Saint Paulites deserve to feel belonging and safety, and that path is grounded in not policing our way out of crime but creating the conditions to address the root causes in a proactive and justice oriented way. Excitement for the Office of Neighborhood Safety comes from the fact that it's based on coordinating Community-First investments including violence prevention strategies and alternative response; supporting the creation of a permanent Community-First Commission which will engage community residents, local stakeholders, and public safety representatives to inform ongoing strategy development, as well as directing resources to impacted communities; engaging in research, data collection and analysis through participatory methods that engage residents and system stakeholders in the co-development of neighborhood assessments, alongside interventions that are responsive to the needs of our neighbors. Having this department in places matters to me personally because I want to see our neighborhoods and communities safe and thriving. I ask that you include the full dollar amount requested by the Mayor to fund this new department and not have money shifted from it to hire more police. Thank you for your public service.

If Administration support means additional funding to reach out to underserved communities to make sure that they know how to access support and programs then YES! Not everyone knows about what is offered and even if they do, being able to navigate the forms and such on their own and/or only online is not at all adequate.

Use Federal American Rescue Dollars to Support Key Housing Strategies` respond to our ongoing housing crisis, including connecting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to support, services, and resources, supporting affordable and deeply affordable housing, and ensuring residents can secure stable, accessible, and fair housing at all ends of the continuum. Support Low Income Homeowners with Housing Costs with 1) \$500 of cash assistance to low-income homeowners with housing-related expenses, 2) accessing existing state-level property tax refund programs and 3) receiving additional benefits and services from the city which can be hard for many communities of color and those with low incomes to access without someone committed to offer this multi-level of support that can produce benefits for years to come

9. Please use the space below to share any other ideas for the 2022 city budget with the

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1	As we look toward the end of the citywide garbage contract, we need to start transitioning to full municipal-run collection without the private garbage haulers. Start buying garbage trucks, start beefing up the utility billing system, come up with a strong plan to transition.
2	Crime is increasing, so is poverty. Instead of luxury apartments, more affordable housing is needed. And less property tax hikes.
3	SAINT PAUL CITY COUNCIL IS A COMPLETE FAILURE. ALL SHOULD RESIGN AND BE REPLACED WITH NEW.
4	I would like to hear a discussion about what functions the city currently performs, but shouldn't. What is the city doing that really falls out of city purview- regardless how nice or needed it is.
5	Besides proper funding for the police and streets, pass the "administrative fees" proposal so that many problems that require criminal charges now can increase city funding instead. And without giving people a criminal record.
6	Be careful not to go too far in making the city a charitable giving institution, thus forcing taxpaying citizens to pay for charitable causes not necessarily of their choosing.
7	I am very reluctant to mention this but perhaps we should get out of the garbage business. City staff was added to oversee this and returning to private contracting. I realize that this is a political problem that nobody wants to revisit.
8	Stop outsourcing playgrounds to community groups..there's no consistency for children in different areas of the city. Make our playgrounds be a highlight of the community.
9	Reduce staff members of city council. Take pay cut. If you're raising taxes more than inflation take a pay cut the same percentage. That's what you are doing to tax payers every year. With less services garbage. Street sweeping. Street repave to name a few crime up murders up burnt buildings not fixed! How do you justify getting paid at all?
10	FUND THE POLICE, NO NEW BIKE PATHS
11	I dont know what hte answer is but if my taxes increase (city) by 6.9%, i will consider moving.
12	Pass a law that prevents metal reclaimers from buying stolen catalytic converters.
13	The city needs to evaluate ALL programs and services to determine their benefit compared to the cost. With bureaucracy comes waste, and St Paul has plenty of bureaucracy. Find and eliminate the waste, maybe by reducing the levels of bureaucracy!
14	Stop wasting the tax payers money on projects (Ayde Mill bike/walk Ines- \$5.2 million for less than 20 people a day-a joke) and giving freebies to people that shouldn't receive it. Ticket bicyclist that don't follow the rules of the road-this would be a BIG source of revenue and it would make sidewalks and streets safer. Yearly administrative charge for garbage program is unnecessary. The haulers do the billing and work. The mayor and the council need to start listening to their constituents. Developers seem to be running the city.

15	Stop all the extra funding that only goes to certain racial groups! This is discrimination! Giving people an extra \$300 a month to spend as they wish is a waste of taxpayer money....and we all know it is only going to black and brown people! People need to get jobs and support their own families! There will come a day when this city has more people collecting welfare than there are working and then it will become just like Detroit...a Hell hole!
16	There has been lots of financial help for renters and people with mortgages, but those of us homeowners with no mortgage still have to pay homeowners insurance premiums and increasing property tax. Funding allows for property tax and homeowners insurance to be paid AS LONG AS ITS ROLLED INTO A MORTGAGE, but those of us without a mortgage have zero recourse for insurance premiums or property tax. This penalizes the elderly and the fiscally responsible. What gives?
17	STOP RAISING TAXES! ESPECIALLY ON THE PARTS OF THE CITY THAT HAVE BEEN SUBSIDIZING THE REST OF THE CITY.
18	Defund the mayor salary and the city councils salary too.
19	Get rid of bloated staff in mayor's office. Quit giving TIF assistance to the rich. Quit supporting construction of all these ugly and crappy apartment buildings and enforce some sort of design standards. Quit trying to remake single family areas into multi housing hell. Enforce the laws and make it safe for vulnerable folks to walk the streets at night.
20	Thank you for the approach the city has been taking recently. I've had many opportunities to feel grateful to live here.
21	TOO BUSY TO THINK NOW. (TO BUSY TO UN-USE ALL CAPS. EASIER FOR ME TO TYPE.
22	I saw some preliminary news items that said the city is proposing yet another property tax increase on homeowners. I recognize there is a lot of wealth in St. Paul; but there are also a lot of us struggling to hang on to our homes. I moved here in 2012. Since then my property taxes have increased about 110%!!!! Why is so much of the burden being put on us? We need City Council people, mayor's office and personnel - everyone - to look at a big picture and find ways to redistribute the wealth so we in the "peasant" neighborhoods, trying to maintain a sense of community and stability - are not the ones year after year being penalized. Look around. There are lots and lots of frivolous things that are enjoyed by a small minority of the citizenry at the expense of the rest of us. I have faith that our city government is staffed by smart, creative, fair-minded people. PLEASE - dig deeper, review more closely and aim higher!
23	To elaborate on the above, why are there apartment buildings going up everywhere? My husband and I lived in a new building for a few months in 2020. I don't believe that occupancy was greater than 1/3.
24	Please support legislation for background checks on all gun sales and emergency risk protection orders. Take measures to enforce firearm security--guns should not be stored unsecured in cars where many firearms are stolen and then are used in crimes in St. Paul.

25	- Better public transit options. Many parts of the city are not linked to each other - it takes over an hour to get from Payne Phalen to the University (St. Paul campus) or areas of University Ave. Linkage to Maplewood and roseville are also not great - many low income workers are burdened by automobile costs. Public transit improvement needs to be a high priority, as auto repairs and lack of transportation are severe issues keeping many East Side residents trapped in low income.
26	Make sure all kids are being fed, educated, and engaged with their community
27	Taxes are already nosebleed high. The City needs to focus on its core mission and stop and virtue signaling feel good mission creep.
28	Please seek out solutions to climate change.
29	We love Saint Paul and it's potential. We choose to live here and pay an extremely high property tax rate. We'd like to see attention paid to basic municipal services like streets, pedestrian/bike infrastructure, plowing, public safety as a first principles part of the budget. Then, expand to pressing needs like housing, small business support and expansion, tech expansion. etc.
30	Energy conservation measures. in public/city buildings- e.g., HVAC and lighting upgrades
31	Eliminate red tape Make sure employees including the Mayor and city council members execute their jobs Maximize output and the employees that don't do their jobs are fired Just like private sector
32	Thanks for asking for our input. Without greater knowledge of budgeting details, I have no other ideas to offer. I am a big fan of efficiency in government and I urge you to continue the look for ways to operate lean and mean, like a business that is accountable to shareholders and a Board of Directors.
33	Reduce the mayor's appointed staff as well as the city council's. Add police officers to deal with mounting gun violence, and quit seeing the city as a social service provider.
34	Parking fees should be increased - they receive a generous subsidy and help encourage more use of cars vs. other modes of transit that the City should be incentivizing (e.g. transit, walking, biking)
35	- expansion of the basic income proposal by Mayor Carter to allow us to provide for families in need while giving poor people the respect of economic autonomy. - better rental assistance vouchers rather than a rent stabilization measure to improve investment within the city.
36	I'd like to see the residents and citizens become the primary reason allocations are determined rather than pet projects by a few in management. Many of those 'ego' project discussed today are about legacy and not for the betterment of the City as a whole, for ALL to use. If the City would support small business, including landlords, and work together, rather than causing division, the City as a whole would benefit. It shouldn't be the residents always having to fight City Hall. Government is by the people, and for the people! The Mayor and City council are supposed to represent ALL, not just their their own views. I don't believe they are even representing many of those who voted for them. I don't find any of them LISTEN
37	Infrastructure: clean up the garbage and waste from the streets, plant trees, well-kept cities have less crime. I moved from the suburbs, same or less property taxes but everything there was definitely better maintained



38	Review every line item with "how is this beneficial to the most people" If you increase taxes then BASIC city services should improve substantially. Stop the bloat, expansion of city managers, dept. heads, library and rec. hours and services. Merge city and county departments
39	Increase property taxes on convenience stores, they are a burden to our city. If you are skeptical, take an evening stroll by Twins Market at 4th and Earl. It has become a very dangerous crime ridden area.
40	Please resist the urge to chase every fad or try to solve every social issue. I'm not sure they can all be solved by government. Council Members need to be leaders, but they also need to actually listen to constituents, rather than (only) pursue their own personal agendas.
41	We need free parking permits for residents in Hamline Midway. Others can pay a fee for parking in the neighborhood (permits and meters).
42	Thank you for your work on this!
43	See above.
44	Cut the fat in the mayors administration. Get back to the basics. Balance the budget like any other business has to with the money they have today. Stop mandating rules on the good people. Go after the bad apples. Stop having so many unintended consequences b/c you didn't do your due diligence ahead of time b/c it wasn't the "popular" and "easy" route to take. Have the hard conversations and really be genuine and listen to the people of St. Paul, not iust the noisiest ones.
45	No to the 6.9 tax levy! Stop throwing money at programs without having proper execution strategies in place.
46	Renegotiate garbage. The big haulers won, as many were predicting. Multi-state corporations pulled a couple on y'all. Shame.
47	This budget is our money not yours! Stop spending it on stuff that doesn't matter when crime is out of hand! My elderly parents in law were both robbed! It needs to stop! Time to move?
48	Eliminate garbage service. Pay for garbage collection for the elderly. Cut mayors staff to 2-3. His staff is excessive & wasteful. Their proposals have cost us more & made our City less safe. Hire more police & free them to do their jobs. Committing & being charged with a crime is not racist, it is what needs to be done to make our City safe & inhabitable.
49	Police, police, shot spotter
50	Cut taxes and spending.
51	the city council seems to be competing with to see who can be worse. The council rammed a poor garbage service on us that hurt the people least able to pay the bill.
52	When will the trash system be fixed? It is not what the pro-OTC council members told us it would be and it still penalizes those of us who are conscientiously creating less trash. Why punish us who have a long track record of sustainability and environmentalism? You should be encouraqing that in every wav.
53	Crime and safer neighborhood's top priority! Nuisance rentals, that have constant police and fire calls
54	Stop spending millions on bike paths and what not that over half of the bicyclist don't us anyways.

55	Remove barriers to development and redevelopment in our neighborhoods. Investments in our community brings jobs and lowers crime without spending tax dollars on programs. Get out of the way of yourself St. Paul!
56	Please don't give any more money to the SPPD.
57	I think the main focus should be how can we help people now and in the future. What kinds of investments can we make in our infrastructure and citizens that will be more than a band-aid?
58	Balance the budget by not increasing the property tax assessment
59	Scrap Carter's "Family Support/Empowerment" program. Is this program monitored for how people spend their stipend--or guide how it can be spent?
60	County jail space
61	Eliminate the \$50/child born in St. Paul program. Eliminate many mayor cabinet positions or reduce the salaries of those positions by at least 50%. Do NOT raise the garbage fee on property taxes for multifamily properties.
62	Stop Increasing taxes. Start reducing staff and social programs
63	While not a council initiative the council should detail/estimate the increase cost due to the rent control ballot question. Make the public aware of the cost ramifications. I am a 30 year Saint Paul Resident who has invested in small properties. I am ready to convert them back to single family units and move out.
64	Car storage fees that cover the cost of extra street surface area that is used to store parked cars. Neighborhoods can apply to remove street parking and be exempt from paying car storage fees. Car storage fees are used to extend boulevards into car storage areas and pay for bike and pedestrian friendly infrastructure. Savings will also be seen from reducing storm water and reduced ongoing maintenance.
65	Create jobs through green infrastructure including solar, geothermal, passive solar and efficiency.
66	To clarify my response in question 5, I do think that process improvements are needed, and I don't necessarily think that there would need to be significant reductions in staff as a result. I understand that you are trying to balance the budget, and basic math requires some cuts to make that happen. But City employees tend to spend money in Saint Paul, even if they live somewhere else. Obviously the amount of money an employee spends doesn't come close to what the City pays them in wages ... however, I wonder if productivity gains in some departments could help the City increase revenue (?).
67	A rising tide lifts all boats. Let's work to maximize our most valuable resource - St. Paulites. The Eastside and Northside are struggling. They deserve support and to look and feel how the Westside looks and feels.
68	Decrease having so many departments and be more efficient in existing departments. Stop spending so much money on bike paths that so few people use and use that money to resurface streets like Summit Avenue, Grand Avenue from West 7th street to at least Lexington.
69	The city needs better bicycle infrastructure in general. More main bicycle thoroughfares.

70	Do not favor raising taxes, would look to cutting back on city services that might not be needed. How many people does it take to support the mayor. Seems like administrative positions. What we need are people on the front line, police, public safety, parks and rec, things that support the people who live here. The major needs to manage his own interest and now pull on our tax dollars to support his initiatives. Listen to the people who live here, or there won't be a city, where people have the option of moving to the suburbs where streets are safer and parks are well kept.
71	Fund police completely. Do not fund any neighborhood " safety " groups.
72	Increase DSI fees. Stop building bike lanes, don't build the Wabasha bike lane, and use the money for more immediate needs. Get rid of the pavers in downtown Saint Paul. They are too expensive to maintain and quite often are broken, missing, and look terrible. Stop approving additional staff in the Mayor's office.
73	With a massive infusion of federal dollars AND the discretion of city in spending, only small or no tax rate increases are reasonable. Consider evaluating what services that were reduced in pandemic could remain lower OR could be changed to a pay-for-service model.
74	The Saint Paul Police Dept. should have your support; that doesn't mean that there isn't room for improvement or reform. Saint Paul and Minneapolis like other cities is being hit with crime that is out of proportion to who and where we are. Cartels and gangs from other states continue to move in order to prosper at our expense trading in guns and drugs. Not a great time to make cuts in their budget. Support our libraries, parks and their programming. Do your best to cut down your trees that endanger humans. Plow the streets in winter. Stop handing out short term rental licenses like candy. Listen to others beside the vocal. privileged minority that inhabit the planning commission.
75	The City needs to slim it's budget and look for a maximum 4-5% increase. The HENS proposal is unreasonable given inflation and tax increases.
76	Mental Health...Mental Health...Family Supports..Mental Health
77	No more anti-landlord policies. Landlords provide housing, a needed resource.
78	Stop raising property taxes more than inflation...Tax businesses more and be mindful of future maintenance/replacement costs when adding to infrastructure. More training of avoiding lawsuits.
79	Shut 3 library branches so the 10 libraries have adequate hours.St Paul has 13, Mpls has15.
80	Do the right thing. Defunding the police is not working. If employees are going to continue working from home, liquidate office building space. You need to fix this city and make it safe again by any means necessary and adding affordable housing will only make it worse.
81	Investments and reducing infrastructure backlog to reduce long-term operating costs to make budget more sustsinable
82	ARP dedicated funds should be plenty- give us a tax break
83	Don't follow Minneapolis's lead. It's not a good path. We need to have a safe city that gives people opportunities to succeed. We need to support families and not try and replace them.
84	Please reduce the police budget.
85	Reduce city council members and replace with volunteers

86	Please consider providing property tax relief or match any capped rental control rates. It is completely unfair for homeowners to keep shouldering the burden of this city when others, like churches and rich universities, pay nothing.
87	You are spending too much time and money establishing new programs and not enough time and money on managing your core services.
88	Stop wasting resources trying to ban menthol cigarettes.
89	Schools and public buildings and spaces should be fully utilized to support the city population with work opportunities, housing, recreation, health etc.
90	DEFUND SPPD!!!
91	Please do not consider cutting more services. A well-functioning St. Paul community needs high-functioning community services to support it, including libraries, parks, ice rinks, pools, etc. It is from these community services that tomorrow's dedicated, tax-paying residents will grow. When we starve the ability of our community to gather, grow, and meet together, we are eating the seed corn.
92	Community banking to give residents an option for simple things like check cashing and savings accounts. Predatory lenders like pay day lenders only hurt our community and prey on St. Paul's most vulnerable. No one should profit from suffering.
93	MUCH better and shelters for unhoused people, and those dealing with domestic violence
94	Stop addressing symptoms and look at causes. We waist so much money on bureaucracies. We make it so hard to do business and improve our city. Let's not follow the lead of Mpls.
95	Increase SPPD to fully staffed levels.
96	See #8. You have leaders in department that are overpaid as well with little to no good experience or experience ruining things. Use the recovery dollars to fix things now and not keep kicking it down the road so we taxed more later. And stop over inflating home values so you can qet more taxes. Eventually the values will fall aqain.
97	Please remember that not all home owners are independently wealthy. Many of us have to choose between maintaining our houses and paying our property taxes. Mine have more than doubled since I bought my house. I am very upset by the proposed increases next year as they are higher than the proposed cost of living raise I will receive.
98	Reduce number of new staff positions created by current leadership.
99	Re-open the Ponds Golf Course, so sad it closed, It brought people to the area and the golf course is so pretty. Quit giving out so much welfare to able bodied people who are cheating the system, the new immigrants get too much in benefits too, they have not paid a single penny towards taxes yet they get our cities benefits while we have US citizens who are homeless and hunarv.
100	Establish a police liability insurance so we don't have to pay for their misconduct anymore. Copy what Salt Lake City did to stop homelessness. Just correct their mistake and don't expect the full benefit for 3-5 years. (Listen to You're Wrong About Podcast on Homelessness to fully understand what I mean.)
101	Please plow our streets. It's ridiculous.
102	INCREASE POLICE
103	ShotSpotter+CCTV
104	Quit giving TIF.

105	Defund the police! That doesn't mean zero police. That means fund other programs that would better help the citizens of St. Paul! An unarmed response unit perhaps that can respond to many calls the police currently take but for less money and with better results. Your fiscal planning is akin to buying a house and spending half of your earnings on a security system that doesn't work!
106	Seriously, please stop giving the cops so much money. Invest in youth-led, BIPOC-led movements and small businesses. Stop listening to the squeaky wheel pearl-clutchers that think seeing unhoused people is worse than people actually being unhoused.
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108	Make investments in people. Our city streets do us no good if the housing lining them is out of reach for anyone with a minimum wage full time job. Invest in people so they have the mental health support to be successful at their job. Invest in our youth so they can become our caretakers as we age. Invest in sustainable solutions so our city is still livable in 20 years.
109	Thank you for providing this opportunity
110	Please don't increase property taxes anymore. Find places to cut rather than taxing us more. Make hard decisions.
111	I want to see St.Paul thrive for everyone and not just the highland park/ summit hill neighborhoods. There is a lot of opportunity on the eastside but it has a stigma that isn't helping people buy homes and live healthy lives. This area has a lot of potential for economic growth and it should be supported by the city. We have a lot of people who are in need of growth and that can be impacted through technology. I recently completed an immersive schooling experience through the Prime digital Academy and that has elevated my job opportunities immensely. I know they have worked with Right Track before, but there needs to be more education on how these new areas can help people build real life-changing careers. Embrace the uncertainty of change in our technological world and let St.Paul become a hub of innovation.
112	Libraries are an under used resource for residents of all ages. The Bookmobile could be utilized in more places. St. Paul needs to emphasize to news outlets that although we are part of the Metro Area: WE ARE NOT MINNEAPOLIS!!! I grew up in St. Paul in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood (1958-1983), later bought our home in the Hamline area and lived with my family for twelve years until 2003.
113	People must come first. We cannot allow thousands to be tossed into the streets because of rising rents. TRULY AFFORDABLE housing is a priority for me and should be for the city.
114	This is hopefully not a major budget item but I feel that there are plenty of crosswalks that need to be repainted in Ward Two (which leads me to believe that this is true throughout the city).
115	We have a serious affordable housing crisis in this city. Please use money to help solve these issues. We don't want to become like Portland with homeless people encamped on the edge of highways it's dangerous and our people deserve to be sheltered safely and have dignity in housing. Lets stop supporting these sports facilities and put money toward Housing , Community first public safety and and office of Neighborhood Safety, and Teen jobs creation .



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