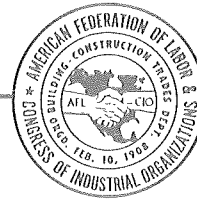


Saint Paul
Building and Construction Trades Council



May 13, 2026

Members of the Saint Paul City Council

City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

RE: Letter of Support - Galtier Plaza Redevelopment - Saint Paul, MN

Dear Council President and Members of the Saint Paul City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Saint Paul Building and Construction Trades Council and our affiliated local unions to express our strong support for the Galtier Plaza Redevelopment at 175 East 5th Street. We urge the City Council to approve the Tax Increment Financing assistance and related development agreements needed to get this project started.

Downtown Saint Paul has a lot riding on projects like this one. Galtier Plaza has sat well below its potential for too long, and this 166-apartment home redevelopment, in a historic building, is exactly the kind of investment Downtown needs. Bringing a structure like this back to life is not simple work, it takes skilled tradespeople who know what they're doing, and our members have spent careers building that expertise.

The jobs this project creates are real and local. Historic rehabilitation work draws on carpenters, ironworkers, electricians, plumbers, pipefitters, sheet metal workers, laborers, operating engineers, and cement masons — Saint Paul residents who own homes here, send their kids to school here, and spend their paychecks here. We expect prevailing wage standards to be upheld throughout construction, consistent with state law and the City's own labor commitments, and we will be watching to make sure that's the case.

The Saint Paul Building Trades have worked alongside the City and the HRA on projects across this community for decades. We know what good development looks like, and Galtier Plaza is the real thing. We are fully behind this project and ask the Council to vote yes.

We appreciate the Council's time and welcome any questions. Our members have a direct stake in seeing Saint Paul thrive, and decisions like this one matter.

Respectfully,

Donald Mullin
Executive Secretary
Saint Paul Building and Construction Trades Council

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