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Hi Anika, hope this email finds you well. We've been longtime St Paul residents (I moved here from Milwaukee almost 20 years ago) and live near Selby & Victoria. I wanted to reach out and express some concern about the city budget as well as the 2025 property tax increases. My wife and I voted for you in the past election and hope this won't fall on deaf ears. Our 2025 property statement shows that our home's property value has gone *down* but our property taxes are seeing double digit *increases*. That doesn't add up, especially when seeing recent news about how Saint Paul's budget has seen significant increases (even adjusted for inflation) over the past few years. I imagine there's a long wish list of cool and interesting new projects to fund in city government; there's a lot of need and a desire to make positive change. But also I think many St Paul residents are waking up to the reality that there's been a lack of fiscal stewardship for some years now, and it's not sustainable. I'm curious what your take is regarding the ballooning city budget and how that impacts many residents and business owners in the city?

Thanks for your service

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Jon Reynolds