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August 3, 2016

Council President Russ Stark
City of Saint Paul
310-D City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Snelling-Midway Master Plan

Dear Council President Stark,

The Midway Chamber of Commerce recommends approval of the Snelling-Midway master plan, stadium site plan and zoning clarification amendment. In September 2015, our Board of Directors passed the following resolution, "The Midway Chamber supports the redevelopment of the Midway Site for the purposes of a Major League Soccer stadium, encourages Major League Soccer to approve the plan to build a stadium on this site, and is willing to be a facilitator to engage the community to help ensure thoughts, concerns, and feedback from the Midway businesses and community are heard and involved throughout the process."

We believe the City of Saint Paul has been thoughtful and thorough in its approach to redeveloping a major parcel of land at a significant intersection for economic development in the Midway neighborhood. There have been several opportunities for community input, including two taskforces as well as many public meetings and City Council public hearings. The Chamber testified at the March 2 City Council public hearing, that this process will: "...put into motion private investment that will leverage the public investment in the Green Line and in the infrastructure that supports the stadium to bring new businesses and new jobs to a neighborhood that needs them."

It is very important for the Midway Chamber that the current tenants of the site have an opportunity to benefit from this investment. We are pleased that landowner RK Midway has been open to all current tenants finding a place in the final development.

The Chamber believes the work on this site has only begun. We continue to have concerns related to parking and traffic management and we ask to be a part of future planning. As the project moves forward, we ask that the priorities of the neighborhood, including the business community, remain at the forefront. We believe the project stands the greatest chance of success when the input of our Midway community is factored in, and implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chad Kulas".

Chad Kulas
Executive Director

Cc: Members of Saint Paul City Council; Mayor Christopher B. Coleman