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To: CouncilHearing English (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 53 seconds)

Date: Monday, September 1, 2025 6:24:00 PM

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my name is Kari KARI last name is spelled AAENG i'm at 66 9th st E unit 1905 uh 55101 umm i'm calling in regards to assessment number 245203 and i honestly thank you people have lost your like for real being a resident of saint paul we're already paying extremely high taxes property taxes and now you want to assess me an additional what was it 1000 \$1011.21 one \$1000 a \$1000 assessment because i live at 6th st absolutely not i pay high property taxes my condo is only 680 square feet in a building that has 200 plus units why i mean you are making bank off of us i say no to the assessment number 245203 the beautification project BS my streets have been torn up for months now and i know it's the biggest pretty whatever i don't care that money that is a lot of money to ask for somebody to pay especially during the current time i really think you guys have lost your mind i say absolutely not i do not want to pay this fee it's a come out of property taxes the taxes that are already really high you have enough of my money again my number is 970-274-0581 my email is xyinaspen@yahoocom quit robbing us blind

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From: Kari Aaeng

To: <u>*CI-StPaul Contact-Council</u>
Subject: Assessment #245203

Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:19:16 PM

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Dear Saint Paul City Council,

I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the proposed \$1,011.21 special assessment for street improvements affecting City Walk Condos (property ID# 31-28-22-43-1346). This assessment represents a significant financial hardship for many residents, and I believe the current proposal is fundamentally unfair and unsustainable.

The proposed assessment, coupled with recent increases in city, county, and property taxes, places an undue burden on homeowners already struggling with the rising cost of living. Many City Walk residents are on fixed incomes and face difficult choices between essential needs like food and medicine. An additional assessment of this magnitude could have devastating consequences for their well-being.

The rationale for this assessment, specifically for street improvements on a four-block stretch, requires further scrutiny. A considerable portion of this area serves not only City Walk residents but also a large volume of Minnesota state residents, tourists, and visitors to the downtown area. It is inequitable to place the entire financial burden solely on a small number of homeowners while the wider community benefits from improved infrastructure. The State of Minnesota and the City of Saint Paul should share a significant portion of the costs, reflecting the broader usage of these streets.

Furthermore, the primary access point for City Walk Condos is 7th Street, not Minnesota Street, which I rarely use personally. My typical routes utilize Robert Street or Wabasha Street to access the highway system. This further underscores the disproportionate impact this assessment will have on our community.

As a member of the City Walk Condominium Association Board, I can confirm that sadly we are being forced to increase in HOA fees. This assessment will further exacerbate the financial hardship for our residents. We urge the City Council to reconsider this assessment and explore alternative funding mechanisms that distribute the cost more equitably amongst those who truly benefit from the improvements. We believe a fairer solution exists that avoids imposing such a severe financial strain on a vulnerable population.

Sincerely,

Kari Aaeng

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