

# PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

*2024 Draft Budget and Levies*



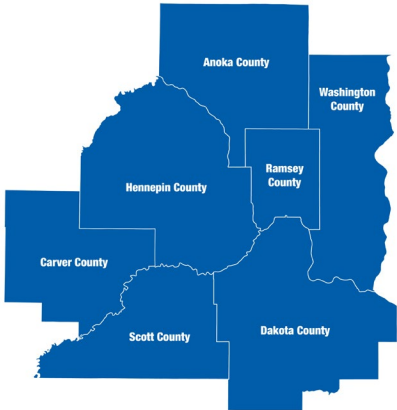
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# The Council’s mission is to foster efficient and economic growth for a prosperous metropolitan region

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The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning organization for the seven-county Twin Cities area. The Council operates the regional bus and rail system, collects and treats wastewater, coordinates regional water resources, plans and helps fund regional parks, and administers federal funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The 17-member Council board is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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## Comment Overview

This report serves to summarize public comments received for the draft 2024 budget and levies for the Metropolitan Council. The budget was released for public comment on Oct. 25, 2023. Between that time and Dec. 13, 2023, the Metropolitan Council received four comments from residents of the region. These comments are included, in full, in this report. During the public comment period, the draft budget and plain language summaries were available on the Metropolitan Council's website and through printed copies as requested.

The Met Council proactively promoted availability of the comment draft, including advertising it and the public hearing through social media, through Council members to each of the 16 districts, and other means. An opportunity for in-person comment from members of the public was provided at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Council on Dec. 13, 2023. During the meeting, two people provided comments related to concerns regarding their overall property tax bills, including all local governments, school districts, etc. They did not specifically question the Metropolitan Council portion of their tax bills.

The table below summarizes the comments related to the budget received ahead of the budget hearing; the contents of each comment are on the following pages.

| Date     | Format | Resident last name | Resident first name | Organization represented |
|----------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 11/3/23  | Email  | Britz              | Todd                |                          |
| 11/4/23  | Email  | Walter             | Cathy               |                          |
| 11/4/23  | Email  | No last name       | Minwild             |                          |
| 12/13/23 | Email  | David              | Tim                 |                          |

**Comments in full:**

To Whom It May Concern,

With the Met Council's mismanagement of one project after another, their budget should be slashed, not increased. Please keep this in mind as you contemplate their budget for 2024. The Met Council should be structurally reformed to be more accountable to the citizens of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Britz, Maple Grove, Mn

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The Met Council needs to be retired. It is corrupt and mismanaged. The Council members are not voted in and should not be allowed to continue! They are a waste of resources.

Cathy Walter

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There should be no budget increase. In addition, the Met Council should be dissolved. Thank you.

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I am a resident of Ramsey County for the past 60 years. I am a homeowner and property taxpayer for the past 35 yrs.

My Ramsey County property tax statement has a line item tax for the Metropolitan Taxing District which is the Met Council.

Every taxable property in the 7-county metro area has this line item.

The other line items for taxes on my statement are:

Ramsey Co – which I vote for those Commissioners  
White Bear Township – which I vote for those Supervisors  
Independent School Dist #624 – which I vote for those Board Members

Whereas, the line item for the tax for the Metropolitan Special Taxing District - I do not vote for those Met Council Board Members.

I want to report a complaint to the Met Council Budget Process - that this is taxation without representation. And it's time that this changes.

Regards, Tim David

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