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Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 3:54 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Proposed Penalty Amendment

Dear Councilmember Tolbert:

I request that you vote NO on all new proposed charter amendments granting penalty power to the city through an administrative process that does not allow for judicial review. So does this mean if 90 year old Christopher can't take the bus down to city hall to fight his erroneous water bill, the city will see to it that he receives a penalty and eventually his water will be turned off?

I write this note to you with full disclosure that I was completely opposed to the city overtaking the garbage collection process generally, and it seems to me this has been a big debacle. I'm not sure of any contract I would sign that locks in for 5 years and allows the other party to unilaterally raise pricing. I know you are trained as a lawyer, so I'm guessing you were not aware of this aspect when you supported this plan.

Currently there is broad opposition against various utilities being overtaken by the city- including trash. Broadening the city's power without any checks and balances goes against the current resident's view of LESS government involvement.

While I agree people need to be paying their utility bills, I personally have received several bills in error from my new trash collector – ASPEN. Each of these bills had overcharges, it took a lot of diligence and phone calls to straighten this out. Ironically, I also had late charges added to my bills for failing to pay these bills in full, (even though the late fees were based on overcharges,) that were not rectified and I just decided life is too short and I paid these without further follow up. I understand these billing issues happened to other residents. While I patiently navigated the system to have this (mostly) correct, I'm concerned about those residents who are not as tech savvy or diligent in following up. To involve the city in this process with no appeal seems like overreaching and potentially another disaster by the city. I will be clear, there's not a lot of faith in the city's officials right now. The elderly, poor and ESL residents will particularly be at risk. Will the city turn off their water? Is heat and electricity next? I'm not sure why the city thinks it's appropriate to get involved in these historically private sector areas when there are hundreds of potholes that need repair.

Please vote NO to these proposed ordinances.

Thanks.

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From: Frank Martin [<mailto:frank@fcomartin.com>]
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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Ord 19-18, 19-23, 19-24

Councilmember Noecker,

I am a resident of Ward 2, City of St Paul and want you to know that I as a citizen of this community do not want broad powers which are not subject to judicial review granted to the council as proposed in the above ordinances. Based on our most recent experience with the trash wars between the citizens of St Paul and the council of St Paul, it is clear to me that we should not be adding to the council's powers, but rather we should be rolling them back. Thank you, Frank Martin, 55 Wilkin St, St Paul, 55102.

From: Gerald Kackman [<mailto:kackm001@umn.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 7:07 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Trash collection and related matters

Dear Council Member Noecker

We are emailing you and all members of the Saint Paul City Council.
We urge you to vote NOT to pass Ord 19-18, Ord 19-23 and Ord 19-24.
We also urge you to work to repeal the St. Paul mandated trash collection.
Our service became less reliable and our costs have increased since the municipal trash collection went into effect. Thank you.

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