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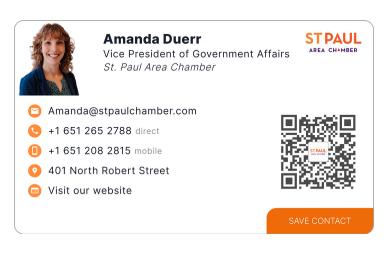
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Council President Jalali and Councilmembers,

Attached please find public comment from the St. Paul Area Chamber in support of Snelling-Midway Redevelopment's zoning appeal application.

Thank you,







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April 5, 2024

Council President Mitra Jalali Council Vice President HwaJeong Kim Councilmember Anika Bowie Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

Councilmember Saura Jost Councilmember Nelsie Yang Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Re: APC 24-1

Dear Council President Jalali and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and its members, I write to request your support for the Zoning Appeal Application from Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC. As we have previously expressed to the City Council, we are very excited about the proposed development and the energy and vibrancy it will deliver to the Midway corridor.

The development team, led by Dr. Bill McGuire, have demonstrated their commitment to enhancing the neighborhood with destinations featuring high-quality design. The team has spent many hours working with the Department of Planning and Economic Development to develop a site plan that is within the purpose and intent of the City's zoning code. The site includes amenities to support bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as transit connectivity. Given the block configuration and challenges of the site, these variances are necessary for the hotel property to move forward.

In its Staff Report, PED recommended approval of the requested variances. We strongly believe that the diligent efforts of city staff and the development team should prevail, and the Zoning Appeal Application should be approved to advance this transformational investment in the Midway.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO St. Paul Area Chamber

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