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Yeah. This is Dennis Chisholm. Chisholm, Dennis. CHIS Holm, lifetime resident of Saint Paul. That makes it 73 years I've been living here, and most of which have been paying taxes, and I'm against any more increases in the taxes. I've been here long enough to know that the sales tax was a WAS initially started as a temporary tax and it wasn't temporary for long. It's been temporary now for 30-40 years, so that's, I think it'll just drive more business out of the city. And I'm against any further increases in my property tax because the value hasn't increased much, but the property tax has. It's almost doubled in the last eight years. So you're I worked here all my life. I'd like to continue living here for my retirement, but there's other places I can live, though there isn't where your retirement isn't taxed the hell. So I'm just flabbergasted how much money you spent. Spent 2 two years in a row of budget surplus at the capital and they gave away \$3 billion. So if you're if you're not married with children, you don't benefit a whole lot from what they gave away. But I'm just saying where's it going to end? I see for sale signs go up and you're not too concerned about it because somebody always buys those houses and moves in, but then they realize how expensive it is to live here and the house goes back on the market. So they're within 3, three to five years at the most. They're moving back out of Saint Paul and businesses have also, you know, I watch TV and I see ads for Muscle Electric, Mcquillen Brothers Plumbing and heating that used to be in Saint Paul. Now they're in Roseville and New Hope and not in Saint Paul anymore, so it's just used to be a beautiful place to live. But I don't know.

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