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Hello Councilmembers, Staffers,

I am writing in regard to RES 26-1659 and encouraging both my council member and the wider city council to **reject this proposal**, in which the city appoints the law firm of Fisher Phillips at a rate not to exceed \$500 hourly in defense of Mayor Kaohly Her in ongoing lawsuit of Axel Henry vs. Kaohly Her, City of Saint Paul.

As a constituent, **I strongly object to the use of taxpayer funds or General Fund expenditure to finance a defense for Mayoral misconduct.**

This lawsuit is one of many legal expenses that are adding up to an embarrassingly substantial sum: including the 2nd suit from an aide of CM Bowie, the continued appeals of the Right to Repair ballot measure despite it being on ballots currently, and the additional \$99,000 in the most recent budget from the Mayor that is being routed to the city attorney for "continued separation ordinance enforcement." How much more are we supposed to just nod and smile as taxpayer funds are siphoned off for court battles resulting in zero material gains for the populace?

I also object strongly to the selection of a particularly expensive, notorious union busting law firm to provide these services, as it is antithetical to the values of working class neighbors that the city council purports to represent.

Despite the financial analysis, suggesting that Fisher Phillips has "very specialized and technical expertise" in this area of combatting sexual harassment suits, they are *more commonly known as union avoidance experts*. Fisher Phillips LLC is a huge "biglaw" firm - and they have made headlines most obviously for their work with Wizards of the Coast/Activision-Blizzard in crushing unionizing efforts along with Bigfoot Brewing unionization attempts. Not only does their reputation proceed them in anti-worker efforts (see CFO, CEO histories with class action dismissals) - they are also an out-of-state conglomerate, further ensuring our tax money would not remain in MN.

In a time when the city is raising the cost of AMBULANCES and decreasing city services, this is a particularly bold slap in the face for the taxpayer. I am certain that general sentiment of the people of Saint Paul has been expressed, at length, in regards to Mayor Her's handling of her position, this lawsuit, the encampment sweeps, and frankly, her extremely poorly handled responses to reasonable criticism across social media, press, and even in person.

Please do not continue this disappointing trend of large-scale city expenditures in areas that are clearly of benefit only to the select few, and to the detriment of the wider St. Paul

population that you serve.

Thank you.

Your neighbor,

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