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Prince, Jane	Councilmember	57	3	48	6

Friday, October 23, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Downtown needs more police

Dear Councilmember Prince:

The police, particularly in downtown, have always been kept busy by a steady drip of problems in the area, but this summer crime has just exploded. The open drug use and discarded needles are threatening the safety and future of what was a growing district in St. Paul. We've seen restaurants and businesses leave the area already and more will go if the police aren't able to keep up with the volume of crime in the area.

Mayor Carter is wrong to want to cut the police department. I know there are tough decisions to make, but public safety and law endorsement is absolutely vital to everyone. Just plain vital.

I've got a plain message: oppose any efforts to cut the police force in St. Paul. Keep every single officer on the job. Period.

Sincerely,

William Miske
2068 Nortonia Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Sunday, November 8, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Police staffing levels in our city

Dear Councilmember Prince:

Minnesotans aren't going to come into St. Paul or any city for that matter, if they are afraid of the crime that has been rising. We're seeing it every day. If people won't come downtown for events, we'll lose the big events to other venues where people will go.

This city has fought SO HARD. We've fought so hard to attract people and build up our city as a premier host, we can't go backwards because we make short-sighted decisions to cut cops. It's the wrong move for our city and it will have long-lasting impact if we reduce the size of the police department.

Please, please, please, keep the police in St. Paul.

Please do NOT cut our police.

Sincerely,

Michael Oberg
1579 Minnehaha Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Monday, November 9, 2020

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Sincerely,

Charles Dailey
2107 Skyway Dr
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Police department budget

Dear Councilmember Prince:

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welcoming city, we need a police force which is able to respond to the calls for help when they happen and address the crimes when they are happening.

Please oppose any efforts to reduce the size of the police force this year.

Sincerely,

Dave buchan
1317 5th St E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

Dear Councilmember Prince:

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Sincerely,

Patrick Conrad
1201 Minnehaha Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: I oppose cuts to the police department

Dear Councilmember Prince:

I live in your district, and love living in St. Paul. But the violent crime increases combined with the cuts and lack of support towards the police is making me think twice about some politicians' values. Too many people I know have experienced the impact of crime from cars being broken into, robberies, or knowing someone who has been a victim of violence. If the police don't have the resources to pursue those who commit these crimes, then those who committed the crimes just keep doing it again and again.

My family - and everyone's family - deserves to be safe. It is just wrong to cut the police department during this time of such great need.

I am firmly opposed to any budget moves that leave the police department smaller than it is today.

No cuts!!!

Sincerely,

Crystal Klein
1201 Minnehaha Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Thursday, November 5, 2020

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Saint Paul, MN 55102

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Nicholas Sandquist
1688 5th St E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Susan Turcotte Quitter
1993 Warbler Ln
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Thursday, November 5, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
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Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Cutting 40 people - please oppose

Dear Councilmember Prince:

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I'm also a constituent of yours and am writing about a huge issue for me - the safety of our community.

I think it's a fair expectation that we have a safe community supported by a police force able to do their work. With the pandemic we've seen even more crime. But instead of getting support and help police officers need, we learn the city is considering CUTTING 40 offices.

This is wrong.

So wrong for the victims of crime.

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Please fix this immediately.

I don't want increased crime in St. Paul. We need our police.

Sincerely,

Teresa Astrup
23 Kipling St
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Thursday, November 5, 2020

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320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

Dear Councilmember Prince:

I am a long time resident of St. Paul and one of your constituents. As one who lives on the east side I'm very concerned that my city leaders aren't taking public safety seriously. While preventative measures are important, they don't address the crime that has already happened. We need spotshotter available all over the city. We are already at double the number of murders compared to this time last year and we somehow expect the police to be able to take care of these serious crimes without giving them the resources they need. It's heartbreaking. If we don't provide adequate resources, violent criminals will stay on the street and in a position to commit more crimes. Please look to other parts of the budget to make your cuts and help keep my city safe by keeping the police force size at least as big as it already is. As a representative of the city you need to hear us!

Sincerely,

Tiffany Roman
1011 Euclid St
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Sincerely,

Pedro Chavez
722 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Friday, November 6, 2020

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Please oppose any efforts to reduce the size of the police force this year.

Sincerely,

Jean Ackerman
2094 Minnehaha Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Pao Thao
1761 Wilson Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Subject: DO NOT CUT POLICE!

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Again, thank you for your service and support for public safety.

Sincerely,

Rita Tri
1300 Wilson Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Sincerely,

THAO VUE
580 Minnehaha Ave E Apt 4
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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Sincerely,

Lori Hawthorne
56 Morningside Dr
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Saturday, November 7, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
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Subject: Re: The police budget and crime

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Please vote for safety for our community and make sure the police department is strong.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Racette
1425 Minnehaha Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Sunday, November 8, 2020

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1579 Minnehaha Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Sincerely,

Susan Biagi
2244 Minnehaha Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Alexander Deputie
693 Surrey Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Douachee Moja
1415 Margaret St
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Vy Vang
689 Wilson Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Xee Xiong
1761 Wilson Ave
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Muche Xiong
1354 Reaney Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Sincerely,

Richard Vanyo
69 W Sandra Lee Dr
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Monday, November 30, 2020

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Joyrae Ruberto
2161 Burns Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Monday, November 30, 2020

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barbara briese
622 Mendota St Apt A
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Christa Hunter
881 Hudson Rd
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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881 Hudson Rd
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Ricky Yang
2006 Stillwater Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Rod Graff
2202 Edgebrook Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Denise Reinartz
851 Howard St N
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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1688 5th St E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Subject: Cutting 40 people - please oppose

Dear Councilmember Prince:

I'm a lifelong resident of St. Paul. I work here, send my kids to school here, and shop here.

I'm also a constituent of yours and am writing about a huge issue for me - the safety of our community. You seem to think that it is alright to tear up our neighborhoods and raise property taxes so that you can build all of these stupid bus stations and "special roads" that are going to do nothing more than bring more crime, criminals, litter, pollution, etc., How can you, knowing that this will happen even consider CUTTING our police Department!? We are going to need far more officer's to try to combat the criminals and crime increases that you are about to bring on our community!

I think it's a fair expectation that we have a safe community supported by a police force able to do their work. With the pandemic we've seen even more crime. But instead of getting support and help police officers need, we learn the city is considering CUTTING 40 officers.

This is wrong.

So wrong for the victims of crime.

So wrong for the safety of our community.

Please fix this immediately.

I don't want increased crime in St. Paul. We need our police. ALL of them and more!

Sincerely,

Dawn Keller
415 Clarence St
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Monday, November 30, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: DO NOT CUT POLICE!

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Again, thank you for your service and support for public safety.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Palapala
2133 3rd St E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Monday, November 30, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: I oppose cuts to the police department

Dear Councilmember Prince:

I live in your district, and love living in St. Paul. But the violent crime increases combined with the cuts and lack of support towards the police is making me think twice about some politicians' values. Too many people I know have experienced the impact of crime from cars being broken into, robberies, or knowing someone who has been a victim of violence. If the police don't have the resources to pursue those who commit these crimes, then those who committed the crimes just keep doing it again and again.

My family - and everyone's family - deserves to be safe. It is just wrong to cut the police department during this time of such great need.

I am firmly opposed to any budget moves that leave the police department smaller than it is today.

No cuts!!!

Sincerely,

Patrick Emmons

2075 Mohawk Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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Please vote for safety for our community and make sure the police department is strong.

Sincerely,

Thao Vue
580 Minnehaha Ave E Apt 4
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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Elizabeth Cadry
2046 5th St E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Saint Paul, MN 55102

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Rita Tri
1300 Wilson Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

Dear Councilmember Prince:

I am a 25 + year resident of St. Paul and one of your constituents. I've watched the East Side of St. Paul go from a safe and wonderful place to raise your family to an area of high crime 24 hours a day. The constant drug dealing, high speed "race tracks", armed robbery and petty crime, not to mention all of the garbage and homeless encampments, make me sad for the community along with feeling disgusted with this proposal. My taxes are higher than any person I know living in a suburb. What am I paying for? I'm very concerned that my city leaders aren't

taking public safety seriously. While preventative measures are important, they don't address the crime that has already happened. We are already at double the number of murders compared to this time last year and we somehow expect the police to be able to take care of these serious crimes without giving them the resources they need. It's heartbreaking. If we don't provide adequate resources, violent criminals will stay on the street and in a position to commit more crimes. Please look to other parts of the budget to make your cuts and help keep my city safe by keeping the police force size at least as big as it already is. We don't need more government; we need more law and order on our streets for the tax paying citizen.

Sincerely,

Kim Basting
173 Bridlewood Dr
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: 25 year resident, I love this city and I'm tired and ready to go!

Dear Councilmember Prince:

We've raised our 5 children on the east side of Saint Paul. First in Dayton's Bluff And now Battle Creek. We loved going Downtown, riding the light rail, dining on University. We no longer feel safe. It's not fear of diversity or anything else, it's a fear of the rampant crime daily in my city.

I am a resident and constituent of St. Paul and am deeply concerned about the proposed cuts to the St. Paul Police Department. We've seen a huge spike this summer in crime, and cutting police when these crimes have already happened just means that more crimes will go unsolved. It's absolutely crazy to see in all the ways the city has found to spend our money on the nice to have items that do not further safety in any way. For us to have a safe and welcoming city, we need a police force which is able to respond to the calls for help when they happen and address the crimes when they are happening.

Please oppose any efforts to reduce the size of the police force this year.

Sincerely,

stephanie skulley
2196 Larry Ho Dr
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Please vote for safety for our community and make sure the police department is strong.

Sincerely,

Deb Vadner
2182 7TH ST E
SAINT PAUL, MN 55119

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Sincerely,

Mary Carter
2088 Mohawk Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: DO NOT CUT POLICE!

Dear Councilmember Prince:

Thank you for serving as our city council member.

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Since the riots and looting that occurred this past summer, I've been an avid listener of the police scanner. And one thing is clear, regardless of race and economic status all people need a safe neighborhood. Crime does not stop just because there are fewer police on the streets. More St Paul citizens and business will fall victim to crimes because criminals know there will be little chance they'll get caught. We need more police not less.

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Nathan Wunrow
625 Winthrop St N
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Nick Meyers
2191 4th St E
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108 Lyon St
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Lydia Chapman
1719 Louise Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Susan Biagi
2244 Minnehaha Ave E
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Roy Johnson
1021 Conway St
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

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Sincerely,

Darlene Dixon
171 McKnight Rd N Apt 217
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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Sincerely,

Clarence Maloney
1879 Reaney Ave E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Thursday, November 5, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: SPPD staffing levels

Dear Councilmember Prince:

I serve as a police officer in the St. Paul. Long before COVID and George Floyd, we have been struggling to keep up with the increased population and calls for help we are getting. As noted by Commander Jack Serier's report last January, we are unable to respond in a timely fashion to 45 calls each day. That is 45 different people on the other end of the line who called for help from their city and their city failed to provide it in a reasonable timeframe EVERY DAY. That failure to show up on time can mean a situation escalated and got more dangerous and it can be the difference between stopping a crime in progress and a situation getting out of hand.

Police officers are called for everything from property crimes, violent crimes, to reports of suicidal individuals on the Smith Ave bridge. Every one of those citizens deserves a police force able to respond and help them and we can't do it with our current numbers, much less with fewer members because of budget cuts. Please do everything you can to help us serve the citizens of St. Paul by providing for a strong police force.

Sincerely,

Stephen Nuah
722 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Saturday, November 7, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: St. Paul Police Department

Dear Councilmember Prince:

I'm writing on an important issue to me, as a police officer who specializes in working with victims of serious crimes in the city of St. Paul. These victims have often been through incredibly arduous situations and have to live with trauma associated with it.

One of the most important things I do in my job- and my passion - is to be an advocate for victims of crime. I'm worried that if the SPPD doesn't keep its staffing numbers up, those victims will be unable to have the kind of closure that comes with seeing their cases close with a court room verdict.

Please support keeping the current staffing levels with the St. Paul Police Department. Eliminating 40 positions would be devastating.

Sincerely,

Craig Lydon
722 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Saturday, November 21, 2020

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Saint Paul, MN 55102

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Seth Wilson
722 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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Kyle Vollrath
722 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Saturday, November 21, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Don't reduce the police force

Dear Councilmember Prince:

The frequency of community calls for service (to 911 and more) and levels of crime in St. Paul area increasing, as is the city's population. It's clear that we can't go backwards to reduce the size of the police force.

I'm writing as an officer with the St. Paul Police Department to share information first-hand. Our team is dedicated to advocating for victims of crime and providing for a safer community.

Even last year's police staffing report showed we don't have enough officers to keep up with what the community is telling us they need. We aren't able to arrive as quickly as we ought to after a call and we aren't able to process evidence fast enough to pursue justice on behalf of victims and some evidence can even be lost.

People who commit crimes can grow bolder and commit more and sometimes escalating crimes if they aren't held accountable, leading to more victims without justice.

I know budget times are hard for everyone and there are tough choices for the city to consider when the money has come up short. But I believe the community deserves public safety now more than ever and I urge the council to oppose any efforts which shrink the size of the police force.

Sincerely,

Shawn Marlowe
722 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

The Honorable Councilmember Jane Prince
320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: No time to reduce our police force

Dear Councilmember Prince:

The frequency of community calls for service (to 911 and more) and levels of crime in St. Paul area increasing in my normally quiet eastside neighborhood. I have been a homeowner for 28 years. I chose to live in this city. This year I have had shootings and gunfire at every direction on my block. Last night a drive by with 7 to 8 shots fired directly outside my home.

This is not normal. Clearly we have a increased crime and gang problem. It is beyond obvious to a 5 year old that we can't go backwards to reduce the size of the police force at this time.

I worked in prevention for the state of Minnesota for 18 years. I support prevention, at this time my support has changed to intervention.

We need more officers, better educated judges and tougher penalties for shooting a weapon within city limits.

Criminals get picked up and then released. This needs to stop. If the city does not have the funds it is the role of the city and city council administration to seek funding from the federal and state legislative level, county commissioners, met council and foundations.

If staff positions need to reduced, let it come from city hall cuts in staff and budgets.

I'm writing as a taxpaying, voting resident of the city and I support an increase in police services in St. Paul.

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I know budget times are hard for everyone and there are tough choices for the city to consider when the money has come up short. What has the mayor's office and city council done to increase other sources of funding? Remember your actions are reflected in votes.

Cuts to the police department should not even be on the table.

Please think of our city's residents and children who are getting caught in the crossfire.

Thank God my daughter decided not to stop by last night. She would have been right there during all the shooting.

I was sick with fear as I tried to call her and tell her not to come over.

In this country and in this state and city I should not have to worry about my family going about their daily lives and walking or driving into a dangerous and life threatening situation!!!!

Sincerely,

Kelly Simons
1164 5th St E
Saint Paul, MN 55106