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Dear In\$ight St.Paul Members

We are pleased to transmit In\$ight's latest report, "[St. Paul's 2026 Property Taxes: The Big Picture](#)." This analysis reveals that property tax levies, for all governments taxing Saint Paul, swelled to three and a half times the rate of inflation this year.

This report provides objective data to help you understand the challenges Saint Paul faces, from a growing reliance on tax levies, to property valuation shifts. The reduction in estimated market values for commercial and apartment buildings, for example, shifts even more of the tax burden to residential homesteads.

Based on these findings, In\$ight is recommending 12 "common sense" actions to restore long-term fiscal sustainability. These recommendations include tying future tax growth to inflation, prioritizing essential services, and adopting structural reforms.

As noted in our inaugural report 18 months ago, St. Paul continues to face significant fiscal pressures, including the highest residential property tax and sales tax rates in Minnesota. Restoring affordability is essential for our city to thrive. Having high property taxes is a disincentive for taxbase expansion.

Two documents are attached: [The Big Picture](#) and an Executive Summary.

We distributed this report to:

- 1) Ramsey Delegation
- 2) Ramsey County Board
- 3) St. Paul School Board
- 4) St. Paul City Council
- 5) Mayor Her and city staff

We asked that our report be distributed to the numerous citizen committees that advise our elected officials on spending priorities and affordable financing options, including the:

- 1) CIB Committee
- 2) Parks Commission
- 3) Planning Commission
- 4) Friends of the St.Paul Public Library
- 5) Neighborhood Star Board
- 6) 17 District Councils
- 8) Various Organizations that make recommendations on development.

In\$ight wants to have positive communications with St. Paul's policy makers. We hope our report will be a valuable resource as they make difficult decisions for service deliver and tax base development

Members, after reading the [Big Picture](#), if you find the report to be educational, please forward this email to your neighbors, block clubs, PTAs and business organizations. Sharing and understanding facts will help get the message out.... We Need To Make St.Paul More Affordable.

Best regards,

Gary & Jane

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