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To Whom It May Concern -

The 2023 Proposed Property Tax increase for the City of St. Paul for my specific property is 39% over the amount paid in 2022. This is absurd! Who's wages have increased that amount in 2023? Is the City of St. Paul suddenly planning on gentrification of the City's residents? Eventually, you will have to make significantly more income than the median to live in this city.

Why would the City invest an additional \$53.2M in Economic Development & Housing over 2022? That \$53.2M should be invested in fixing our streets and solving our crime problem instead - the theory being to take care of what you have before you add to it.

I oppose this amount of a property tax increase. My advice is to scale it back to reality. Inflation is significant and wages are not keeping up. Families are suffering and affordable housing is becoming more unaffordable. Has it occurred to you that you are now contributing to that problem?

Maybe the City should look at other, more equitable revenue sources than the property tax for new revenue.

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*"I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death." - Thomas Paine*