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Dear St. Paul City Council:

I am writing to ask that as you craft the 2020 Budget, you add funding for at least four more F/T investigators in the newly created Labor Standards Division. The mayor earmarked only enough money for one more F/T employee in this department and we as working people know that that is not enough!

Every year in the U.S. property theft costs people about \$340 million. The mayor's 2020 budget proposal allocates a third of the St. Paul budget to combat crimes like these through the police force. Today, St. Paul has one SPPD officer for every 500 residents.

Every year in the U.S., wage theft costs working people nearly \$933 million. Today, St. Paul has only two investigators for over 50,000 low wage workers. The mayor allocated only enough funding to increase this staff by 1 person. That's not right and it's not enough.

Working people fought tirelessly to pass a \$15 Minimum Wage and Earned Sick and Safe time for all! We deserve adequate and proactive enforcement of these laws!

Please reaffirm your commitment to working people and do the right thing: Fund enforcement of the new Labor Standards that you passed! Add funding for at least four more full time staff in the Labor Standards division in 2020!

Thank you,