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Subject: Objection to Assessment # 245503 for 9/18/24 Council Meeting
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File # MO2303
Assessment # 245503
Parcel ID # 08-28-23-42-0044

Dear Council Member Jost and other esteemed City Council members,

I am a homeowner at 526 Mount Curve Boulevard in St. Paul and writing to object to the assessment for the recent mill and overlay project on our section of the street (please reference particulars above).

I was told by my neighbors that Minnesota law requires that street maintenance like mill and overlay work is to be paid out of the general fund or property taxes. Assessments against property owners should be unlawful in that such street maintenance services do not convey any specific benefit on a property owner; such services benefit the entire city. The authority for that conclusion is a 2022 decision by The Honorable Ramsey District Court Judge Awsumb in reliance on a 2016 Minnesota Supreme Court decision involving the First Baptist Church of St. Paul.

However, the basis of the assessment is contrary to this decision, i.e., it is based on the assumption that our property values would benefit 1% in value from the work that was done (as reported from the City Council meeting on July 26, 2023).

As further consideration, many of my neighbors and I did not want this work done and this was communicated to the Council. Our stretch of Mount Curve (from Randolph Ave to Hartford Ave) was in good shape. In addition, the new extra smooth surface from Ford Parkway to Randolph, along with the new traffic light and signage at Ford, has attracted new through traffic with many speeding drivers on Mount Curve. Therefore, the project has turned out to have a negative impact on us.

Thank you in advance for considering my objection at the September 18, 2024 Council meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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