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RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Name Change from Concordia Avenue to Rondo Avenue

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Saint Paul College, please accept this letter supporting the proposed name change from Concordia Avenue to Rondo Avenue, as advocated by St. Paul City Councilmember Russel Balenger. Given that Saint Paul College is positioned adjacent to Concordia Avenue, we acknowledge the significance of actively involving key stakeholders in endorsing this proposal prior to the commencement of the public process.

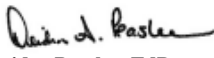
The proposal to rename a portion of Concordia Avenue to Rondo Avenue is particularly poignant, given its potential to contribute tangibly to the ongoing efforts to restore and honor the historical and cultural significance of the Rondo community, especially in the context of the I-94 corridor discussions.

The proposed renaming of Concordia Avenue to Rondo Avenue aligns seamlessly with Saint Paul College's steadfast commitment to equity, inclusion, and our goal of becoming an anti-racist and trauma-informed institution. At Saint Paul College, we recognize the power of symbolism and language in shaping an environment.

In supporting the renaming initiative, we see an opportunity to actively contribute to the broader community dialogue on reparations and equity. The symbolic act of renaming a street is a tangible demonstration of our shared commitment to rectifying historical injustices and promoting a more just and inclusive future. We believe that such initiatives are integral to creating an educational environment that values and upholds the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for the proposed name change, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have on our shared vision of an inclusive and just community. If you have questions or would like to speak further about our support, please feel free to contact me at 651-846-1364 or [deidra.peaslee@saintpaul.edu](mailto:deidra.peaslee@saintpaul.edu).


Sincerely,


  
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