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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: Xiong, Mai Chong (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Approving Soccer Stadium Agreement

Councilmember Thao-

I am writing today to thank you for sponsoring the resolution related to the St. Paul Soccer Stadium being built by Minnesota United FC and also to encourage you to fight diligently for the aforementioned stadium but also good transit and public space development.

I have been a constituent of Ward 1 for many years and a long-time season ticket holder, and even attended games at James Griffin Stadium, at my alma mater. As a nearly lifelong Ward 1 resident it is vitally important that when considering any development of the Bus Barn site that the needs of the community are at the forefront. I believe that the vision put forth by Dr. McGuire and Mr. Birdoff not only encompasses those needs but enhances them.

One thing I would encourage you and your fellow councilmembers to consider would be narrower ROW for the newly designed roads in the superblock. A great example is in this piece: <http://streets.mn/2016/02/25/more-livable-streets-at-snelling-midway/>

Smaller ROW not only help with traffic calming, but will also decrease the infrastructure investment that the city has pledged.

Again thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration on this issue. I look forward to spending even more of my time and money at not only the new stadium but also at the bars, restaurants and shops in the surrounding area.

Good luck tomorrow and Happy caucus day!

Sincerely,

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"You are what you love, not what loves you back."

"When the going gets weird the weird turn pro."

"I play hard, I play to win."