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Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 4:00 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Xiong, Mai Chong (CI-StPaul) <mai.chong.xiong@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Mill and Overlay Assessment

Dear Council Member Thao,

I cannot attend the Council meeting this Wednesday evening but I would like to share that I did submit a comment regarding the Mill and Overlay project on Western Avenue.

Along with other taxpayers and home owners along these streets, I believe that the cost of these new streets is unfairly put upon the few homeowners even though there are many other entities using these streets – especially the thoroughfares like Western Avenue which I live on. I agree that I am being asked to pay too much for this latest mill and overlay project. Western Avenue is very much a thoroughfare as we get large trucks, MTC buses, semi-trucks, cement trucks, asphalt trucks, and trucks hauling trailers that clank up and down on the road surface. These vehicles are not going to local homes on Western Avenue, but put significant wear and tear on the surface of the street. I would say that the large vehicle traffic noise level on Western Avenue LOWERS property values. I would propose to pay a fair share for this mill and overlay project along with other residents and businesses in the area, not just the few homes that line this section of Western Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration and representation,

Darlene Heiskary

From: Se Thao <maysethao85@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 7:13 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Objection to tax bill for 'Mill & Overlay' work on Western Avenue

April 02, 2019

Se Thao
926 Western Avenue,
Saint Paul, MN 55117

Dai Thao
310-A City Hall 15 Kellogg BLVD,
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Hi Dai Thao,

I'm writing this letter in concern to let you know that I don't agree on the tax bill for 'Mill & Overlay' work on my street at Western Avenue. I was charged to pay \$1789.42 for the work done on my street. I felt that it's unfair because this work does not benefit me or increase the price of my house but it's a

burden to me and my family. I'm a single working, low income family, that rely on food stamp benefit to support my family, having this street bill was too much. I had to borrow money from my families and friends to help me pay for it. I don't want this to be repeated, that I'll have to pay for it every 10 years when it's time to maintain the street. So if you would help me to voice my concern to the city hall meeting tomorrow to adjust the assessment to the costs of \$4.71 per linear foot of frontage, so that most of us property owner can afford it. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Se Thao

From: Robert Batta <sportspuppy1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 2:22 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Mill & Overlay

4/3/2019

Council Member Dai Thao
District 6
171 Front Ave, 55117
651-488-4485

Dear Councilmember Dai Thao,

My name is Robert Batta, I live at 860 Western Ave North St. Paul, MN.

I have lived here since September of 2014. Although I am homesteaded with my limited income, I have made my tax payments which have been 20% of my total income. With this new projection of taxes for the Mill & Overlay, it will go over 33% of my take-home income, which I cannot afford and will eventually cause me to lose my home. I have already, in 2017, had to pay \$16,000 for tree removal which I was assured at time of move in that the tree was safe. This is not of importance right now and I will bring up this issue to you at a later time.

I have tried to get in touch with you previously but because of the area I am in, I have been misinformed on two different occasions on who my council member is. One time I was downtown at the council meeting where I was introduced to someone who later I found out was not the correct person. The second time I was told I lived in Frogtown district, when I looked this up, I found out I was not in Frogtown district, which brings me to you. I also have a bike lane in front of my house and I am unable to park in front of my house with my disability and did not know who to contact to discuss the project before it was implemented along with the new paved roads. I was only notified by mail that the roads will be repaved with no financial information attached. This causes me stress and worry as I am on a fixed income of social security disability.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Batta
860 Western Ave N.
St. Paul MN 55117