

SF3393

**Community
Counterpoints**

**Common sense vs.
Overspending**

AGENDA

Backdrop

Project Breakdown

Summary



BACKDROP

- All the proposed projects serve mainly Bloomington; they don't have "regional value"
- In addition, State is holding onto \$9.3B surplus – no tax increases until money is returned
- LOST encourages overspending and lacks accountability to Residents
- "Sunset" provision is disingenuous. This tax will never end.
- **Instead of LOST, we need Public/Private partnerships and more reasonable spending levels**

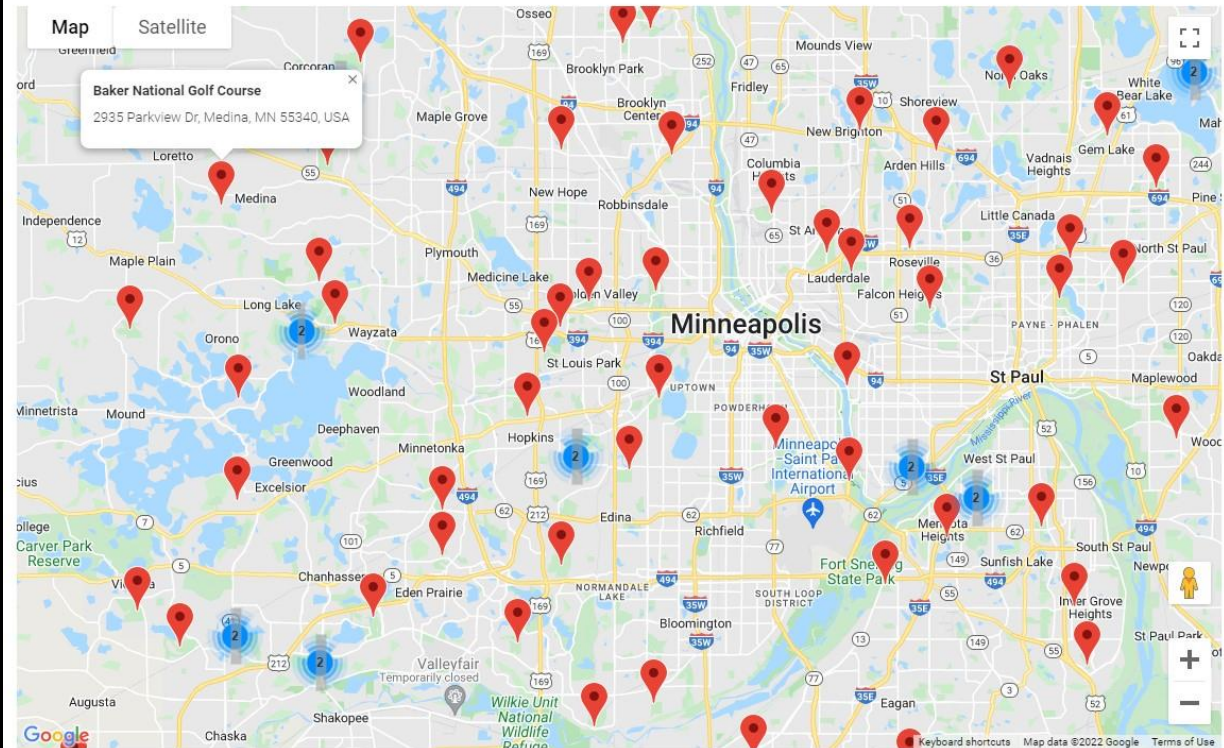
CITY WISHLIST

	Wishful Thinking	Reasonable Approach	Regional Value	Comments
Community Center/Public Health	\$70MM	\$20MM Partner with YMCA	No	2,100 petitioners opposed in 2019
Orchestra Hall	\$33MM	\$15MM Engage large donors	No	100+ yrs to payoff if ticket revenue were used
Ice Garden	\$33MM	\$15MM Corporate Sponsors	No	Explore public/private partnerships
Golf Course Clubhouse	\$15MM	\$10MM	No	Explore private funding

GOLF COURSES

85 Golf Courses in 20-mile
radius of Bloomington
No regional value for the
Clubhouse renovation

Metro Area MN Golf Courses



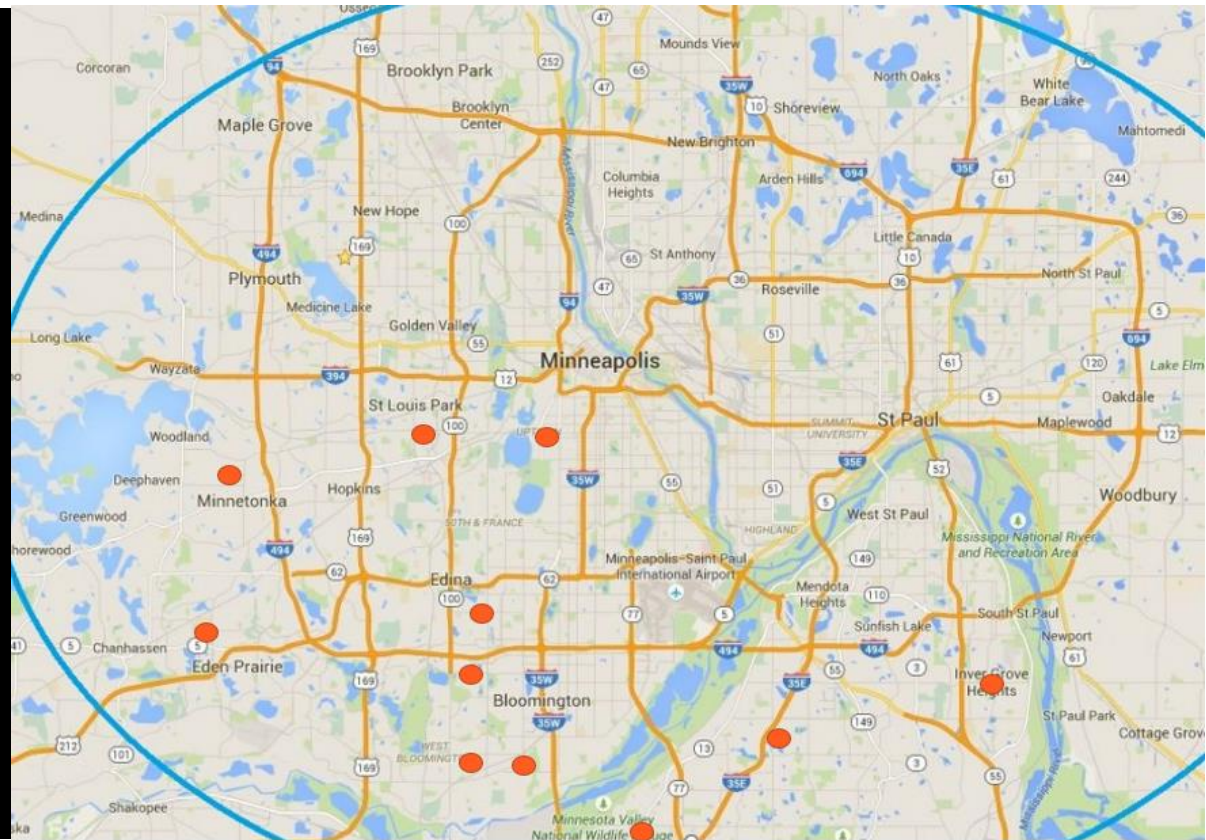
COMMUNITY CENTERS

10+ Community Centers/Health Clubs
in 10-mile radius of Bloomington

YMCA offered to help build/operate
Center in Bloomington in 2019

* Was denied by City Council

No regional value for building of a
Community/Health Center

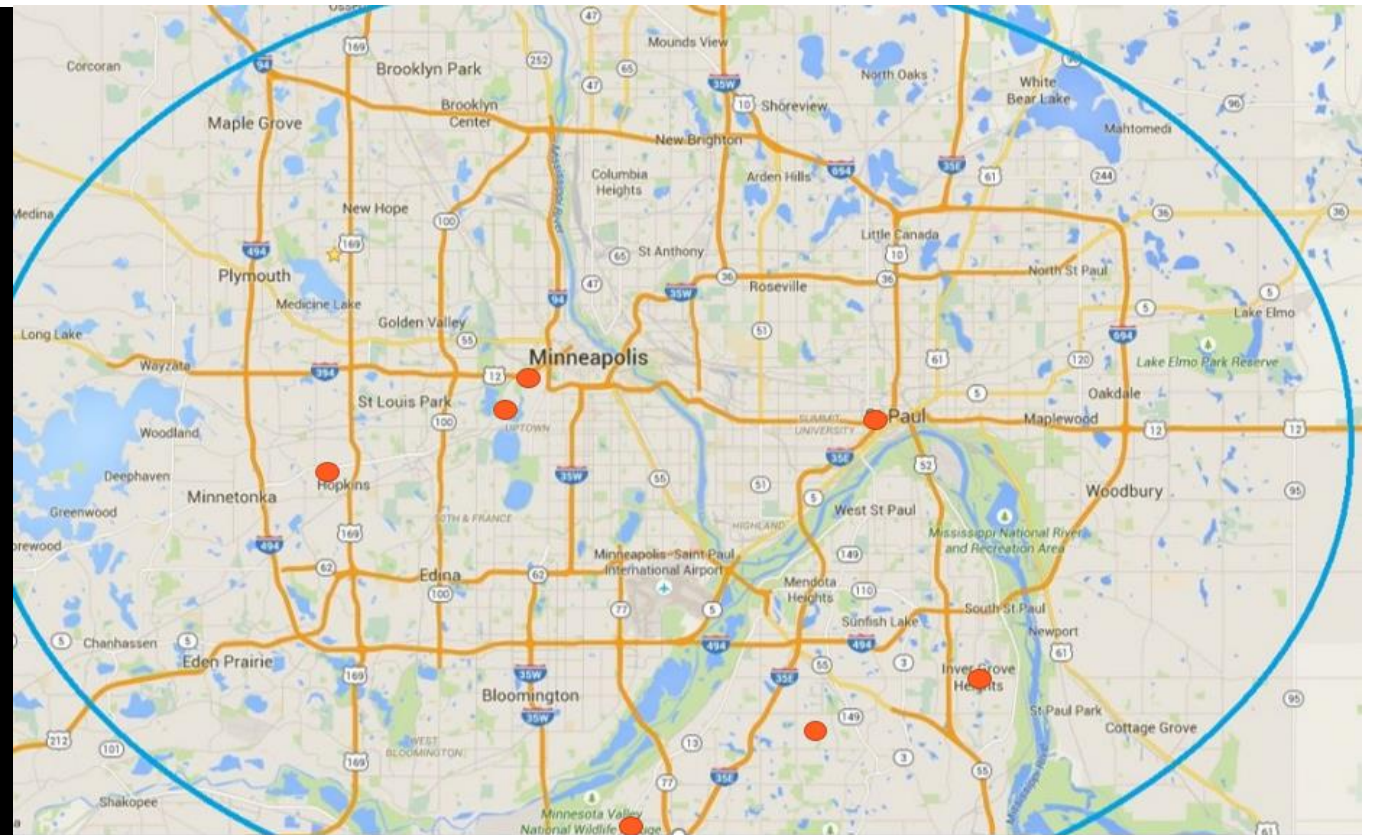


ORCHESTRA/ARTS CENTERS

7+ Orchestra/Arts Centers within
10-mile radius of Bloomington

No adequate parking at City Hall

No regional value for building of
an Orchestra Hall/Art Center



SUMMARY

- Bloomington does have some infrastructure needs
- But proposed Projects don't meet "regional value" test
- LOST would encourage overspending and will never end
- LOST is regressive and hurts low income residents the most
- **Conclusion:**
 - City Council & Mayor need to drastically reduce spending plans and draw upon other funding sources
 - LOST should not be one of those sources
 - Use Public/Private Partnerships and Institutional Giving
 - Get Resident buy-in before making big plans





THANK YOU

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