We sent this to select reporters today regarding the $530K cost estimate that AEG cited in their letter to the Trump campaign:

*The City’s role is providing public safety and other essential services. Large-scale events in downtown Minneapolis like this political rally require City resources above and beyond normal day-to-day levels. For context, the City’s public safety and other essential services costs during the Super Bowl in 2018 was roughly $6 million and $1.5 million for the Final Four earlier this year. The City has used the same methodology to determine public safety, traffic control and other costs for the POTUS political rally at Target Center. The public safety costs are expected to be around $400,000. Another $130,000 in additional costs will be incurred for third-party barriers, lane closure fees and traffic control, among other things.*

We have essentially said that this event really doesn’t have a precedent. It is comparing apples to oranges. He is a sitting President, in the middle of a re-election campaign, in a post-911 (and very polarized) world.