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To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case #2026-00440 — Special Assessment Appeal — 3939 Chicago Avenue
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 11:54:28 AM
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Dear City Council Committee,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed special assessment against my property at 3939 Chicago Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN, in connection with the 38th & Chicago Re-Envisioned construction project (Case #2026-00440).

My full written objection is attached.

In summary, I am requesting dismissal for myself and the other owners of my condo building of this assessment on the following grounds:

- **As a resident, property owner, and condo board member** two blocks from George Floyd Square, I have already borne significant and ongoing financial burdens — including doubled HOA fees, six consecutive years of special building assessments, and depleted reserves from urgent structural and security needs.
- **As a small business owner** who has actively served in this community — including providing free care to protesters in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder — I am already contributing to this neighborhood at significant personal and financial cost.
- This project is of citywide and global significance and **its costs should be distributed broadly across Minneapolis, not concentrated on the immediate neighborhood.**

Please find my full statement attached.

Respectfully,

Rhianna Gawrys

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Individual and Collective Appeal for the 38th & Chicago Re-Envisioned Project

I am a resident, property owner, and small business owner in the area impacted by the construction of George Floyd Square at 38th and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis, MN.

I am submitting this written objection to the proposed special assessment against my property at 3939 Chicago Avenue in connection with the 38th & Chicago Re-Envisioned construction project.

I. I Have Already Assumed Disproportionate Financial Risk to Invest in This Neighborhood

I purchased my property in the fall of 2020 — after the murder of George Floyd in May of that same year — with full awareness of the challenges this neighborhood faced. At a time when most people were avoiding investment in this area, I made a deliberate choice to buy here, contribute to the tax base, and participate in the community's recovery. That decision came with real financial risk, and I accepted it. I invested here because I believed in this community and wanted to be part of its recovery. I'm still here and still investing. And I'm asking that this additional financial burden not be placed on me and my neighbors.

II. I Chose This Neighborhood When It Was a Risk & My Property Value Has Declined

In the fall 2020, buying property near George Floyd Square was not a neutral financial decision. The neighborhood had just experienced a world-altering tragedy, significant civil unrest, and real economic disruption. I made a conscious choice to invest anyway — to put my money, my presence, and my future here. That was my contribution to this community's stability at one of its hardest moments.

My property has since declined in value. It is worth less today than what I paid for it. I have already absorbed a financial loss from that decision. I took the risk, I accepted the outcome, and I am still here. I should not now be assessed an additional tax for a project that will benefit the entire city of Minneapolis — when I have already paid, in diminished property value

III. I Have Already Borne Significant and Ongoing Financial Burdens as a Direct Result of This Neighborhood's Circumstances

I serve on the board of my condo association at 3939 Chicago Avenue, two blocks from George Floyd Square, and I have a firsthand view of what the past several years have cost every owner in this building. Our HOA fees have more than doubled since 2020 — and this is not a minor inconvenience. The fees have grown so high that our units are now disqualified from standard mortgage searches, pricing out prospective buyers before they ever walk through the door. Our board is currently in active conversation with a realtor about how to make the building more financially viable, because what we are asking owners and buyers to carry has become a genuine market impediment.

In addition to those doubled monthly fees, every owner has been assessed a special building assessment every single year, with more ahead:

- 2022: \$5,000
- 2023: \$5,000
- 2024: \$2,500
- 2025: \$1,000
- 2026: \$2,000
- 2027: \$1,000
- 2030: \$10,000 (projected roof replacement)

That's \$26,500 in special assessments per owner, on top of HOA fees that have doubled.

And the assessments are not abstract future numbers — the financial pressure is active and immediate. In just the first three months of 2026, our building has already spent approximately \$40,000 from our reserves — roughly half of everything we have worked hard to set aside. These were not cosmetic improvements, they were urgent structural and security necessities, including measures required after our building was broken into. We did not choose to spend that money. The realities of maintaining a building in this neighborhood made the decision for us.

That unplanned expenditure has also forced us to put on hold any plans we had as a board to begin reducing our HOA fees. We were working toward relief for our owners — some relief from the costs that are making it hard to sell, hard to buy, and hard to stay. That work has now been set back significantly.

The cumulative effect of all of this — doubled HOA fees, six years of special assessments, increasing then depleting the reserves, and three more assessments still ahead — almost certainly places most owners in this building above the 30% of gross income threshold that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines as "cost-burdened."

This is not a reflection of poor financial planning. We purchased at one price, under one set of conditions, and the cost of living here has escalated in ways that were neither predictable nor within our control. We are not living beyond our means. We are living in a building where the means required have grown substantially since we arrived — and where the City's one more assessment, layered on top of everything already in place, pushes that burden further than it can go.

IV. George Floyd's Death Belongs to All of Minneapolis — So Should the Cost of Honoring It

George Floyd's murder did not just affect the block where it happened. It shook this neighborhood, this city, this state, this country, and the world. People travel from across the globe to stand at 38th and Chicago. The redesign being proposed is not a neighborhood streetscape project — it is a civic and moral undertaking of international significance. Its cost should reflect that.

This neighborhood has also not been untouched by other loss. We are a short distance from where Renee Good was murdered. Tragedy has visited this community more than once, and the people who live here have carried that weight — emotionally, and increasingly, financially. Six years after George Floyd's death, we as residents two blocks from the square are still feeling the financial consequences of being the home of that moment in history. Our HOA fees have doubled. Our building assessments stack year after year. And now, the city is asking us to fund the permanent memorial as well.

The weight of George Floyd's legacy belongs to all of Minneapolis — and so should the cost of honoring it. We are not asking to be excused from our city. We are asking the city to recognize that this community has already given what it has, and that the bill for something the whole world mourns should not land on the street where it happened.

V. I Am a Local Entrepreneur and am Already Paying Higher Taxes

I am a chronic pain specialist and a small business owner serving this community. My patients are often those who have been turned away elsewhere — people still living with pain levels of 5 out of 10 or higher after other practitioners have given up on them. This is who I choose to serve.

After George Floyd's murder, when people filled the streets to protest, I offered my services free of charge. I heard the stories of people who were already living with chronic pain, who were exhausted, whose bodies were hurting after days of marching and standing in grief and solidarity. I showed up for this neighborhood before it had a memorial, before there was a construction plan, before there was a city video about community vision. I was here, doing what I could, with what I had.

I continue to operate my business in this community and pay taxes. I am not asking to be exempt from civic responsibility. I am asking that this specific cost — for a project of citywide and national significance — be distributed more broadly, rather than concentrated on the residents.

Adding another special assessment creates a genuine financial hardship for me and undermines the city's stated goals of supporting local economic investment in underserved areas.

Conclusion and Request

I have three requests:

- 1) My personal request: I respectfully request that my special assessment be dismissed. If full dismissal is not granted, I ask that it be substantially reduced in recognition of the documented financial burdens I have already assumed and continue to carry as a resident and property owner at 3939 Chicago Avenue.

- 2) I request that all property owners in my building at 3939 Chicago Avenue are dismissed from the special assessment or, if not dismissed in full, then substantially reduced in recognition of the documented financial burdens the owners have already assumed and are responsible for this year and in the years to come.
- 3) I also ask the City Council to consider a broader funding mechanism for this project — one that distributes its cost across South Minneapolis and the wider city — so that the neighbors of George Floyd Square are not asked, yet again, to carry alone what belongs to all of us.

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From: [Michael Olson](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 38th & Chicago Special Assessment Objection
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 12:29:04 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my formal objection to the levying of special assessments on property owners for the street reconstruction of Chicago Avenue between 37th and 39th Streets, and E 38th Street between Park Ave and 10th Ave.

While I appreciate that the math for the assessments is done by the book (following the formula for a full street reconstruction using the 2026 uniform assessment rate) I object to this assessment in its entirety. This street reconstruction project is not being undertaken out of necessity due to street age or maintenance concerns. If it were, surely the same concerns would continue further on both Chicago Avenue and E 38th- not limited to this small area- as long sections of street share an age and level of use.

It would seem to me then that the sole reason for the reconstruction of these streets at this time is then the "need" in the eyes of the city to rebuild the community-made memorials and public spaces associated with George Floyd Square to some formalized traffic engineering/ safety standards. That being the case, the community in the area should not be made responsible for bearing the costs of this project. Especially with regards to those residents and business owners who were present before the events of May 2020. While policy may be policy in terms of the manner in which assessments are applied, we as humans possess the unique ability to reason that sets us apart from, say, a computer blindly applying a formula when conditions are met. It is morally dubious (at best) to subject the community to further economic hardship and harm when it is the community who has already borne a great deal of harm at the hands of the city. We have the ability to apply discretion to situations based on unique variables!

If we accept that street reconstruction is necessary from a traffic safety perspective due to the presence of the memorials, and that assessments must be levied uniformly for all street reconstruction projects, then I propose the following instead: In a just world, the assessments being levied for this project should be paid by those responsible for the project's need in the first place- the Minneapolis Police Department. **Instead reallocate funding from the MPD budget equal to the total value of the assessments being proposed for all property owners as the funding source for this portion of the project.**

Thank you,

Michael Olson
resident/homeowner, 3837 Chicago Avenue

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From: [Charles Griffiths](#)
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To whom it may concern

I would like to raise two points:

The impact on surrounding small business of a 3 year project. The impact to of the rebuilding of Hennepin Avenue on small business was extensive compounding their survival of: COVID, George Floyd Riots, Winston Smith Killing elevated crime levels etc. Viewing this project throughout it's progress I was struck how excessive the rebuild was and especially towards end how much of the road was functional but closed while they took a whole month just to paint lines when they could easily have enabled some traffic flow ! I fear the same may be instore for Lyndale Avenue businesses. There has to be more respect for local business and a recognition that they are a part of why people will travel on any redesigned road. When the community asks for provision for parking they should not be ignored.

There is only room for some many modes of transport along Lyndale Avenue, there is already a bike route two blocks east of Lyndale Avenue is Bryant Avenue a designated bicycle route from 52th Street through Lake Street as a separated bike lane and subsequently as a designated bike route to Loring Park, via a purpose built bridge over Lyndale. Leaving a dedicated bike lane off Lyndale would leave room for the other needs, traffic, parking, busses, walkers and trees

Lyndale already had a make over in 2025 introducing traffic islands and calming traffic so te argument that this is a once in a life time chance for change holds little weight. The city needs to learn that incremental change is more successful and less disruptive then a complete rebuild from the soil upwards.

Resident and Downtown cyclist for 30 years.

Charles Griffiths 612/619-3294

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From: [S.J](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
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Good afternoon.

I submitted this for comment earlier, and I am also emailing this to all city council members as I'm unsure of the process and I hope this reaches the intended recipient(s). Message below:

Thank you and have a great day!

Hello my fellow Minneapolitans

My name is Shane Johnson and I'm a homeowner in the area of George Floyd Square, near 38th St. and Elliot Ave.

The upcoming construction planning for the intersection of 38th St. and Chicago Ave. is being approached like just another utilities project and in my opinion, any planning surrounding this historically significant place needs to be handled in a very different way than it's being handled presently. The present course of action proposed by the City of Minneapolis will result in harm amplification of an already deep trauma inflicted on the community.

We have collectively witnessed the intersection of 38th and Chicago become an anchor point in history; the first time in 2020 with George Floyd's murder at the hands of a Minneapolis city employee and again in the winter of 2025 / 2026 during a federal invasion that hunted our brown neighbors with cruelty and intimidation as a primary goal. During both of these turning points in history, the lessons learned by the residents near 38th and Chicago became a template for success replicated nationwide against otherwise insurmountable odds.

Our government has a long history of sweeping violence against BIPOC folks under the rug. In 2020, residents of Minneapolis closed the streets around George Floyd's murder site to draw a line in the sand against the violence inflicted on people of color historically by government, society, and specifically a police culture that did not see them as valid human beings. Similar to Minnesota capturing a confederate battle flag and to this day refusing to return it, the rug that the City of Minneapolis and MPD tried to sweep George Floyd's murder under was confiscated by the people with the closing of 38th and Chicago, and in keeping with Minnesota tradition, we won't be giving the rug back. However, we have to this point been willing to work with the City of Minneapolis in good faith negotiation towards progress and healing.

With repeated displacement and oppression still unresolved, including the disappearance of historically BIPOC neighborhoods to construct the 94 and 35 freeways, 24 demands were created as conditions to open the streets. Only a handful of these demands have been met, reparations have not yet begun in any meaningful way to compensate losses from 2020, not to mention the historic displacement losses from the

government's previous actions.

Instead of the city making progress on repairing the damage of the past and/or meeting the demands, in 2026 the City of Minneapolis announced that plans going against the wishes of residents according to the city's own survey and the years of planning by neighborhood groups done in good faith cooperation with the city, residents and businesses have been assessed a tax destined to further entrench a history of targeted human displacement.

Businesses are struggling in the area after the events of 2020 and Operation Metro Surge. Our economy is in depression-era levels of scarcity and uncertainty, people are losing their homes and their livelihoods. With the eviction moratorium pushed away, people are about to find themselves homeless. A tax assessment for a plan that doesn't resemble the neighborhood's consensus that will strain businesses, increase rents, and push people out of the neighborhood is looking suspiciously like an attempt to gentrify 38th and Chicago and commandeer what the community has built in George Floyd Square, which has become an internationally significant place of mourning, healing, iconic civil rights art, progress, and hope. George Floyd Square has become woven into the iconography of Minneapolis every bit as much as the spoon and cherry, but loses a good amount of its meaning without the people that built it; people over property.

If continuance of a shameful history of obfuscation and displacement is intentional, please have the courage to be transparent about your intentions so the community can make informed decisions both on voting day and in public discourse. If this is an accidental coincidence; collateral damage of the automation of bureaucracy, the time to correct the mistake is now. I implore the City of Minneapolis to take community input into planning earnestly, honestly, and decisively rather than as a technicality, a checkbox to be completed and ignored. I also urge the City of Minneapolis to find another source of funding, perhaps the \$39,000,000 earmarked to build a reward / training facility for the same police department that murdered George Floyd and stood by, often working against the community, as we held the line against Operation Metro Surge.

The people of Minneapolis gave the nation and the world much needed hope in 2020, 2025, and 2026, the epicenter of which was George Floyd Square. Will you celebrate the beauty, momentum, and gift of progress, or will you work to dismantle it and the community in the name of protecting the status-quo?

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From: [Leslie Delzell](#)
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally appeal the special assessment associated with the George Floyd Square Reconstruction Project.

My appeal is based on three concerns: the lack of transparency surrounding these assessments, the extraordinary burdens this community has already endured, and the fact that this project serves a far broader public purpose than a typical neighborhood improvement.

Over the past five to six years, residents and business owners participated in numerous community meetings, surveys, and engagement efforts regarding the future of George Floyd Square. Throughout that process, the City sought input on design, vision, and community priorities. At no point was it clearly communicated that property owners would ultimately face substantial special assessments.

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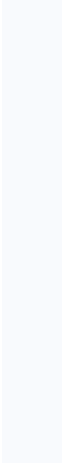
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July 3, 2026

ATTN: Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey;
Climate & Infrastructure Committee: Council Members Robin Wonsley (Chair); Soren Stevenson (Vice-Chair); LaTrisha Vetaw, Pearl Warren, Linea Palmisano, Aisha Chughtai and Aurin Chowdhury;
Ward 9 Council Member Jason Chavez
Minneapolis Department of Public Works Director Tim Sexton

GROUP OBJECTION - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - #2026-00440

We, the undersigned, are residents, property owners and business operators in the area impacted by the construction of George Floyd Square at 38th and Chicago in Minneapolis, MN. This document constitutes a formal group objection to the special assessment issued to this area.

Our neighborhoods have experienced extraordinary circumstances in an incredibly short period of time. These circumstances have been amplified by our neighbors' subjection to state violence, resulting in the public murders of our neighbors and the destabilization of our community. Our residents and businesses are in a position vulnerable to displacement due to the frequency of state-sponsored violence.

This objection serves as an invitation for Minneapolis Public Works, the Minneapolis City Council and the office of the Mayor to step into creativity with us. We ask the City to find alternative sources of funding other than the neighbors and community institutions that have been holding the burden of social and economic stabilization since the murder of George Perry Floyd Jr on May 25, 2020 and the murder of Renée Nicole Macklin Good on February 7, 2026 to name just a few.

We are requesting an immediate abatement, dismissal and forgiveness of the Special Assessment being applied to the properties along 38th Street East between Park Avenue and 10th Avenue South as well as on Chicago Avenue between 37th Street East and 39th Street East.

Los abajo firmantes somos residentes, propietarios de inmuebles y empresarios de la zona afectada por la construcción de la plaza George Floyd, situada en la calle 38 y la avenida Chicago, en Minneapolis, Minnesota. El presente documento constituye una objeción colectiva formal a la contribución especial impuesta a esta zona.

Nuestros barrios han vivido circunstancias extraordinarias en un periodo de tiempo increíblemente breve. Estas circunstancias se han visto agravadas por la exposición de nuestros vecinos a la violencia estatal, lo que ha dado lugar a asesinatos públicos

de nuestros vecinos y a la desestabilización de nuestra comunidad. Nuestros residentes y negocios corren el riesgo de ser desplazados debido a la frecuencia de la violencia patrocinada por el Estado. Esta objeción sirve como invitación para que el Departamento de Obras Públicas de Minneapolis, el Ayuntamiento de Minneapolis y la alcaldía se unan a nosotros en la búsqueda de soluciones creativas. Hacemos un llamamiento al Ayuntamiento para que busque fuentes de financiación alternativas distintas de los vecinos y las instituciones comunitarias que han estado soportando la carga de la estabilización social y económica desde el asesinato de George Perry Floyd Jr. el 25 de mayo de 2020 y el asesinato de Renée Nicole Macklin Good el 7 de febrero de 2026, por citar solo algunos casos.

Estamos solicitando una reducción inmediata, despido y perdón de la Evaluación Especial que se está evaluando a las propiedades a lo largo de la calle 38 Este entre Park Avenue y 10th Avenue Sur, así como en Chicago Avenue entre la calle 37th Street Este y la calle 39th Street Este.

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Respectfully Submitted,

38th and Chicago, George Floyd Square

Lane Brown and Mickella Rolfes, Co-Executive Director Leadership Team
Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO)
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To: Council Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns For Proposed Costs For Project

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Hello,

My name is Alfonso Paucar and I am the owner of parcel ID 11-028-24-21-0112 and 11-028-24-21-0113. I am writing this email with concerns about the affordability of this project. Since the incident of George Floyd, it has been very difficult to make profit in this area due to increased crime and reduced attraction for the businesses. For the last couple of years, I have asked the city to step in and clean up the block but it has not been done. Around 2022, the windows of my building were broken in to where I applied for a grant through the city which I was suppose receive but the city never reimbursed me so I paid for this out of pocket. It has been difficult keeping tenants due to low attraction which has hurt my business. I keep asking for help from the city but have not gotten an answer. Now I am asking for the city to take on the costs of the project as this is something I cannot afford.

Thank you for your time,
Alfonso Paucar
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Seriously WTF is this? You're expecting the community most negatively impacted by the murder of George Floyd to foot the bill for your "restoration" project? If the city is so dead set on painting over the reminders of it's failure to address state sponsored racism and violence towards its communities at the hands of the MPD with a thick coat of white paint, it can find the money to do so with the funds said communities are already supplying it. This is embarrassingly tone deaf and shamefully punitive.

Ward: Ward 12

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May 08, 2026

To: Minneapolis City Clerk's Office / Climate & Infrastructure Committee
350 S. 5th Street, Room 312
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RE: Objection to Proposed Special Assessment – 38th St. & Chicago Ave Reconstruction Project

Property Address: 3801 Columbus Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407
Parcel ID: 11-028-24-22-0126

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Felipe Enriquez, and I am submitting this written objection regarding the proposed special assessment of \$4,313.14 associated with the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue Reconstruction Project.

I respectfully ask the City of Minneapolis to reconsider placing this financial burden on the residents and property owners who have already endured extraordinary hardship over the past several years living near this intersection.

The events that have taken place around 38th Street and Chicago Avenue over the last six years have had a drastic negative effect on the safety, stability, and property values in this neighborhood. Families and homeowners in this area have lived through violence, fear, uncertainty, and ongoing criminal activity with little meaningful relief or support.

Personally, I have experienced significant damage and hardship while living near this intersection. There have been bullet holes shot through my vehicle, my garage, and even my home. There have been break-ins to my garage and ongoing issues involving open drug use and criminal activity occurring publicly on the corner. Families with children have had to live in unsafe conditions while watching the area deteriorate around them.

Despite these realities, property owners are now being asked to financially contribute toward redesigning and reconstructing the very intersection where many residents have experienced years of trauma, property damage, fear, and declining property values. I do not believe it is fair or reasonable to expect the residents most directly affected by these conditions to bear the financial responsibility for these improvements.

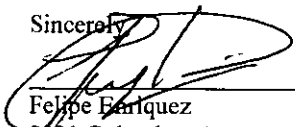
The City of Minneapolis had a responsibility to help keep this area safe and preserve the quality of life and property values for the families who live here. Instead, many residents have spent years dealing with unsafe conditions, property damage, and diminished neighborhood stability. Asking homeowners to now pay thousands of dollars for reconstruction after enduring these circumstances creates an additional and undue financial hardship.

I intend to attach photographs documenting the damage and conditions experienced in this area, including bullet holes and damage to personal property, as evidence of the conditions residents have had to endure. These conditions have made it difficult for families and children to safely live in this neighborhood.

I respectfully request that the City reconsider or eliminate the proposed assessment against the affected homeowners and residents surrounding 38th Street and Chicago Avenue. The redesign and reconstruction of this intersection should not become the direct financial responsibility of the people who have already lived through one of the most difficult periods in our city's history.

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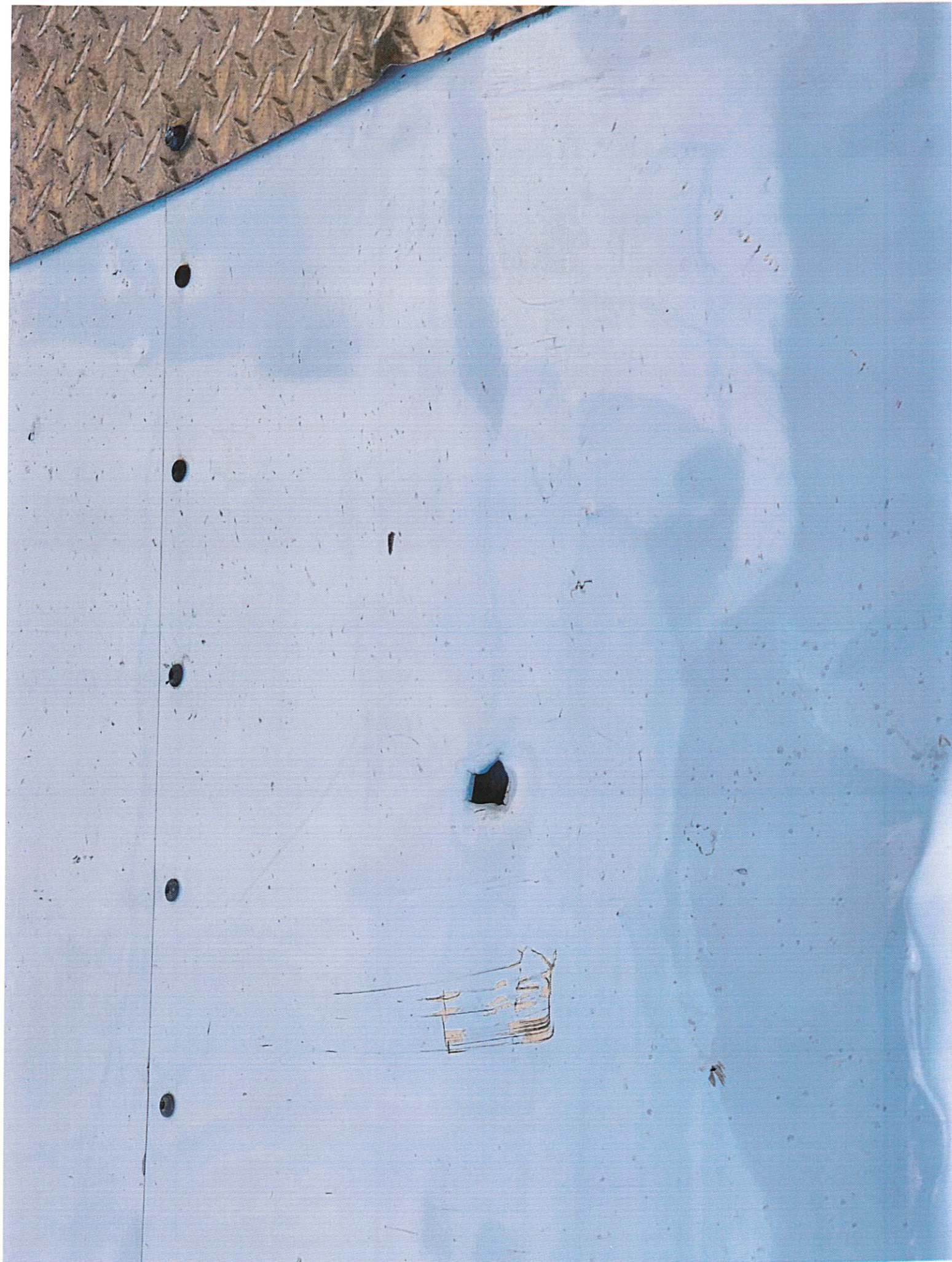
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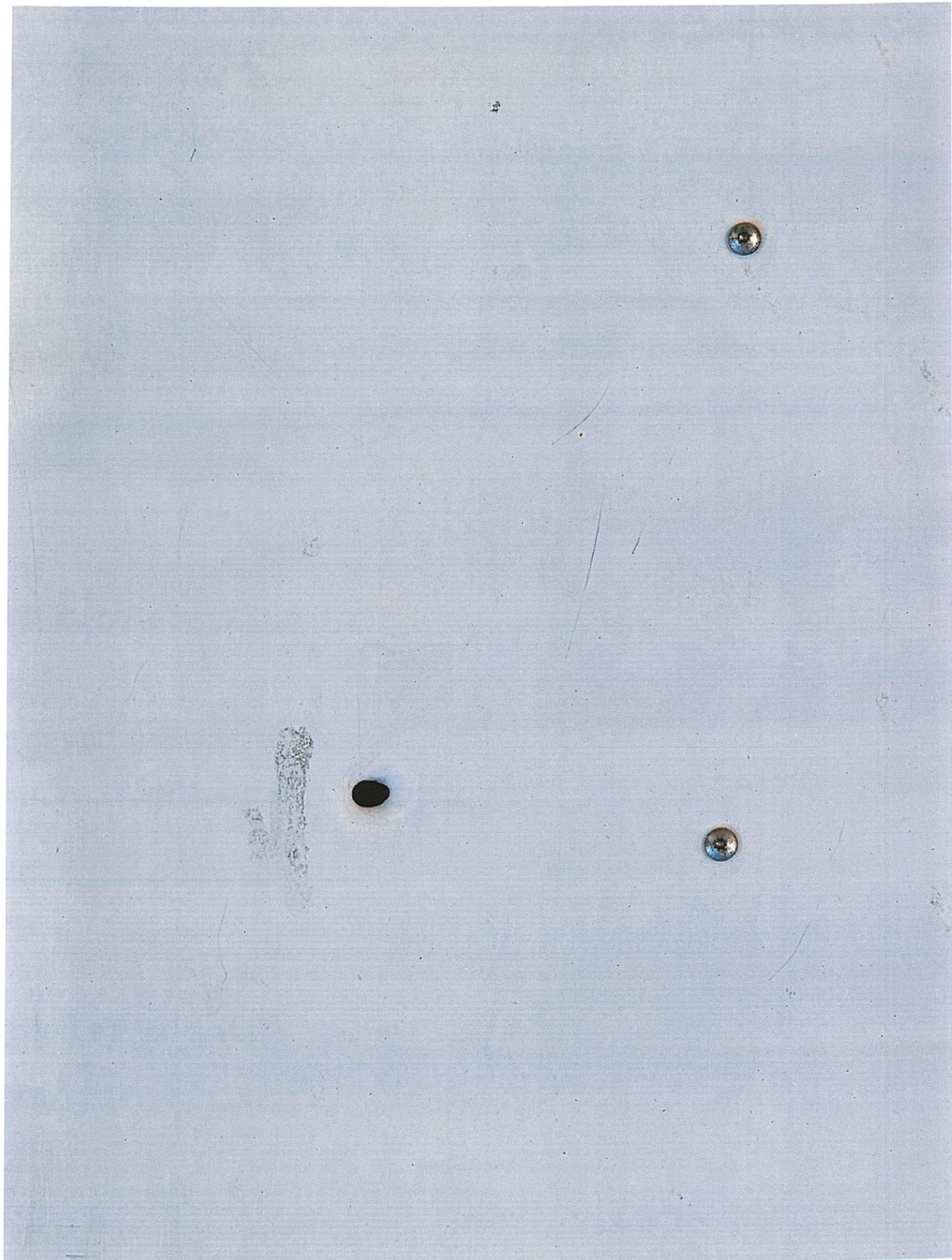


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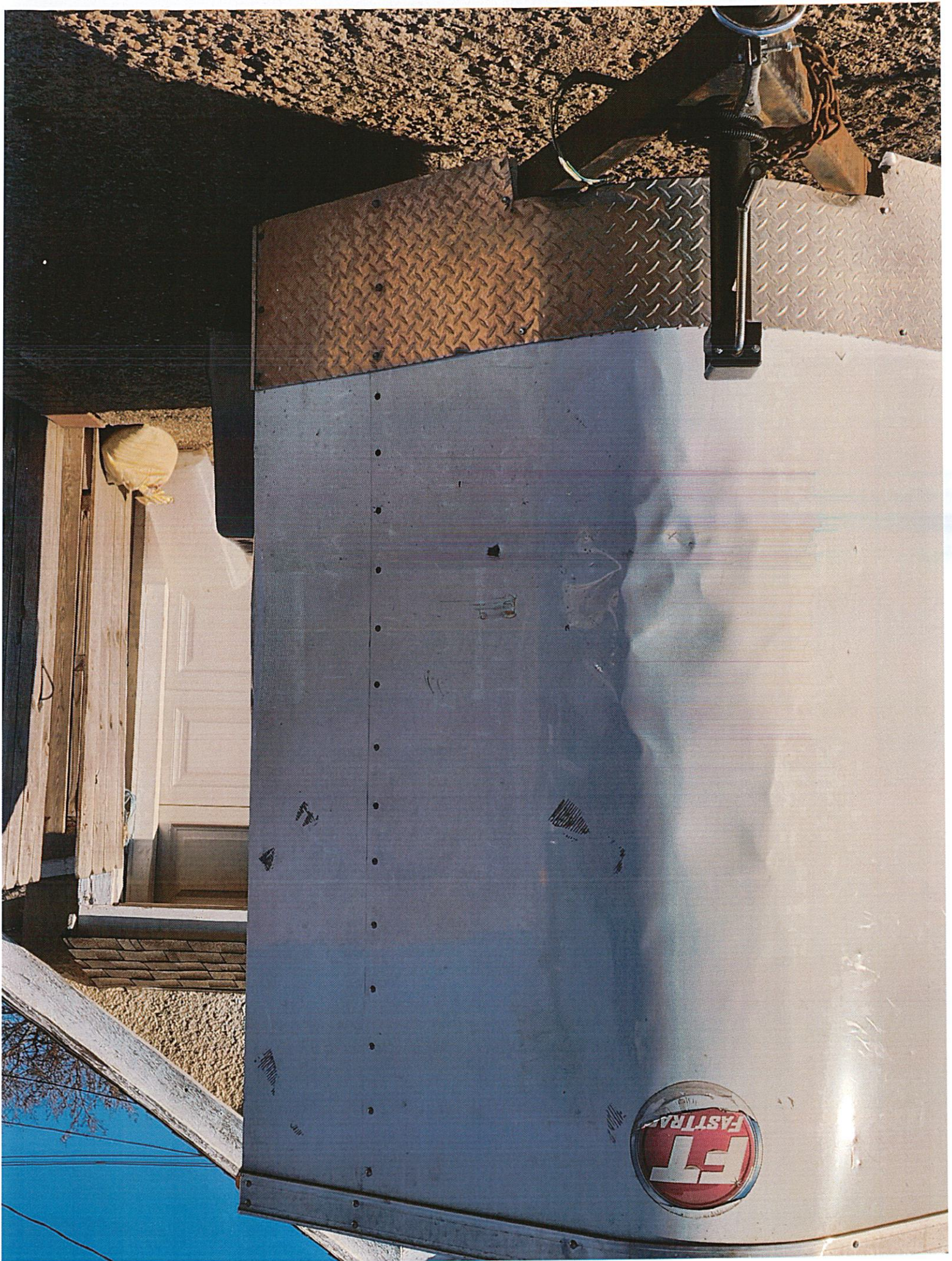












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My name is Merle Payne and I am the Executive Director of Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL). Our office is located at 3715 Chicago Ave, and we are writing to appeal the special assessment related to the 38th St and Chicago Ave reconstruction project.

In 2016 CTUL moved our office from a rented space in a church on Franklin Ave to the building at 3715 Chicago Ave. It was the first time we owned our own space, and for CTUL members this wasn't just a change in location. Buying this building was a significant investment in our work and our community. It was the next step toward our commitment to organizing with low-wage workers who regularly face wage theft and other violations of their workplace rights, providing a stable space from which they can organize for systems change to shift the balance of power from those who have it to those who usually don't. Allies all across the Twin Cities donated to our campaign to raise funds for the building so that workers could have an organizing home of their own. And we are proud to be in George Floyd Square, where so many people are doing the daily work of creating and living out a vision of a just and equitable community.

In the 10 years since we've owned our building, our members and neighbors have shown up time and time again to take care of one another. We all know that this area has experienced a tremendous amount of violence and harm at the hands of the government over the past six years. After the murders of Alex Pretti and Renee Good less than two miles from where George Floyd was murdered six years ago, we are faced with decades of healing and repair work for members and our community.

CTUL and our neighbors have consistently done the work of investing in the long term health and stability of this community. Now, we're asking the City to make that same investment. Adding a special assessment - which would be over \$40,000 for our building - to the very people and businesses who have shouldered the weight of the violence and harm, does not align with the city's vision to dismantle institutional injustice. For an organization of low-wage workers it means we will need to do additional fundraising to be able to cover that amount. Those are dollars that would be better spent supporting workers who are still recovering from months of not being able to work during the ICE occupation. It will also be incredibly difficult for surrounding businesses and non-profits that are already barely scraping by, to figure out how to cover this additional cost. We're asking the City to meet the GFS community in this work of repairing the harm that's been done, dismiss the special assessment bonds, and find a creative solution to make sure that community members aren't asked to shoulder any more of the ongoing impacts.

Sincerely,
Merle Payne, Executive Director
CTUL

Climate and Infrastructure Committee
Meeting

June 4th, 2026

RE: GFS Reconstruction Special
Assessment

Case #2026-00440

Dear Climate & Infrastructure Committee
Members,

My name is Abby Finis. I live on the 3700
block of 10th Avenue, just a few houses in
from the George Floyd Square (GFS)
reconstruction site.

I have a small planning firm where I consult
with local governments on climate and
energy, which includes writing climate action
plans. In 2024, I served on the Minneapolis
Climate Equity Plan Advisory Committee. In
both my work and my time on the committee,
I advocate for equitable outcomes through
climate action.

While I strongly support green infrastructure in all capital projects, I am concerned that this project—and others like it—are designed to deepen inequities in our community.

As the planet warms, we have to take adaptive actions to reduce the impacts. We also have to acknowledge the current and historical harms that persist in our community and amend them.

Environmental justice neighborhoods ([as defined by the MPCA](#)) across Minneapolis experience the city differently than the more affluent areas. With high concentrations of asphalt and low access to natural resources and green spaces, we experience an urban heat island effect where temperatures can be 7-15 degrees higher than surrounding areas. With a low tree canopy, cooling costs are often higher in these areas. On the hottest summer days, these are the areas where we see the highest rates of heat-related illnesses

and deaths. This will only get worse as global temperatures rise.

After decades of underinvestment and low quality infrastructure, the City is now asking those who have felt the burden of hotter summers to pay to repair it.

As its title suggests, the Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan centers equity in the policies and actions, but it isn't clear how that might play out through implementation. During the engagement process for the Plan, many residents expressed concerns that climate action would lead to displacement if measures were not put in place to protect people. Now we are seeing exactly how that might happen.

By applying the standard uniform special assessment rate to infrastructure projects that help us adapt to climate change in already burdened communities, we are baking in inequities and doing exactly what people feared would happen. For instance, areas

with low tree canopy and a high volume of pavement will require more mitigation and therefore higher costs. Because the uniform rate in Central is the same as it is in Linden Hills, we are asking lower income households to pay the same rate as more affluent households on higher construction costs. If this is going to be our approach, we are going to price people out of their neighborhoods and widen disparities.

I am not an expert on special assessments, but I see two potential pathways that we can take to reduce the cost burden while implementing necessary climate action.

1. Lower the special assessment rate in environmental justice neighborhoods, green zones, areas with a tree equity score under 70, or some other metric.
2. Include the above mentioned neighborhoods as qualifying for the deferment option.

The GFS reconstruction site is in a historically Black neighborhood that faced displacement and disruption during the construction of 35W. There are approximately zero trees in the public right of way that line 38th Street between 10th Avenue and Park Avenue. There might be one on the Chicago Avenue stretch. Both streets are wide and hot in the summers. Businesses and residents have felt the disruption of the 2020 uprising for six years. The City of Minneapolis is responsible for the poor condition of the current infrastructure and is also responsible for the economic conditions of our local businesses. To ask our neighbors to pay the standard special assessment rate under these circumstances is shameful. Further, it sets a precedent where we will continue to see those who have the least have to bear the cost of past harms in order to endure the future.

I request that the committee find another way to pay for this project and develop a more

equitable approach to future climate infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

-Abby Finis

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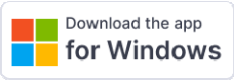
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Hello, I am a renter and resident of Powderhorn, near the area impacted by the construction of George Floyd Square at 38th and Chicago in Minneapolis, MN.

I am appealing this special assessment and requesting a formal dismissal.

Our neighborhoods have been silenced, ignored and repeatedly subject to state violence in a short period of time. These extraordinary circumstances have put our residents and businesses in a position vulnerable to displacement. Our appeal serves as a direct response to the disinvestment in critical services from our neighborhoods, and in addition serves as an antidisplacement strategy and economic protection device to stabilize small businesses and residents.

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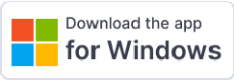
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I strongly oppose residents and businesses paying for the cost of reconstruction at GFS. This is a plan the city has been working on for 6 entire years. I have lived (owned) on the 3700 block of 10th Ave for 11 years, during which time we have lived through significant trauma and general, daily inconvenience due to the lack of action (despite strong and consistent community input) at GFS. At no point has the city helped make the neighborhood safer. It is unconscionable to make neighbors pay to fund this street project! This is an economically depressed area, neighbors are BIPOC, renters. We already have to live through 2 years of construction, don't make us physically have to pay for it.

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I don't know, share with all City Council



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I disagree with residents and Black Businesses of George Floyd Square paying the cost of the upcoming street construction for the intersection of 38th and Chicago. Residents and businesses were impacted with lasting trauma due to the action of Minneapolis employees (MPD). They should not be impacted a second time economically with the added cost of repair in this area. This project would not have been necessary if not for the irresponsible actions of MPD, and the City should work creatively to find other funding that shares the responsibility more equitably.

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Subject: Public Comment: Joe Kotnik



Public Comment: Joe Kotnik

Date: 06/04/26, 1:20 PM

2026-00440

To whom it may concern,

I am a property owner at 3233 Columbus Avenue South. I disagree with any special assessments to pay for the construction at George Floyd Square. While I support improvements in the neighborhood, my property tax is very high, and I would like to see money going toward mitigation of the scourge of fentanyl which has resulted in daily incidents in my neighborhood and alley.

I am appealing this special assessment and requesting a formal dismissal.

Ward: Ward 9

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2026-00440

I am a resident of Powderhorn Park and I disagree with the people surrounding George Floyd Square being assessed to pay for the reconstruction of the street. The reason this is happening is the fault of MPD when they murdered George Floyd. The gall of expecting the neighbors of GFS having to foot the bill for this work is truly appalling. Particularly when the MPD has been over budget by many millions the last several years. Please register my opposition to this assessment.

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Public Comment: Steve Young-Burns

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2026-00440

Regarding the City's proposal for residents and Black Businesses of George Floyd Square to pay the cost of the upcoming street construction, case number #2026-00440.

To expect the residents and businesses near 38th and Chicago Ave S. to bear the cost of construction of the official George Floyd Square memorial is a betrayal of the City's 2020 commitment to fighting institutional racism. The proposed Special Tax Assessment may not be an outright poll tax, but it is most certainly discriminatory, putting the burden of the City's failure on the neighborhood it failed to protect.

Excluding this project's expense from the regular annual City budget is just one more way to avoid taking making a visible investment in equity, to remedy a deep, decades-old societal problem.

I request a formal dismissal of the proposed tax increase. The City should not require local residents and businesses to pay for the upcoming street construction. Put it in the budget, make the commitment to righting the old wrong of Minneapolis' racist, red-line past, and starting repair on the harm caused by a sworn Minneapolis police officer killing a man on the street.

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2026-00440

Residents and businesses of George Floyd Square should not be overburdened with paying for the upcoming street construction. This community has dealt enough already with the fallout and consequences of the actions of its police dept. The city should fit the bill for this one as a way of relieving burdens that have been put on them. Making local folks pay for this "clean up" will deepen socioeconomic rifts that the City has been complicit in creating.

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2026-00440

I think the City should not charge homeowners around the 38th and Chicago intersection any special assessment to help pay for the road construction of George Floyd square. This is not a normal city street maintenance project but improvements that originated from the City Government's negligence in protecting its citizens. Additionally, some of the neighbors and businesses around the intersection are financially vulnerable and cannot afford a special assessment. This is in reference to Case 2026-00440.

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I am a resident, property owner, and small business owner two blocks from George Floyd Square. I chose to invest in this neighborhood just after George Floyd's murder, at a time when most people were not. I have continued to serve this community, including through my business, youth volunteering, and condo board service, and remain committed to it.

The owners of our building have already made significant and ongoing financial investments in this community. We have faced years of tens of thousands of

dollars of special assessments, doubled HOA fees since 2020, and urgent unplanned expenditures to maintain and secure our building. We are not people who have been untouched by this neighborhood's circumstances — we are people who have stayed, invested, and continued to carry the emotional and financial weight of being here.

George Floyd's death belongs to all of Minneapolis — and so should the cost of honoring it. The financial burden of this project should not fall on the immediate neighborhood. It should be shared across the city.

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2026-00626

Levying outlandish taxes on GFS businesses is not only inappropriate it is inhumane. People with business in the square deserve fiscal support from the city rather than fiscal hardship imposed by the city. In the name of Justice, in the name of George Floyd, in the name of Monneapolis' future, please drop all assessment and use funds from elsewhere to improve infrastructure and livability for GFS residents and businesses in accordance with their wishes and desires.

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38th Street and Chicago Avenue (George Floyd Square) Street Reconstruction

In regards to 38th Street and Chicago Avenue (George Floyd Square) Street Reconstruction: Project approval, assessment, and areaway abandonment (2026-00626), specifically the Passage of Resolution adopting special assessments, in the amount of \$636,446.46, for the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue (George Floyd Square) Street Reconstruction Project No.10030 (CPV177):

I bought my house on 38th and Chicago two years ago in 2024, four years after the murder of George Floyd. When my partner and I were considering buying our home, the proximity to George Floyd Square was something we looked forward to. We loved the community, we love the way it exists as it is. We bought our home knowing there may be changes to the Square, but supporting those who have lived here longer and their desires, hoping that any changes made put the communities needs first and we definitely didn't think change would come at a financial cost to the community. We are angered and disappointed in the city in the amount they would be taking from home-owners and businesses around the Square for the reconstruction. We don't want the cost of the murder of George Floyd to fall upon the people who live in the neighborhood, who've already experienced hardships due to the negligence of our city and our city's police officers. We bought our home in proximity and didn't ask or want this change and we feel frustrated at not only the cost, but the

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It feels a bit like punishment for a neighborhood response to a horrific action taken by a city employee. The punishment, several hundred thousands of dollars in assessment for our neighborhood. The neighborhood response, anger at police force bias and prejudice. The action, the murder of George Floyd for a minor offense. The city employee, Derek Chauvin.

Without that murder, our neighborhood would have hummed along at its own pace for the years since and the years to come. In other words, this was a city-caused event and should be paid by the city as a whole.

Dividing the estimated \$636,000 cost by every owner-occupied household (according to the 2020 census) would come to less than \$7 per household.

The cost of a couple cups of coffee.

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Setting up 4 low to moderate income neighborhoods , neighborhoods with many POC, that have already been put through enough trauma with COVID, George , Ice killings and we are struggling as it is in this economy. Shame on Minneapolis for even considering adding more burden to these neighborhoods financially. You will push out the people who have had to endure through the toughest of times over 6 years and cause more trauma and disenfranchisement?

George, and all of us in Central, Bryant, Bancroft and Powderhorn residents did not ask for what Minneapolis police officers did at 38th and Chicago and WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR IT!!!! We have already paid the highest price possible for Minneapolis!

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2026-00440

Businesses and residents in and around the intersection of 38th St and Chicago should NOT be asked to pay increased taxes to cover the cost of infrastructure work. People are already hurting, struggling to stay afloat and/or maintain their properties. We are asking for more resources to come IN to the community, not be taken out. This feels punitive.

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We wouldn't be in this position to have to build new infrastructure in this area if the City's police department hadn't murdered a resident. It's absolutely ridiculous to then tax us, on top of already high housing taxes, for the city to make amends and reparations to the harm that they caused. It's absolutely ludicrous to be willing to spend millions of dollars on investing in a "healthier" police community and not thinking to prioritize and do the same for the residents and instead looking to them to foot the bill for the harm the city has done. Let alone you're not even going with the plan that the majority of the residents wanted!

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Public Comment: Shane Johnson
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The future of George Floyd Square

Hello my fellow Minneapolitans

My name is Shane Johnson and I'm a homeowner in the area George Floyd Square, near 38th St. and Elliot Ave.

The upcoming construction planning for the intersection of 38th St. and Chicago Ave. is being approached like just another utilities project and in my opinion, any planning surrounding this historically significant place needs to be handled in a very different way than it's being handled presently. The present course of action proposed by the City of Minneapolis will result in harm amplification of an already deep trauma inflicted on the community. We have collectively witnessed the intersection of 38th and Chicago become an anchor point in history; the first time in 2020 with George Floyd's murder at the hands of a Minneapolis city employee and again in the winter of 2025 / 2026 during a federal invasion that hunted our brown neighbors with cruelty and intimidation as a primary goal. During both of these turning points in history, the lessons learned by the residents near 38th and Chicago became a template for success replicated nationwide against otherwise insurmountable odds.

Our government has a long history of sweeping violence against BIPOC folks under the rug. In 2020, residents of Minneapolis closed the streets around George Floyd's murder site to draw a line in the sand against the violence inflicted on people of color historically by government, society, and

specifically a police culture that did not see them as valid human beings. Similar to Minnesota capturing a confederate battle flag and to this day refusing to return it, the rug that the City of Minneapolis and MPD tried to sweep George Floyd's murder under was confiscated by the people with the closing of 38th and Chicago, and in keeping with Minnesota tradition, we won't be giving the rug back. However, we have to this point been willing to work with the City of Minneapolis in good faith negotiation towards progress and healing.

With repeated displacement and oppression still unresolved, including the disappearance of historically BIPOC neighborhoods to construct the 94 and 35 freeways, 24 demands were created as conditions to open the streets. Only a handful of these demands have been met, reparations have not yet begun in any meaningful way to compensate losses from 2020, not to mention the historic displacement losses from the government's previous actions.

Instead of the city making progress on repairing the damage of the past and/or meeting the demands, in 2026 the City of Minneapolis announced that plans going against the wishes of residents according to the city's own survey and the years of planning by neighborhood groups done in good faith cooperation with the city, residents and businesses have been assessed a tax destined to further entrench a history of targeted human displacement. Businesses are struggling in the area after the events of 2020 and Operation Metro Surge. Our economy is in depression-era levels of scarcity and uncertainty, people are losing their homes and their livelihoods. With the eviction moratorium pushed away, people are about to find themselves homeless. A tax assessment for a plan that doesn't resemble the neighborhood's consensus that will strain businesses, increase rents, and push people out of the neighborhood is looking suspiciously like an attempt to gentrify 38th and Chicago and commandeer what the community has built in George Floyd Square, which has become an internationally significant place of mourning, healing, iconic civil rights art, progress, and hope. George Floyd Square has become woven into the iconography of Minneapolis every bit as much as the spoon and cherry, but loses a good amount of its meaning without the people that built it; people over property.

If continuance of a shameful history of obfuscation and displacement is intentional, please have the courage to be transparent about your intentions so the community can make informed decisions both on voting

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I am a Minneapolis resident who lives within 1 mile of George Floyd Square. I do not agree with an additional tax being placed on business owners and residents living near George Floyd Square. Those costs should be shared more broadly, and should not unduly burden those living in/near the Square.

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Public Comment: Lachelle Cunningham

Date: 06/04/26, 2:05 PM

Good afternoon.

My name is Chef Lachelle Cunningham, and I am the owner of City Food Studio at 38th and Chicago and founder of Healthy Roots Institute.

I am here today not only as a property owner, but as someone who has invested my time, money, and life into helping this corridor survive and grow.

When people look at 38th and Chicago, they often see a place defined by tragedy. What I see every day is a place defined by the people who pour into it every day.

Inside my building, immigrant entrepreneurs build food businesses. Black-owned businesses launch products and events. Artists create. Community organizations gather. Small business owners receive training, technical assistance, and support. Food makers, vendors, and entrepreneurs take their next steps toward ownership and economic stability.

We are not waiting for revitalization.

We are the revitalization.

For years, this community has experienced extraction. People have extracted wealth, attention, stories, research, political capital, and opportunity from this place. Meanwhile, the residents, business owners, artists, and community institutions who stayed have carried the responsibility of keeping this corridor alive.

The 38th Street Thrive vision speaks about investing in small businesses, entrepreneurship, cultural expression, and economic resilience. That is exactly what is already happening here.

Yet after years of disruption, uncertainty, lost revenue, and extraordinary challenges, the residents and businesses that stayed are now being asked to shoulder another financial burden.

That feels less like investment and more like another form of extraction.

If this corridor is truly a priority, then the people already doing the work should not be paying the price for staying.

We should be investing in the businesses, leaders, artists, culture bearers, entrepreneurs, and community institutions that have carried this neighborhood through some of its hardest years, not creating new barriers for them.

For six years, we have been told that this corridor matters.

Today is an opportunity to show us that those words mean something.

I urge you to dismiss this assessment and find another path forward.

Thank you.

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Regarding Case #2026-00440

Residents and businesses near George Floyd Square should not be assessed for additional taxes due to City construction and rehabilitation happening in their neighborhood. Community members have been through enough, from enduring the increased traffic and impact of the last six years to the long history of redlining in Minneapolis.

Increasing the economic burden on this community is out of step with the City of Minneapolis' own Thirty-Eight St. THRIVE Strategic development plan. More importantly, it's just wrong. The cost of rehabilitation on the square should be borne equally by all Minneapolis residents and businesses. I hope City leaders will right the course on this.

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I'm writing to oppose a special assessment tax being imposed on the residents and businesses surrounding George Floyd Square. Frankly, the fact that the intersection of 38th and Chicago needs to be redone lies squarely on the shoulders of the City, the Mayor, and Minneapolis police—not the residents and businesses of the Central, Powderhorn, Bancroft or Bryant neighborhoods. The costs to cover the improvements to the intersection of 38th and Chicago should come out of Mayor Frey's paycheck, because none of this would be an issue if his police officers weren't murdering the city's residents.

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Public Comment: Residents, Property Owners & Businesses of George Floyd Square

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2026-00440

GROUP OBJECTION - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - #2026-00440

We, the undersigned, are residents, property owners and business operators in the area impacted by the construction of George Floyd Square at 38th and Chicago in Minneapolis, MN. This document constitutes a formal group objection to the special assessment issued to this area.

Our neighborhoods have experienced extraordinary circumstances in an incredibly short period of time. These circumstances have been amplified by our neighbors' subjection to state violence, resulting in the public murders of our neighbors and the destabilization of our community. Our residents and businesses are in a position vulnerable to displacement due to the frequency of state-sponsored violence. This objection serves as an invitation for Minneapolis Public Works, the Minneapolis City Council and the office of the Mayor to step into creativity with us. We ask the City to find alternative sources of funding other than the neighbors and community institutions that have been holding the burden of social and economic stabilization since the murder of George Perry Floyd Jr on May 25, 2020 and the murder of Renée Nicole Macklin Good on February 7, 2026 to name just a few.

We are requesting an immediate abatement, dismissal and forgiveness of the Special Assessment being assessed to the properties along 38th Street

East between Park Avenue and 10th Avenue South as well as on Chicago Avenue between 37th Street East and 39th Street East.

THRIFTY NIFTY, JANIE NELSON, 3653 CHICAGO AVE S, MPLS, MN 55407

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Public Comment: Ruby Revel

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Seriously? You're going to tax the people who are near George Floyd square? Those businesses have struggled and the people living there have been through a trauma. Do not tax them more to pay for something the city didn't need to do.

Ward:

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Public Comment: Seth

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#2026-00440

I would like to state my opposition to the proposed special assessments for residents and businesses in order to pay for construction at and around George Floyd Square. This places an unnecessary and unfair burden on our neighbors who have already struggled through so much. And this corridor is used by so many more people than just those who live and work there. I implore our Climate and Infrastructure committee to pursue other avenues of funding for this construction project.

With respect, a resident of the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood.

Ward: Ward 9

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Public Comment: Shanda Hunt

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I strongly disapprove of reconstruction costs being pushed onto 38th & Chicago business owners and residents. This is an obvious attempt to displace Black, brown, and lower income neighbors. The City should cover these costs.

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Public Comment: Teresa Hichens-Olson

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George Floyd Square

I am a resident and small business owner in the area impacted by the construction of George Floyd Square at 38th and Chicago in Minneapolis, MN. My address is 3216 10th Ave South. I am appealing this special assessment and requesting a formal dismissal. I have lived in the area for over 30 years and am a committed and active community member who is flabbergasted at your handling of this situation and the additional costs that we as taxpayers will be subjected to. You set up information sharing and surveys of what we wanted as a community and then completely ignored it with your agenda. We have been through so much and yet I constantly feel like the biggest threat comes from the internal systems within this city. Your simple lack of listening to what the community wants goes beyond just being a governmental system. We do not want this. We do want the construction and we do not once again pay for the cities mistakes and bare the brunt of bad governance. I ask that my household be exempt from this special assessment and that you allow for more community input before you begin.

Teresa Hichens Olson

Ward: Ward 9

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I'm writing on behalf of Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, which is a tenant at 3749 Chicago Ave. We are appealing this special assessment and request a formal dismissal.

Neighbors surrounding 38th & Chicago have worked for decades on plans to bring resources and investment to this intersection and its neighborhoods, with the most recent being the 38th Street Thrive plan. This corridor has been overlooked and under-resourced for generations, creating the conditions that, in part, led to the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police in 2020. The residents, businesses, and organizations around 38th & Chicago have been directly impacted by this violence and continue to be vulnerable to displacement.

We make this appeal in response to the historic disinvestment in our neighborhoods and as a strategy to strengthen the economic health of George Floyd Square and 38th & Chicago. The residents and businesses here have weathered extraordinary circumstances and the special assessment adds insult to injury. Dismissal of the assessment is one step towards building stability and security in this important place in our city.

Ward: Ward 9

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Public Comment: Kitty Fernandes-Nelson
Date: 06/02/26, 8:37 AM

No way are you going to assess this on my property taxes!!! The city is the one responsible as they are the ones who sent Officer Chauvin to kill George Floyd. After your sad and pathetic pandering to groups who do not even live in our neighborhoods for six years!!! Six years you lift us with a crime ridden blight that you caused!!! All the sad Kum by ya "listening sessions" again pandering to those who took our neighborhood hostage. Now this final debasement that there will be a "special assessment" yeah see you in court then. Most incompetent major and council. It's embarrassing to say you live here! Again assess us and we will have our day in court.

Ward: Ward 6

Budget Committee

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Public Comment:
Date: 06/02/26, 8:36 AM

2026A-0286 George Floyd Square Renovation

Regarding 2026A-0286, renovation of George Floyd Square.

Hearing from neighbors that they are receiving bills for as much as \$6,000 in order for the city to renovate their street is shocking! No one should have this kind of expense dropped on them, especially during these financially difficult times. I think it would be accurate to say that most of my neighbors don't have this kind of cash lying around. If they do, its surely being saved for home renovations, school or other necessities. Where was the community when these decisions about our community space were made? Whatever the cost of this project to improve a public gathering space is, it's burden should not fall on a few residences. Our neighborhood treasures the George Floyd memorial and are motivated to make it better but this is too much. Please consider raising funds in another manner.

Ward: Ward 9

Budget Committee

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Broadly speaking, there should be NO Special Assessment for local business and residents near George Floyd Square. The issue is not merely a neighborhood one. Rather, it is City-wide; indeed; it is Metropolitan- and State-wide ! This project should be part of the City budget as a whole.

Ward: Ward 9

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