

From: [CHISHOLM DENNIS](#)
To: [CouncilHearing_English \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (54 seconds)
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 9:58:44 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

this is dennis chisholm again i don't have a computer and i don't have a smartphone so hopefully this way we're leaving a message suffices like i said i'm going to be 75 years old my household income is way below \$96,000 and i've lived here all my life 75 years 40 years at this location 1386 park st so it's whoever figures out these numbers needs a new calculator because it ain't working

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Subject: Voice Mail (4 minutes and 26 seconds)
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 9:57:34 AM
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dennis chisholm 1386 park st st paul MN 55117 651-487-1145 i got my proposed property tax and the combined weight of all of them is approximately 31% which is another \$541 in one jump i'm retired it takes me with that latest increase it's gonna take me probably 3 1/2 months to pay my damn of my social security income to pay that property tax i'm gonna be 75 years old on february 2nd lived in saint paul all my life and how much is enough you know in case you haven't seen the local statistics here there's more people leaving minnesota than they're coming into minnesota saint paul half of my friends have moved out of the state and taken their businesses with them so you can't keep raising everybody elses taxes to make up for the difference of the people that are leaving here you know i worked lived and worked here all my life 75 years and it'd be nice if i was able to retire here without being put out of my home for taxes and that's it's oh god it's obscene you know you're i don't like going in my wallet and you're in there every year last year it was \$300 you know that's my income dan kan get an increase of about 50 bucks from social security so it's it's ridiculous the school the schools are down with their enrollment if they continue to suck money out of the public there's something wrong with the system when we have people that are not property owners that can vote on stuff that affects people who are property owners and it doesn't have any yellow effect on them they just reap the benefits of it without any consequence there's got to be a better way of funding the schools and you know he had all these city planning projects and county planning projects that should be put on hold with the way things are everything's going up food energy your your taxes everything was going up but the income and that's the combination of all of them together is having a very bad effect on the on the seniors so it's just it's got to stop got to find a different funding for a lot of this stuff or put it on hold till things improve it's

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From: [Wendy Neurer](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#); [#CI-StPaul_Council](#); [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Budget cuts suggested
Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 6:22:25 PM

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City Council This is the time for austerity in the city budget. The city council's leadership is needed to curb overspending and prioritize basic city services. I will attempt to guide places for cuts. These approaches are not meant to question whether existing initiatives are of value, rather they are testament to the fact that citizens cannot afford to pay for them on top of increases for insurance, utilities, food, water, sewer service, and sales taxes.

The city council must go through each line item of the budget, with an emphasis on reducing staffing. It's necessary to decrease the number of positions as civil engineers, administrators, managers, and staff in marketing or recruiting. Place a hiring freeze along with no replacements when a vacancy occurs. Staff for any programs that were initiated in the past four years should be reevaluated. Additionally, list all jobs with a salary over \$65,000 and assess the following:

- Is this a new position during the past four years?
- Is this position in the mayor's office, marketing, diversity programming, recruiting, human resources, or administration?
- What is the direct benefit to the citizens from these higher paid positions?
- Can these positions be restructured or cut entirely?

Use the assessment to determine if these positions can be cut entirely or restructured. Reduction in federal and state funding to cities necessitates staff layoffs, reorganization of city departments, and consolidation of services.

Beyond staffing, clear priorities within departments are necessary.

- **Public Works** - Stop street cleaning before the leaves fall. Fill pot holes in a timely manner. Plow when snowfall comes to three inches, and plow before it ices up.
- **Parks** – Charge a sizeable usage fee for every special event that closes city streets and parks. Water trees that are city owned, replace dead trees, don't remove healthy trees. Clean up trash in parks. In the parks patrol theft, violent behavior, gangs and drug deals. Do not allow unhoused people to live in public parks.
- **Recreation Centers** - Offer more services and programs for older adults. Reduce Recreation Center hours. Cut classes and programs that do not have a sizeable attendance.
- **PED** – Stop acting as the direct arm of the mayor's vision for economic development when it's in direct conflict of neighborhoods quality of life. Pass MRCCA. Use gentle density for building in residential neighborhoods. Focus on home ownership verses all rental units. Also, bring back businesses that are job creators verses just building luxury apartments .

- **Police** - Provide direct presence in all neighborhoods. Bring back neighborhood policing on foot and stationed in recreation centers, libraries, parks, sidewalks in front of businesses. Vacate those who are living or panhandling on public property.
- **Libraries** - Eliminate practice of having two deputy directors (necessary to do this in all city departments). Consolidate bilingual story times. Increase usage of volunteers for homebound delivery. Reduce library hours. Turn on the theft detection devices to stop stolen materials. Charge all groups except libraries for the use of meeting rooms. Sunset all grant funded positions/programs when the grants end. Fund social workers/mental health specialists through Ramsey County rather than with city funds. Assess consolidation of the city and Ramsey County library systems. Enforce public code of conduct for all who enter the library.

The solution to our overextended budget is to lead with fiscal responsibility and effective use of staffing and programs. Concentrate on basic city services with no excess or duplication of county services or special programs. These are too expensive to maintain. We shouldn't be increasing, or even maintaining, the high number of city employees as our city's population has decreased.

I believe many other residents share my perspective, and I encourage them all to contact you with their budget suggestions and remarks.

Thank you for your service,

Wendy Neurer

711 Woodlawn Avenue 55116

From: [Cell Phone MN](#)
To: [CouncilHearing_English \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (5 minutes)
Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 8:26:48 AM
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my name is latrice LATRICE last name column COLLUM calling regarding the uh agenda for i believe december 11th for the tax and budget umm i'm calling regarding my property tax in 2025 i paid \$7000 in property tax i bought a home through habitat humanity believing that i was gonna be able to obtain generational wealth and be able to to live in affordable housing or sustain affordable living and now my taxes property tax and mortgage has increased i just received a lotus from my mortgage company of a escrow shortage and my mortgage going to \$1800 a month at the same time where there's inflation and government shutdown and food is prices of food inflated everything as a single woman costing me basically my whole paycheck like my debt to income ratio has inflated to about almost 50% so i have no money to save for emergencies i have no money to do anything extra i barely have money to buy a box of tampons or pads at the end of the month to have a menstrual cycle because everything is inflated i can't even take care of my womanly needs because the demand of taxes and if i would have known that you all would propagandize me and fugazi and and and and mayor carter talk about helping bridging the gap between wealth for for black families and this and that all the propagandize you guys put on a show to lure people to buy property here all for you guys to raise the taxes and then threaten people's lives with foreclosure because if we can't pay our property tax you guys can take our homes and and and it's not right what how you guys are doing everything and i regret kind of moving to saint paul i regret falling for the lives i regret even considering you guys a safe city to raise my children in because it's not the case right now it's a wealth hijack being issued right now because here it is this bill for 2026 property tax after credit is 4678 dollars where is it where is it gonna come from if my mortgage is \$1800 how am i gonna pay this property tax the only year that i felt comfortable here was the first year and my property tax was only 2000 dollars so i was able to meet that requirement but now it's shot up five \$5000 for the whole 2025 and i regret coming to ramsey county i regret even living in your city and and moving out of apartment where i pay \$1400 and the rent was increasing there now i'm paying well beyond that now taking our responsibility thinking that this is this is the way to do it this is the way to go but meanwhile you guys are treating us like the children of israel and egypt and making us work harder and harder and harder putting bricks on our back smashing our children up against the bricks and and still requiring us to work and we can't even feed our barely feed our children and you go to the you go to the food shelf and you can get one item at this table one item at that table and i'm a family of six it's like what what is going on what what why are you guys not able to budget in a way where we don't have to take on all these abilities of the city we should pay a share yes but we should not be taking on the low like this and you guys just keep hitting the gavel and meeting and there is no relief for the people who've chosen to buy property in your city now the how will the city thrive if you don't have pay paying working individuals who can afford to stay in the city you won't have a city you won't have you won't have a county but you won't have a city you won't have anybody here wanting to invest in your city if you keep going at this rate what if we all sold our homes and you guys have no one paying anything to you all then what type of budget will you have you'll have nothing you'll have nothing to work off because no one will invest in your city it will be a ghost town and i pray that you guys get it together

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To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 3:06:11 PM

From: Diamond Berkley <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:38 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Please support our city workers and restore this crucial funding.

Thank you.

Diamond Berkley
diamonrberkley@gmail.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:28:45 AM

From: Nelle Rivers <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:26 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Nelle Rivers
nelle.rivers@outlook.com
657 Ashland Ave Apt 11
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104-1250

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:28:37 AM

From: Karl Berg <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:08 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Karl Berg
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776 Lexington Parkway South
st paul , Minnesota 55116

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:28:27 AM

From: Anders Bloomquist <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:39 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Anders Bloomquist
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1305 Hague Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104-6418

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:28:20 AM

From: Carina Larson <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:41 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Carina Larson
carinaquinnlarson@gmail.com

St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:28:12 AM

From: Roon Makhtal <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:49 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Roon Makhtal
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431 Lawson Ave E
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55130

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:28:05 AM

From: Nikki Hill <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:50 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Nikki Hill
nicolehill7@gmail.com
1661 Juno Ave Apt 3
St Paul, Minnesota 55116

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:27:59 AM

From: Andrew Koch <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:52 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Andrew Koch
drewko77@gmail.com

St. Paul, Minnesota 55116

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:27:20 AM

From: Andrea Mehr <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:04 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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I have heard Mayor Carter describe himself in detail as a "rec rat" several times, as someone whose "bus driver didn't know where his home was" since he was always at the rec centers he understands how important this is.

Please support our city workers and restore this crucial funding.

Thank you.

Andrea Mehr
andiii624@gmail.com

St. Paul, Minnesota 55117

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:26:32 AM

From: Rachel Haakana <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:19 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Rachel Haakana
rachelhaakana@gmail.com
165 McKnight Road North Apt 204
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55119

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:26:06 AM

From: Irene Domingo <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:37 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Irene Domingo
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20 St Albans St N Apt 2S Apt 2S
St Paul, Minnesota 55104-7151

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:25:59 AM

From: Elizabeth Ivy <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:45 AM
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Elizabeth Ivy
euivy@protonmail.com
1288 Hartford Ave Upper Apt
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55116-1623

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:25:50 AM

From: Kerrick Sarbacker <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:53 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Kerrick Sarbacker
K.sarbacker@gmail.com

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Please don't tarnish your legacy with these cuts
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:25:44 AM

From: Oliver Guzman <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:02 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please don't tarnish your legacy with these cuts

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Council Member Cheniqua Johnson,

Mayor Carter, you have served us well in your time leading the city of Saint Paul and I'm proud to have voted for you every chance I got. I was impressed by the largely progressive values you ran on, but these budget cuts to our city workers are regressive and emblematic of the issues that drove Mayor-elect Her to victory. I fear you may have fallen out of touch with the needs of our neighbors as these priorities are not aligned with the community values that won my vote.

Reducing library hours on the East Side means leaving ordinary families out in the cold, cut off from access to the community services our children use to thrive like quality library programming, computer access for homework and research, books for families to read offline together. Cutting hours for third spaces like public libraries disproportionately harms families who work long hours to feed their families and pay their fair share in taxes to make Saint Paul a great place to raise our kids.

Recreational centers offer kids a healthy outlet for after-school physical activity and socialization, and cutting their hours means isolating our kids during a youth mental health crisis. These services mitigate public safety risks and you did not run on making our city less safe.

I cannot fathom why you would not value the work of the EMTs on our overnight Basic Light Support team. I've seen them save lives so I find it hard to believe you've never seen what they do for us in all your years as our mayor, and frankly it makes me angry to think you would show our youth that we don't even value the labor of emergency healthcare and fire department workers who want to serve our city. Our EMS are critical infrastructure. How much is a human life worth to you?

Please do not betray our city workers in the twilight of your term. You've been someone we can rely on for all these years, and we need you now to restore crucial funding to our city.

Thank you.

Oliver Guzman

olguzman410@gmail.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:25:33 AM

From: Kathleen Higgins <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:09 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Kathleen Higgins
kathleenhgnc@gmail.com
1967 Grand Ave
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:24:56 AM

From: Alex Moore <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:38 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you,
Alex Moore
1795 Sunny Slope Ln

Alex Moore
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From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:24:37 AM

From: Deanna Kepler <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:57 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Council Member Cheniqua Johnson,

I oppose Mayor Carter's budget cuts to our city workers:

Reducing library hours on the East Side means we're prioritizing wealthy homeowners over our most marginalized communities. Our families deserve quality library programs, access to computers and family reading time. As a citizen,

Slashing rec center hours across the city will leave our kids with less places to go. Rec center hours are an important part of public safety to give our kids alternatives to hanging out on street corners.

Cutting the six EMTs on the overnight Basic Light Support team and several other fire department positions will leave all of us less safe.

Please support our city workers and restore this crucial funding.

Thank you.

Deanna Kepler
deannakepler23@protonmail.com
2583 Dellwood Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55113-3209

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:24:17 AM

From: Luca Kjos <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:12 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Luca Kjos
luca.kjos@gmail.com
784 Laurel Ave Unit 2
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:24:12 AM

From: Melissa Koe <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:13 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Melissa Koe
definiendum@icloud.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:21:23 AM

From: Jeffrey Grizzell <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:40 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Jeffrey Grizzell
Jeffrey.grizzell@gmail.com
1451 Hamline Ave North
SAINT PAUL, Minnesota 55108

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:19:36 AM

From: Simon Deutsch <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:11 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Simon Deutsch
smndeutsch@gmail.com

St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:19:29 AM

From: Tuckner Steve <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:11 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Tuckner Steve
stevetuckner@gmail.com
1028 Loeb St
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117-4726

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:19:19 AM

From: Crista Ocampo <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:13 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Crista Ocampo
crista400@gmail.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:19:10 AM

From: Andrew Obele <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:15 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Andrew Obele
futurfry69@gmail.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:18:54 AM

From: Matt Ehlert <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:16 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Thank you.

Matt Ehlert
mattehlert@gmail.com
2285 Stewart Ave #2314
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55116

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:18:46 AM

From: Cora Lewis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:24 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Council Member Cheniqua Johnson,

I oppose Mayor Carter's budget cuts to our city workers:

I can't believe that the city would cut these important services. I'm scared to live in a city that cuts EMTs. I am tired of our city being run by the wealthy. I make minimum wage and am writing this exhausted on my commute home on transit because I don't have a car. Saint Paul needs to serve its working class residents. Keep libraries and rec centers open. Don't cut our EMTs.

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Thank you.

Cora Lewis
corammlewis@gmail.com
565 Aldine Street Apt 4
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:18:40 AM

From: Ashley Baker <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:25 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Thank you.

Ashley Baker
ashleyfelibaker@gmail.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:18:30 AM

From: Jenifer Lahner <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:25 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Jenifer Lahner
lahner.jenny@gmail.com

St. Paul, Minnesota 55107

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:18:23 AM

From: Dana Laidig <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:29 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Thank you.

Dana Laidig
dana.laidig@outlook.com

Saint Paul , Minnesota 55107

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:17:47 AM

From: Taylor Sibthorp <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:35 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Council Member Cheniqua Johnson,

I oppose Mayor Carter's budget cuts to our city workers:

I have had to call emergency services when a neighbor was overdosing, and in another instance helped out a group reviving a neighbor. The fact that we are reducing library hours on the East Side to waste money almost \$1 million on MOVING A BATHROOM means we're prioritizing wealthy homeowners over our most marginalized communities. Our families deserve quality library programs, access to computers and family reading time. We are making our streets less safe by cutting emergency response.

If you think that trying the masquerade the problem by making it less visible will work in the long-term, you have been woefully misdirected.

You must support our city workers and restore funding to these crucial positions.

Thank you.

Taylor Sibthorp
taylorsibthorp@gmail.com
1722 grand avenue apt 1
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:40:00 AM

From: luzia stern <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:10 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Thank you.

luzia stern
sternluzia@gmail.com
1926, Gluek Lane
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55113

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:39:51 AM

From: Anthony Moss <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:16 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Thank you.

Anthony Moss
AnthonyMoss@gmail.com
287 Burgess Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: City staff are essential!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:37:36 AM

From: Mikala Metzger <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 8:55 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: City staff are essential!

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Council Member Cheniqua Johnson,

I oppose Mayor Carter's budget cuts to our city workers:

Everyone deserves the dignity to provide for themselves. City jobs are the backbone of the working class, allowing neighbors to build and support themselves and uplift their own communities. The jobs being cut are real people and my neighbors, not numbers on a page.

Reducing hours on the East Side means we're prioritizing wealthy homeowners over our most marginalized communities.

Please support our city workers and restore this crucial funding.

Thank you.

Mikala Metzger
mmetzgerdpu2021@gmail.com
1665 Lafond Ave
St Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:37:21 AM

From: Brian Swancutt <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:23 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Council Member Cheniqua Johnson,

Dear Mayor Carter, Council President Noecker, Council Vice President Kim, and members of the City Council,

I am writing to you today in opposition Mayor Carter's budget cuts to our city workers:

Reducing library hours on the East Side means we're prioritizing wealthy homeowners over our most marginalized communities. Minnesota consistently has failed marginalized communities in the past. As the Capitol, we should be showing other communities around the state how we prioritize investing in the most left-behind communities in our city. The budget being proposed to you on City Council only serves to set us back. Our families deserve quality library programs, access to computers and family reading time.

Slashing rec center hours across the city will leave our kids with less places to go. Rec center hours are an important part of public safety to give our kids alternatives to hanging out on street corners. Our county attorney, along with all of you, have made such huge strides in providing for public safety that Hennepin County and Minneapolis are copying us. Making these types of cuts only stymies the amazing progress we've made here in the Capitol.

Cutting the six EMTs on the overnight Basic Light Support team and several other fire department positions will leave all of us less safe. As an almost 3 year resident of Lowertown, I know how crucial those first responders are to not just our unhoused population, but to the entire city. We cannot make cuts to critical life-saving systems before examining cuts to other areas of the budget.

Please support our city workers and restore this crucial funding.

Thank you,

Brian Swancutt
Chair, Saint Paul Ward 2 DFL
Chair, Stonewall DFL
Member, TCDSA

Brian Swancutt
brianswancutt7799@gmail.com
250 6th Street E Apt 501
Saint Paul , Minnesota 55101

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:37:07 AM

From: Jordan Brasher <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:34 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Thank you.

Jordan Brasher
jpbrasher1@gmail.com
203 Virginia St
SAINT PAUL, Minnesota 55102

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:36:36 AM

From: Karl Berg <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:08 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Karl Berg
charlesberg2001@gmail.com
776 Lexington Parkway South
st paul , Minnesota 55116

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:35:34 AM

From: Samuel Klein <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 2:06 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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I oppose Mayor Carter's budget cuts to our city workers:

As a proud city employee since this very June, I cannot sit idly by while our outgoing mayor betrays us!

I have been proud to work under you, but you, Mayor Carter, but I cannot stand for this, not now, not in this economy. I grew up in Wisconsin, when Scott Walker was slashing public workers. This will undoubtedly worsen an already bad situation, and make the city untrustworthy. How can we have your back, when you won't have ours?

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Thank you.

Samuel Klein
sklein1994@gmail.com

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:34:32 AM

From: Johanna San Martin - Siguencia <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:33 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Johanna San Martin - Siguencia
johannasanmartin05@gmail.com
415 N Finn St
St Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:34:26 AM

From: Bjork James <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:34 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Bjork James
jwbjork@hotmail.com
548 Frontenac Place
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104-4925

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:16:45 PM

From: Genna Mastellone <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:16 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Genna Mastellone
gmastellone95@gmail.com
2926 Columbus Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407-1326

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:05:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Silver Moran-Stewart (she/her)
Executive Assistant
Office of Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson, Ward 7
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From: Jess Layne <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 9:53 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: No cuts to city staff!

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Council Member Cheniqua Johnson,

I understand that budgets can be difficult to balance. And sometimes that means making really hard decisions. But as a community member and homeowner on the East Side of Saint Paul, I object strongly to the priorities that this latest budget represents.

Cutting overnight EMTs and the fire department? Are y'all serious? That is the clearest and most important service that citizens will absolutely feel the loss of. This is literally LIFE OR DEATH. Wild. this really has me and my neighbors frustrated beyond words. This choice makes all of us less safe.

Reducing library hours on the East Side means fewer resources for my community. I live a few blocks from the library and it is a CRITICAL neighborhood resource. As you know, our neighborhood is a major renters and has strong minority and low-income community members represented in our demographics.

Cutting rec center hours is another strike. These programs are relatively inexpensive, and given the incredibly high taxes we pay to offset commercial real estate failures and countless admin positions, this is not an area where cuts are acceptable. Rec center hours give our youth alternatives to unsupervised street roaming, support parents and build community.

Please do better. It's essential that this crucial funding is restored, and non-essential projects like the Rondo library renovation (which does nothing and y'all should listen to the damn librarians, FFS) receive the brunt of expenditure shortages.

Thank you for your time - I hope you will find a resolution to these critical oversights, and look forward to hearing your solutions at the upcoming Budget Meeting.

Jess Layne

jessorganizesthings@gmail.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:03:47 PM

From: Andrew Mangles <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Please support our city workers and restore this crucial funding.

Thank you.

Andrew Mangles
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1936 Ford Parkway Apt 205
St paul, Minnesota 55116

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:03:15 PM
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backhuscf@gmail.com

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
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Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:02:44 PM

From: Isaac Mielke <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Isaac Mielke
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55107

From: [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to city staff!
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:01:56 PM

From: Wade Julstrom-Agoyo <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 2:34 PM
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From: Luke Mielke <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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1506 Crawford Ave
Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113-6251

From: [Racquel Naylor](#)
To: [#CI-StPaul_Ward1-7](#)
Subject: Letter received today
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:19:09 AM
Attachments: [Front_Desk@ci.stpaul.mn.us_20251117_120113.pdf](#)

The attached letter was received today and is address to all the councilmembers.

Thank you.

-Racquel, 6-8573

From: [ChiefClerk](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment - Andrea Zimmerman
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 4:26:01 PM

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Hi Greg,

I believe this email was intended to go to the City Clerk, so I'm forwarding to you for documentation.

Jason Yang

(He, Him, She, Her)
Chief Clerk – Director of Administrative Services
County Manager's Office | *Strategic Team*

From: Andrea Zimmerman <noreply@formresponse.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 3:00 PM
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Public Comment

Name Andrea Zimmerman

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Address 1519 highland parkway, Saint paul, Minnesota, 55116

Comments I write as a 38 year old homeowner in Saint Paul who works in clean energy, volunteers at a nearby hospice center, and participates in the local Jewish Community Center. I grew up in Minnesota, and after living elsewhere for more than 13 years, it was my dream to return, purchase a home, and invest in my community - which I did in 2021. I believe strongly in the people and government of St. Paul, and our common values and goals. Taxes, including property, our critical for our city and neighbors to enjoy the quality of life, infrastructure, and services we do. That said, even as a an educated professional working full time,

the impact of significant annual property tax increases is felt by me, my family, and many others I know. We are all experiencing cost increases in virtually every avenue of our lives, and seeing large cost increases year after year from our city is both unsustainable and frustrating. There has got to be a better way, which is part of the reason I voted for a new mayoral leader this year. That said, she cannot act alone, and I look to the other city leaders to create a better path for us going forward. It's important to me that I be able to stay in St. Paul and continue contributing as a member of this community - but city leaders, it's important that you hear our voices and support us in making that possible from a financial perspective. Thank you for considering my views.

Do you wish to speak at the next hearing?

No

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From: [Eva Goldfarb](#)
To: [*CT-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: 2026 City Budget Comments
Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 3:48:24 PM
Attachments: [2026 St. Paul Budget Letter.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please see attached for our comments on the 2026 City Budget.

Thank you,

Eva Goldfarb

Government Affairs Coordinator

She | Her | Hers

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1954 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55104



We bring people together to create, preserve, and promote affordable homeownership and advance racial equity in housing. [Get involved!](#)



November 4, 2025

To: Chair Nelsie Yang and Members of the Saint Paul City Council Budget Committee

Cc: PED Interim Director Melanie McMahon

15 Kellogg Blvd W Ste 310,

St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: 2026 City Budget Comments

Dear Chair Yang and members of Saint Paul City Council:

On behalf of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, I am writing to share our comments on Mayor Carter's 2026 Proposed City Budget. In today's unpredictable environment, strong local partnerships are more vital than ever to ensure the success of current and future affordable housing developments across Saint Paul.

We take great pride in our decades-long partnership with the City of Saint Paul, which has only grown stronger over the past year through The Heights – a transformative development that is converting a former golf course into a vibrant neighborhood centered on clean energy and long-term affordability, benefiting generations to come. In just one year, 60 homes are actively under construction; 11 reservations have been made, and the first homeowners are set to move in soon.

The significant financial and other support of the 147-unit Heights neighborhood is indicative of our collective understanding of the dearth of affordable homeownership options in the City and throughout our region - new homes, acquisition and rehabilitation of existing homes, and the preservation of existing homeownership by low-income households.

The data is clear regarding the long-term positive, generational impact of affordable homeownership on families' education, health, and financial outcomes. Because of the City's tremendous support, we have partnered with over 450 families since 1985. In order to continue our work for Saint Paul residents, we need the City's support more than ever to confront headwinds facing the entire industry. Total developments costs have increased 6-12%, with rising tariffs creating additional pressures.

With the sunseting of the Inspiring Communities program, we see a timely opportunity to develop a flexible successor initiative that supports the **development of new affordable homes** on vacant lots, including HRA-owned lots, as well as the **acquisition and**

rehabilitation of existing homes to increase the supply of quality affordable owner-occupied homes.

With consistent and sufficient investment and accessible resources, a robust program could provide developers with a reliable pathway to create and preserve affordable homeownership throughout the City.

The proposed charter amendment allowing administrative citations for code violations represents a significant shift in how the City can address housing concerns short of criminal charges. This change is largely positive and will likely be an effective tool. That said, there are risks due to financial penalties that can unintentionally deepen the challenges faced by homeowners already under financial stress.

To mitigate these risks, we urge the City to consider a partnership-based approach that connects income-eligible homeowners with critical home repairs. Twin Cities Habitat's *A Brush With Kindness* program has successfully implemented this model in Bloomington and Minneapolis, helping stabilize homeowners at risk of displacement and preserving the existing housing stock. The majority of homeowners served through these partnerships have incomes at or below 30% AMI, and eligibility extends to those earning up to 80% AMI.

Our experience shows that citations can be addressed through supporting homeowners to make necessary fixes, rather than further disenfranchising them with unaffordable penalties. If and when City leaders would like to pilot this model in Saint Paul, we would be eager to talk further. Together, we can ensure this policy change uplifts rather than burdens the city's most vulnerable homeowners.

We are committed to continuing our close partnership with the City of Saint Paul and look forward to working together to create and preserve affordable homeownership opportunities across the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chris Coleman

President and CEO

November 12, 2025

St. Paul City Council
City Council Chambers
15 Kellogg Blvd. W.
St. Paul, MN 55102



Council Members,

Enough is enough. I understand the cost of everything is increasing in price. The proposed increase of 5.7% you are asking for taxpayers to pay is outrageous. With the county of Ramsey asking 9.75% increase & now that the St. Paul School referendum passed, homeowners are looking at close to 20% increase in taxes.

I don't know of anybody who is getting that kind of cost of living increase. Social Security is only going up 2.8% which I'm sure most will be going to Medicare.

Since 2018, which I paid \$1,516.00 a year, to 2025 which I paid \$3,664.00 an increase of \$2,148.00 in 8 years. This is in addition to annual assessments, sales tax & 1% tax.

Why are the poorer neighborhoods being taxed more than the rest of city neighborhoods?

Please look over the budget to see what or where things can be changed. Please be considerate of those on fixed incomes.

Jean Opating
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St. Paul, MN 55104



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From: [Polly Heintz](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Closing Rondo Library
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:47:04 AM

From: Alice Welna <aes.welna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:16 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Anika Bowie <Anika.Bowie@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Rebecca Noecker <Rebecca.Noecker@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Saura Jost <Saura.Jost@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Molly Coleman <Molly.Coleman@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Hwa Jeong Kim <HwaJeong.Kim@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Nelsie Yang <Nelsie.Yang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Cheniqua Johnson <Cheniqua.Johnson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Closing Rondo Library

Dear councilmembers,

My name is Alice and I am a Library Associate with Saint Paul Public Library. From 2018 to early 2025 I worked as the Teen Specialist for the Rondo Library branch. I lived in ward one for many years; I now live in ward four and work in ward two.

I am writing in support of CM Bowie's amendment to ensure that Rondo Library does not close without a clear plan and genuine engagement of community and staff.

CM Bowie informed clerical, reference, and safety staff that this renovation has been presented to council as being asked for by us. Having been at Rondo during the years these conversations began, I know how inaccurate that is. Over the years as we've been handed top-down responses to substance use from administrators not working in the building, my frontline coworkers and I have repeatedly emphasized that none of these strategies will be effective in stopping substance use at the library without true investment in our very community members who are affected. As we've adapted to interventions like fencing, police patrolling the space, and now this plan to renovate, we've consistently asked for more resources for patrons alongside these band-aid approaches, but been dismissed. My colleagues who remain at Rondo have said over and over that if admin's renovation plan is indeed going forward, then there at least needs to be real community and frontline staff engagement instead of a design created in secret by people with little to no knowledge of the space and neighborhood.

There is so, so much more I could say, but it's impossible for me to summarize these last

few years or to touch on every facet of this renovation that needs unpacking. To name only a fraction of what concerns me: the very minimal and last-minute information Rondo staff have received throughout the process, the unfulfilled promises of staff and patron involvement in design, the disastrous consequences for the University and Dale intersection to have an empty public building for at least a year, the likelihood that without a clear plan in place this renovation will be dragged out longer than expected, the difference in community engagement avenues that the Rondo neighborhood has received compared to the current and upcoming renovations in other neighborhoods, the painful irony of overriding public concern to close down a library that is named after a neighborhood torn apart by a construction project the city forced on residents. There is so much here that the council should have been engaging in long ago rather than at the last minute. But what you still can do is ensure that community and staff concerns are being heard, that a clear plan is made before closure, and that the expertise of people who know the library and neighborhood best is included. I see CM Bowie's amendment as one step towards reducing the harm that this renovation could cause and towards centering the community and frontline experts who have been excluded from the process.

Frankly, I worry that writing to council is more likely to lead to retaliation than action. I feel compelled to write, though, firstly to correct the narrative that this plan has come from Rondo staff and secondly to stand in solidarity with my fellow community members and patrons I've worked with over the years who are calling attention to the harm that this closure will cause, especially if it continues without meaningful engagement or clear plans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Alice Welna

From: [Polly Heintz](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Support
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:45:38 AM

From: Artika Tyner <dr.artikatyner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:29:25 PM
To: Anika Bowie <Anika.Bowie@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Letter of Support

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Dear Councilmember Bowie:

I am writing to support the amendment to the 2026 budget to require a comprehensive plan prior to allocating the Rondo Library Renovation Funds. A detailed plan is warranted to ensure an effective approach for improving the library experience.

The Rondo Library is presently a hub of criminal activity and drug use due to the gross negligence of the library administration. This deprives our children, families and elders of an enriching library experience.

Libraries are a third space where our Rondo community gathers for educational support, workforce development and community building, to name a few.

Yet, we have been deprived of this space for years under the current administration. To allow the director to take any further action without exercising due diligence is reckless. Renovation would require a clear plan of action developed in partnership with community stakeholders. This is the only way to ensure transparency and accountability. In addition, this will aid in restoring public trust and strengthening community relations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Artika R. Tyner, Ed.D., M.P.P., J.D.





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From: [Kaleb McCulloch](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Cc: [John Perlich](#)
Subject: SPAC_11.25.25_Truth in Taxation_Public Comments
Date: Monday, November 24, 2025 3:27:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[SPAC_11.25.25_Truth in Taxation_Public Comments.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please find attached the St. Paul Area Chamber's public comments for tomorrow's Truth in Taxation hearing. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you,
Kaleb



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Senior Director of Government Affairs
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kaleb@stpaulchamber.com



November 25, 2025

Council President Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Molly Coleman

Council Vice President Hwa Jeong Kim
Councilmember Nelsie Yang
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Re: Saint Paul's 2026 Proposed Property Tax Levy

On behalf of the 1,600+ members and affiliates of the St. Paul Area Chamber, I write to urge the City Council to prioritize core government services and fiscal discipline in the 2026 budget. We acknowledge the Mayor's effort to limit the levy increase amid rising demands on local government revenues. Rising costs necessitate restraint and a focus on the services that residents and employers depend on to live, work, invest, and play in Saint Paul.

To that end, the proposed budget includes several investments that move the City in the right direction. The five million dollars for office-to-residential conversions signals a willingness to confront the challenges facing downtown and prioritize growth strategies. With downtown office values dropping, diversifying our property tax base is critical for fiscal stability. The allocation for the PAULIE permitting platform will further streamline the approval process and create a stronger climate for employers investing in Saint Paul. These align with the Chamber's commitment to a competitive, reliable environment for job creation and economic growth. While these investments are positive steps, gaps remain in areas around public safety.

The Chamber strongly believes next year's budget must support two Police Academies. Chief Henry clearly outlined the high number of retirements expected within the next five years. Delaying investment in recruitment and training may yield short-term savings, but it will create long-term staffing shortages that carry higher financial and public safety costs.

The Chamber's top priorities remain a business-friendly city, strong core services, and a dependable public safety system. Mayor-elect Her underscored this approach when she said, "To make Saint Paul work for its residents, we need to get the nuts and bolts of running a city right, so that we can welcome residents, businesses, and

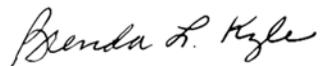


development to expand our tax base and get our city moving again.” The Council needs to advance that vision as it works through the 2026 budget.

We urge the Council to prioritize core government services and fiscal discipline in the 2026 budget. While Saint Paul’s proposed levy is already among the lowest in Ramsey County, now is the time to refocus on core government services that will help residents, retain employers, and attract new investment. A strong business climate depends on reliable public safety, efficient permitting, and a vibrant downtown that supports both existing and new businesses. This budget must provide the resources and stability necessary to sustain that environment and position Saint Paul for long-term economic growth.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,



B Kyle
President and CEO
St. Paul Area Chamber



From: [Carl Michaud](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Comments
Date: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:44:18 PM
Attachments: [Truth in Taxation Hearing Comments 2025.pdf](#)

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Dear Council members:

COMMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

Please keep St Paul affordable for all residents. Recent property tax, sales tax, water utility, and franchise fee increases make the city less affordable for most people. Reduce the overall levy to no more than 2%.

My recommendation is to fund the core functions of the city at the current inflation rate, about 2.6%, to ensure these services are adequately provided for and maintained. By core city services, I mean police, fire and emergency services, public works, parks and recreation, and housing.

All other programs that are not core services should be reevaluated for phasing out or elimination, especially if they duplicate services already provided for by other governmental agencies in order to achieve a reduction in the overall property tax levy to the 2% level. Outlined below are several actions the city council can take to reduce the property tax levy.

Decertify any Tax Increment Financing District that has paid off the loan the city took to give the developer money for the project. This will redirect those property tax dollars to the general fund and reduce the levy for not only the city, but the county and school district.

Eliminate the \$5M proposed by the mayor to convert office space to residential use in downtown. The city should not subsidize the reduction in the market value of downtown property resulting in generating fewer property tax dollars to the general fund since residential properties pay at a lessor rate than commercial properties. This proposed expenditure does not make any financial sense in the short or long term. The city should be creative and explore other options to entice businesses to fill the office space in downtown at a lessor cost.

Pause spending revenue from the 1% sales tax for new park facilities. Redirect that revenue to reducing the current multi-million dollar maintenance backlog on parks and park facilities. Evaluate how the city will pay to operate and maintain these new facilities given that the city does not have sufficient funding to properly operate and maintain its existing parks and recreation facilities. Do we need new park facilities when the city's park system is already ranked 5th in the nation and the city is under financial stress?

Request the state to fulfill its obligation to pay for its share of operating and maintenance costs for regional park facilities. Currently the city receives only about \$1.5M of the \$7M it is due.

Reassess the many positions supported by federal government aid to the city during the COVID pandemic to determine their need and alignment with core municipal services. Freeze all current vacant positions.

Focus the budget on problems that are your responsibility, mainly the core services cities must provide. Over the past decade the mayor and council have offered social welfare programs to residents. While these programs are important and valuable, they are not the responsibility of the city to provide. Social welfare programs are the responsibility of the federal, state, and county. As much as the city would like to solve all the problems within its boundaries, it does not have the responsibility, money, nor expertise to do so. Stepping in to help in these areas only allows the federal, state and county governments to avoid their responsibilities.

Keep St Paul affordable. Thanks for your consideration.

Carl Michaud
1133 Portland Av

From: [KRISTEN MUELLER](#)
To: [CouncilHearing_English \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 56 seconds)
Date: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:53:32 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

hello this is kristen mueller and my address is 1384 simpson st i am calling about the property tax proposed 2026 bill concerning the valuation of my home it looks like the evaluation went up over \$50,000 from 2025 i live in a home that was built in 1927 i have done very little work to the home i still have the original boiler from 1927 it's a 2 1/2 bedroom 1 bathroom two story home unfinished basement approximately 1200 square feet my proposed bill has gone up 23.58% over last year estimated property value at \$388,200 i find this astounding being as how the the zillow reports says it's worth about \$325,000 it still has the original windows and of course nothing other than installing a mini split has been changed to the home since i purchased it in 2002 so i am asking that either i get in contact with the city assessor to come and take a look at the home or for somebody to call me back to go over the concerns i have about this property tax increase again my name is kristen mueller live at 1384 simpson st my telephone number is 763-442-6110 i would appreciate a call back thank you so much bye

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From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Property tax explosion
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:58:30 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

From: meclasemann <meclasemann@usfamily.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 4:00 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Property tax explosion

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I am writing to voice my outrage at the huge increase in my property tax for the city of St Paul.

First off, the value you put on my house, I would never be able to get if I sold my house. I highly doubt it would even get approved for a mortgage at the amount.

Secondly, your so called trash hauling, that was supposed to be so much better and less expensive is most definitely not in any way, shape or form less expensive or better.

1) the trucks are a lot bigger than any of the trash haulers we've had, weither they were of our choosing or what you forced us to use. They are exponentially heavier, noisier, and harder on our streets and trash cans.

Last Monday they picked up in the morning (the racket they made could wake the dead.). I heard and saw them again around 3 pm, going down our street (our street is a block and a half long) at a very high speed for no reason.

2) I have seen so many of the trash cans on our street that have been destroyed by the new service, within weeks of them starting to pick up trash.

3) we are constantly being charged for replacement containers. I got the smaller container while we still had the independent company, but still get charged a replacement fee on my bills.

4) when the city decided we weren't capable of choosing our trash company and you

decided that you had to do that for us, you had to hire several people as you said " to monitor " the companies so they didn't go out of the assigned areas to provide services. You also claimed people should pay based on their waste size. Yet when you figured out how much one would pay per unit of the container and what they were being charge, those with the largest containers paid less per unit than the smaller containers.

5) now that you have completely taken over the trash hauling (which I add is socialism) how many more people have you increased the city payroll by? Thereby increasing expenses.

6) You claimed our bills would be less. Not all trash sizes have gone down and you made up the difference plus your exponentially increased trash fees are hidden in the property tax inceases.

7) when you started taking over the trash hauling, first with independent trash hauler that knew what they were doing, and now with FCC, you made no attempt to make sure the money stayed in our city, state or even our country. You don't intend to support our city or state with your expenditures, nor are you concerned with protecting your constituents money.

You have in the notice of public hearing instructions. If you need an interpreter, call 651-266-8560 no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, November 14th. I received my proposed bill on the 15th.

Late just like the trash bills, late.

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Last Minute Budget Comments
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:58:14 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

From: jim <jimmullaney@zoho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:30 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Last Minute Budget Comments

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Dear St. Paul City Councilmembers & Staffs:

I would appreciate your consideration of my budget comments as I am unable to make it to tonight's (11/25/25) public hearing.

- Please prioritize street repair and maintenance over non-critical park upgrades.
 - many streets are too rough for normal-sized cars to withstand
- Please vote no on the Summit bike path. It will disturb the character of one of the US' most splendid boulevards.
 - curbing, signage, striping, loss of trees will create a whole new "look" that will ruin the street's lasting splendor

Thank you.

Jim Mullaney

526 Mount Curve Blvd. 55116
jimmullaney@zoho.com

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Vendor Registration Request 2025/2026
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:54:14 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

From: Etihad Aviation Group <t.huz@into-sana.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 1:34 AM
Subject: Vendor Registration Request 2025/2026

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Attn: Sir/Madam,

We are interested in your services and invite your company to register for Vendor/Contractor Partnership with Etihad Aviation Group for our 2025/2026 projects.

If you wish to participate, please confirm your interest, and we will send the Vendor Questionnaire and EOI.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Engr, Tami Hassan,
Vendor Procurement & Contracts Shared Services Center
Etihad Aviation Group PJSC

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: City budget cost containment
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:53:52 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

-----Original Message-----

From: timmcn@bitstream.net <timmcn@bitstream.net>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 3:40 PM
To: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#) <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: City budget cost containment

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The City of St. Paul needs to be finding ways to *reduce* rather than raise homeowners' property taxes- maybe by not cutting \$74 million property tax reduction sweetheart deals for developers of the Highland Bridge project, perhaps? And not reducing the rate of growth, but reducing the actual dollar figure.

Have you considered exploring setting up an Urban Wealth Fund to leverage city-owned properties to generate revenue? The old model of property taxation is simply no longer viable- my property taxes have gone up 66% between 2021-2025 and are set to go up another 9.2% for next year. My income, on the other hand, is down over that same time. The costs of groceries, homeowner's insurance, auto insurance and almost everything else are up. The City Council members and the mayor may have enough money to shrug this off, but most St. Paul homeowners are not in that situation. St. Paul needs an alternative way of funding itself.

Only 40% of St. Paul residents own where they live (which means 60% of St. Paulites do not have stable, secure housing- rental is neither). This is an astonishing failure. A city in which the majority of homes are rental is in a moral and economic crisis which unfairly burdens BIPOC residents in particular. Black home ownership in St. Paul, for example, is a mere 26% compared to 46% in 1960.

What do St. Paul's citizens get for their property tax dollars? A failed downtown, streets that are cratered, terrible snowplowing, street lights that don't work*. In terms of budget priorities, fund infrastructure! As the Chinese proverb wisely says, "if you want prosperity to arrive at your door, first repair the road." There is literal as well as metaphorical truth to this.

* Regarding streetlights, weld the access panels shut to keep people from stealing the copper wiring. If the wiring is correctly done, access is not needed because no repairs should be necessary. Regulate the sale of copper to scrap metal dealers by requiring proof of source, as has been done with catalytic convertors (ultimately a state issue rather than a city/county issue but you could start there). And stop using those horrible purple lamps in the streetlights. My God, those are awful. It's like the 60s and blacklight posters are back.

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Feedback on Proposed Property Tax 2026
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:53:31 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter T. Erickson <peter.t.erickson@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:48 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Property Tax 2026

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I am hesitant to say much of anything in the current political environment, however am compelled to speak to my financial future.

We have been in this current house for a little over 20 years. In that time, our property taxes have increased over six fold. Yet, basic services are not met. For example, I am required to keep the alley clear of snow; however that makes very little sense since the roads in Cherokee Park are rarely cleared.

Finally, it has become increasingly clear that retiring in St Paul is an unwise financial move. To that point, I spent several hours yesterday looking for my next home outside of St Paul. Perhaps I should thank the city for the kick in the pants needed.

Sincerely,
Peter Erickson

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Public Hearing Property Taxes
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:52:46 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

From: ANN JOHNSON <amj88@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 9:22 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: ANN JOHNSON <amj88@comcast.net>
Subject: Public Hearing Property Taxes

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Hello.

I own a property in St. Paul and received notice of the Public Hearing on November 25. I am unable to attend this meeting in person, but wanted to express my serious concerns about this high increase in our property taxes.

I would request that you do your best to NOT raise our property taxes this much. Please consider that following and try to not increase our taxes as much as proposed.

- Ramsey County has levied a very large increase which is raising our taxes
- The St. Paul School Board passed a huge tax levy which is raising our taxes
- Property Assessed Values increased significantly in 2025
- Inflation and food and basic necessity prices are very high

Considering all of these factors, it is becoming difficult to afford living in St. Paul. Please consider NOT raising taxes this much and look for ways to exercise financial prudence in these difficult times.

Thank you.

Ann Johnson
1251 Watson Ave
St. Paul, MN 55116

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Property Tax Valuation Appeal - 1731 Stanford Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:52:00 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

From: Elizabeth Simmer <elizabeth.simmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 10:55 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Property Tax Valuation Appeal - 1731 Stanford Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105

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To Whom It May Concern,

My retired husband, John, and I, Elizabeth Simmer, have resided at the property located at 1731 Stanford Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105, for over 30 years. As residents, we have consistently observed an annual increase in our property taxes throughout this period.

We wish to formally **contest the current estimated market value of \$437,300** assigned to our home. Based on our assessment of the property's condition and comparable local properties, we strongly believe that a more accurate and equitable valuation is **\$350,000**. While we acknowledge that many neighboring properties have appreciated in value, our home has not experienced a similar level of appreciation.

We respectfully request that you consider this appeal at the special meeting scheduled for November 25th.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth and John Simmer 651-500-4689

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Microsoft 365 security: You have messages in quarantine
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:51:36 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

From: quarantine@messaging.microsoft.com <quarantine@messaging.microsoft.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 3:24 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Microsoft 365 security: You have messages in quarantine

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From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Protest of 2026 taxable market value for 886 Parkview Avenue, Saint Paul
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:51:10 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

From: Jeff Clark <jeffatlast@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 1:06 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Jeff Clark <jeffatlast@gmail.com>
Subject: Protest of 2026 taxable market value for 886 Parkview Avenue, Saint Paul

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Public comment for City Council 2026 budget considerations:

Like many of my neighbors on my block, I am at a loss for the proposed increase in market value for my residence, both estimated and taxable. Estimated value has increased by nearly \$42,000 (from 401,222 in 2025 to 443,187 in 2026).

Based on home improvements, my last planned improvement was installation of a rooftop solar energy system in 2024. In 2025, our insurance company did authorize a roof replacement due to hail damage.

Beyond this, our block has been part of the neighborhood renovation, receiving improvements in sewage and a new sidewalk on my side of the street. I don't know whether this figures into the value increase. On the debit side of property value, is the loss of mature trees on my block (including one in front of my house).

I would appreciate a reconsideration of the taxable market value, which has resulted in an 11.07% increase in my total tax for 2026. Without further explanation, this seems excessively high, especially when I look online at the range of suggested current market values for my property.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeffrey C Clark
886 Parkview Avenue

Stebbing's Como View Lot 11 Block 2

612.412.7550

jeffatlast@gmail.com

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Comments For Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:50:34 PM

Thanks,
Kumud

-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Utoft <annutoft@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 3:14 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; chiefclerk@RamseyCountyMN.gov
Subject: Comments For Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

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I would like to submit the following comments after opening my proposed property tax increase of 8.48% from 2025:

1. Government wasteful spending and fraud are out of control. Ramsey County has the highest property taxes in the state, especially St. Paul. As wealth is driven out of Minnesota especially from businesses, spending needs to be cut not increased.
2. Ramsey County gave \$38.4 million to 213 non-governmental organizations the past year, some fraudulent. This money should not be taken out of property taxes. See Liz Collin's coverage on this at alpha news.
3. The overuse of tax incremental financing (TIF) in St. Paul is contributing to sky rocketing property taxes now and well into the future. This must be curbed immediately.
4. Unnecessary spending for new parks, recreational centers and little used bike trails is not sustainable as revenue streams decline. Downtown St. Paul does not need a walkway nor a learning center at Crosby Farm Regional Park. St. Paul always ranks in the top five cities nationwide for parks. The city has rapidly declined and our standards for parks and recreation need to be pulled back from this gold standard.
5. St. Paul's bloated city staff under Mayor Carter need to be seriously trimmed. Incoming Mayor Her will hopefully address this. The same goes for Ramsey County. My last property assessor did nothing to check my property on her last visit. She was more concerned about if her boyfriend was on the St. Paul fire truck that drove by my house. She raised my property taxes by double digits last year with unjust cause. Why bother to send her out. Just eliminate her position.

\$InsightStPaul has attempted to educate St.Paul council members with little progress. Please meet and listen to them. St. Paul is circling the drain and we need wasteful spending, fraud and bloated, ineffective city and governments trimmed.

Thank you!

Ann Utoft
758 Macalester St.
St. Paul, MN
612-239-1236

Sent from my iPad

From: [*CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Property taxes 2026
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:50:04 PM
Importance: High

Thanks,
Kumud

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From: chandler@alphabetas.com <chandler@alphabetas.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 1:36 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Property taxes 2026
Importance: High

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To whom it may concern,

I just received my proposed tax bill for my home covering the year 2026. There's to be a 22.4% increase in my property taxes?!?!?!? How is this possible? Why are you doing this to people? We struggle to buy food and fuel, then on top of that we're taxed for the homes we are paying mortgages on?! How is this okay? Please stop doing this. Things are tough enough as it is, no one needs MORE money taken out of our pockets that should be going to food, fuel and basic necessities. TAXES ARE NOT A BASIC NECESSITY! We live in a state that has one of the highest tax rates in the country, this needs to stop. You all need to stop raising property taxes. It's criminal. It's not fair. It's anti-American and it's just plain reprehensible.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Chris Chandler
1144 Minnehaha Ave W

Dear St. Paul City Council,

I was born and raised in St. Paul and bought a home in the city in 1998. I moved to the city since taxes and house prices were reasonable. However, that is no longer true.

I own a 1924 home that, after doing renovation, is about 1250 square feet on a standard city lot. I reviewed my tax statements from 2018 to the recent *proposed* tax statement for 2026. In 2018, my taxes were \$3100. The recent statement is \$6,164 which does not include the recycling and solid waste costs (\$215.62 in 2025), nor the school levy that passed. Therefore, my tax statement will be about \$6700 once all taxes and fees are applied if the County and City pass the proposed tax levy. This will be an increase of over \$1,000 from 2025 (3 years ago my taxes went up \$860). THIS IS UNAFFORDABLE!

I would appreciate the Council not saying to people, "Please file a Property Tax Refund." This appears to be a common misnomer by politicians that this fund makes it acceptable to raise taxes beyond what the community can carry. Although a homeowner can apply for the refund, that refund only helps for one year. However, the taxes stay high and just keep going up while a property owners' ability to get tax relief is unattainable. I have applied for these refunds throughout the years but, as you can see, my taxes have doubled in six years, while my income has not.

I would also like the Council to address the cost of recycling. In 2022, recycling was assessed at \$60.24. In 2023, the assessment was \$129.42. What happened to double the cost of recycling? In 2025, the assessment was \$172.76. So, in 3 years, recycling costs have nearly tripled.

Another cost to consider is the line item, "Economic Development and Housing". From 2022 to 2023 this line item increased 546.38%. What does the City have to show for this astronomic increase to St. Paul taxpayers? What is the current budget amount for this line item?

As a property owner in St. Paul, I cannot carry the burden of the schools and city. The State and City increased taxes to procure a steady funding stream for roads and affordable housing. Where is the tax for education/schools?

I am looking forward to a new administration in St. Paul to hopefully have new eyes on the budget. Please read the article in the Star Tribune on Sunday November 23rd that has ideas on how to change funding streams to bring relief to homeowners. We desperately need new ideas, and we also need to get back to basics and not pet projects that cost us all but only benefit a few.

Sincerely, St. Paul homeowner in the 55117 area