



December 20, 2023

Council President Brendmoen and members of the Saint Paul City Council,

The Midway Chamber of Commerce is appreciative of recent votes in support of United Village by the Saint Paul City Council and would like to state our public support of the following resolution to advance the 2016 master plan related to the proposed development, United Village:

RES PH 23-361 Granting an interim use permit to Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC for a temporary surface parking lot at 1566 University Avenue West (temporary address - subject property is a portion of the property east of Simpson Street between University and Central Avenues).

The Midway Chamber is eager to see increased economic growth in the Midway. The current United Village development plan encompasses several areas and features marked as "future development," and we look forward to remaining engaged as this project moves along. We ask the developer and the City to ensure that economic development benefits for the Midway are integrated into United Village, specifically benefiting existing Midway businesses and employees, creating space for new Midway small businesses, yielding new job opportunities for Midway residents, new business opportunities for Midway businesses, and expanding amenities for surrounding neighborhoods.

We also ask that the City and the leadership of the United Village strengthen engagement with those who will be affected by this development as plans continue. Continued engagement with all stakeholders is crucial in order to achieve our common goal of making the Midway business community and neighborhood stronger. The Midway Chamber of Commerce stands ready as always to convene further conversations about economic development in and near the important Snelling-University intersection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad Kulas".

Chad Kulas
Executive Director