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Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russel Balenger
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Nelsie Yang
Councilmember Jane Prince

Re: RES 23-361

Council President Brendmoen and Councilmembers:

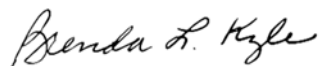
On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and its members, I write to offer support for the interim use permit for a temporary surface parking lot to support the planned restaurant at United Village.

As has been discussed, phase one of the United Village redevelopment will include a hotel, office building, restaurant, and public spaces including a playground and sculpture. The Chamber is very excited about this vision and thanks the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for adopting the TIF plan and TIF district to support it. These improvements to a blighted property would not otherwise be financially possible.

Though redevelopment was delayed due to a global pandemic, civil unrest, and changing economic markets, the development team never gave up on St. Paul or their vision for the site.

The public and private sectors should embrace the current momentum to revitalize these parcels and bring positive energy to the surrounding neighborhood. Please support the resolution before you today as an important step in that process.

Sincerely,



B Kyle
President and CEO
St. Paul Area Chamber

