

From: [WIRELESS CALLER](#)
To: [CouncilHearing_English \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (59 seconds)
Date: Sunday, July 14, 2024 4:00:23 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Ronald Ronald Schleyer SCHLEY ER2144 St. E Unit 235, Saint Paul 55101, phone number 651-370-3747 regarding the hearing to be held in July 17th regarding a proposed ID Downtown Saint Paul's. Imposition of fees for enhance safe programs, enhance clean upkeep, communication, space programs, management oversight, administrative services, all these things that should be provided by ordinary tax revenues. I oppose this as a property owner based on my residential property. If commercial owners want to impose fees on themselves, that's fine. Thank you.

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From: [R. Schleyer](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Cc: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Opposes SPL Downtown Improvement District Service Charges
Date: Sunday, July 14, 2024 3:52:04 PM

The undersigned SPL residential property owner OPPOSES any DID relying on residential property service charges. The proposed charges are excessive and unreasonable in the scheme of things, namely, the services to be expected from ordinary city revenues.

The undersigned does not object if commercial owners choose to impose fees on themselves for services that should be provided pro forma by the City of Saint Paul or any competently administered major city in Minnesota.

DO NOT IMPOSE EXTRA FEES ON MY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, GRAFFITI REMOVAL, SO-CALLED 'ACTIVATION PROGRAMS,' OR 'OVERSIGHT SERVICES' STOP THIS PROCEEDING!

Ronald Schleyer
Saint Paul, Minnesota

214 Fourth Street E., Unit 235
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651-370-3747

From: [BEALKA, HAROLD](#)
To: [CouncilHearing_English \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 44 seconds)
Date: Sunday, July 14, 2024 11:28:37 AM
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My name is Kieran Cussler Boy and I live in the City Walk condominium building in downtown Saint Paul. I'm calling in regard to the hearing on July 17th to establish a special service district in downtown Saint Paul. I've lived and worked in downtown for 20 years. When we moved here, the city was cleaned. Landlords and companies kept their buildings clean inside and out. Now the city wants to charge each unit in our building to pay for services that were already included in our taxes. Many of my neighbors cannot afford another tax. I feel it is a disservice to ask us to pay for more, to pay more for less service. Knowing that the additional tax will pass tells me that I'll have to cut something from my personal budget to pay for it. That is why I'm calling to object to the proposed annual service charge. The city looks in disrepair. Many buildings are empty and are not getting the care needed. Many large buildings for sale and are obligated to downtown. Please City Council Council reconsider how this will be paid for. The City of Saint Paul should make cuts to other items in the city budget to add this service. That is what responsible people and businesses have to do to pay expenses. My home is not appreciated value in 20 years yet you keep asking for more. Please City Council, vote no to this tax. It doesn't help downtown at all. You keep asking us for more and we can't pay it. Thanks for listening to my comments, Goodbye.

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From: [Kathleen Ashe](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Establishment of comprehensive downtown improvement special service district
Date: Saturday, July 13, 2024 4:44:46 PM

My husband and I are owners of a condo in the Airye at 168 6th St. E. St. Paul.

We are in favor of establishing the special service district for our area. We have lived here since 2016 and since COVID have seen a deterioration in the quality of living here.

We are committed to staying and are strongly in support of this proposal.

We understand that if passed \$59.45 will be added to our property tax statement for 2025. It seems a reasonable price to pay for an improved situation.

Kathleen Ashe
John Bunge

Sent from my iPad

From: [Erin Mirocha](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Downtown Improvement Special Service District
Date: Monday, July 15, 2024 10:33:48 AM

Good morning,

I'm writing to express some concerns related to the upcoming public hearing about the DID expansion. I have lived in Lowertown for 16 years near Mears Park, CHS, and the farmers market.

It seems to me that the parameters and services of the DID are unclear and vaguely threatening for the most marginalized of our neighbors.

While I'm all for assisting in general clean up and maintenance that the city itself cannot keep up with (especially the post event trash!), the parts of the proposal that concern me are:

- Why do we need to hire a full time prosecutor to punish (largely) the poor folks of downtown?
- What "tools" and training will the DID team be utilizing? How is that any different from "policing"? Will they be armed?

In short, I'm concerned that this proposal is just an excuse for property owners to incarcerate and disperse houseless folks downtown under the guise of "safety" and "cleanliness." There is not any information in the collateral that indicates otherwise and too many vague line items besides.

I would love to see a more transparent outline of what all this would include (which crimes, exactly, would the prosecutor be focused on? Does the training include things like bystander intervention and implicit bias?).

In the meantime, however, I do not support the funding of this project until more details are provided.

Thanks for your time,
Erin Mirocha
Ward 2/Lowertown



July 14, 2024

Council Member Rebecca Noecker
Saint Paul City Council
310-B City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. W.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Letter of Support for Comprehensive Downtown Improvement Special Service District

Dear CM Noecker and City Council:

On behalf of Sherman Associates, I am expressing our company's support for the new proposed comprehensive downtown improvement special service district.

Sherman Associates is deeply committed to the City of Saint Paul and grateful for our many public and private partnerships for more than 30 years. We are the lead developer working with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and JO Companies as The Heights Affordable Housing Partnership in Ward 6 seeking to bring more than 1,000 new homes to the upper East side. Across the city we currently own and operate seven multi-family apartment communities for all incomes and all ages, mostly located in downtown Saint Paul, with our newest housing project being the Landmark Towers next to Rice Park and the Saint Paul Hotel opening in 2025.

Sherman Associates has signed an official petition to become a rate payer for the new improvement district because we believe it is critical for creating an enhanced public safety and vibrant downtown environment that is essential for all who call downtown Saint Paul home, and for those who work and visit downtown Saint Paul as well.

We believe that the Saint Paul Alliance and improvement district is already an indispensable partner in creating a safe, clean, and welcoming downtown, and the new expanded district with enhanced safety and security, outreach and wellness checks, graffiti and hazardous waste removal, and more, will be invaluable to the ongoing recovery of downtown.

We endorse the new special district and strongly urge you to approve the formation of such as presented. Please contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you so much for your support of a better downtown for all.

Sincerely,

Dan Collison
Senior Director of Business Development & Public Affairs
Sherman Associates, Inc.



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Cc: Mayor Melvin Carter
Council President Mitri Jalali
Council Member Anika Bowie
Council Member Saura Jost
Council Member Hwajeong Kim
Council Member Nelsie Yang
Council Member Cheniqua Johnson
Joe Spencer, President, The Saint Paul Downtown Alliance
Matt Majka, Co-Chair, The Saint Paul Downtown Alliance



From: [DON CAMERON AND](#)
To: [CouncilHearing_English \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (2 minutes and 3 seconds)
Date: Monday, July 15, 2024 4:17:45 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hi, I am calling to make an oral statement of objection to the Notice of Public Hearings on Downtown Improvement Special Service District. My property address is 488 Wabasha St. North Apt 205 as my name is Joseph M Cameron. My wife's name is Allison Cameron. As Co owners of this property, I'm calling to object the proposed annual service charge of \$46.75 for street frontage and gross building area. As investment property owners. The main reason why is to continue to keep rent affordable for tenants as well as profitable for investment owners like ourselves to actually purchase or want to purchase or even improve property in downtown Saint Paul. Given that we can only increase rent by 3% on an annual 12 month rolling basis, I completely object to increasing our taxes as it's a deterrent for investors like myself to want to continue to invest in Saint Paul. Again, my name is Joseph Cameron. I sell is 612-810-2734. My parcel ID number is 312922340300 again parcel ID number 312922340300. I file number is 19267. File number 19267. Thank you.

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From: [*CI-StPaul_CC-Ward5](#)
To: [Greg Weiner](#)
Subject: FW: Support our downtown
Date: Monday, July 15, 2024 2:17:13 PM

Hi Greg -- Can you add the item below to the "July 15th public comments" item for Ord 24-17?

Jenna McCullough | Ward 5

-----Original Message-----

From: *CI-StPaul_CC-Ward5 <CC-Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 2:17 PM
To: 'Kathleen Klumb' <rudysmarts@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Support our downtown

Hi Kathleen -- Thank you for reaching out to share your support. Your message will be shared with CVP Kim and added to the public record for Ord 24-17.

Jenna McCullough (she/they)
Executive Assistant to Council Vice President Kim Saint Paul City Council - Ward 5
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kathleen Klumb <rudysmarts@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 10:35 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Support our downtown

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Good morning,

I live in downtown St. Paul and would appreciate your support in helping to improve our safety and the general cleanliness we like.

The Downtown Improvement District has proven to help and now it's time to expand it. I am willing to pay my share in getting that done and many of my neighbors are happy to as well. Sometimes all they need is clarification that the fee is yearly - some mistakenly think it would be monthly. Others believe the city should take care of all of this with the money we already pay. That isn't possible and it isn't the way other cities have successfully improved their downtowns.

In your meeting please have the representatives explain that clearly and vote yes to expand the SPDID.

Thank you

Kathleen Klumb
78 E.10th Street
#2405
St. Paul, MN 55101

From: [Olaf Minge](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Downtown Improvement Special Improvement District - Public Hearing
Date: Monday, July 15, 2024 1:20:50 PM

Greetings - please consider the below my written testimony in support of the expansion of the DID in downtown/lowertown St Paul.

We live in an amazing area with beautiful buildings, great parks, exciting events and amazing venues, yet constant work is needed to keep it clean, safe and inviting.

I have personally spent over 200 hours picking up litter since moving into a condo in Lowertown nine months ago. And I have been a Lowertown "route sponsor" with Listening House's Work Now program, including over 60 hours of volunteer work with that group.

I have engaged in public forums with Councilperson Noecker, the Public Works and Parks departments, taken the St Paul Police Dept civilian academy course, engaged with Metro Transit leaders, sent tickets to St Paul Public Works, and attempted to better understand who should/could be doing things to make Lowertown cleaner and safer.

While each of these existing governmental entities do a great job, we desire to have them do more, yet they will never be able to fully deliver what is needed and expected of our downtown neighborhood. Thus, while unfortunate to expand another layer of services, it is a valuable and important to expand the DID to all of downtown.

Thanks for your time and attention on efforts to make St Paul a great city!

Olaf Minge

olaf.minge@gmail.com | 612-382-6518

From: [Nicholas Backus](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Vote NO on downtown improvement special service district
Date: Monday, July 15, 2024 1:11:00 PM

Dear mayor and council,

I oppose the creation of this special service district and deem it an unnecessary use of taxpayer money. I just don't feel like it will be worth the proposed annual service charge. I don't understand why homeowners are being asked to foot the bill, and it's an added burden to my already tight budget.

I'm not a millionaire landlord. I rent one condo out and live in my other condo. I'm just a regular person who loves St. Paul and wants to support downtown by spending money in bars and restaurants and attending events. But I don't see the benefit in this special district. It scans to me like another useless government program that won't produce any real effect. More foreboding is the chance it will push out existing homeowners or others who may be interested in moving and investing in a home downtown.

Please vote no on this excessive government overreach. Thank you for listening.

- Nicholas Backus
Union Depot and Rossmor downtown condo owner