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Dear Sheri,

We understand that City Council is accepting public comment on the United Village development. Please see attached letter of support from GREATER MSP regarding this project.

Thank you,  
Catherine



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Schedule time to meet with me @ [Calendly](#).

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September 20, 2023

Dear Saint Paul City Council members,

On behalf of the GREATER MSP Partnership, please accept this letter of support for the ongoing redevelopment and environmental remediation of United Village (Snelling/Midway Redevelopment Site). GREATER MSP has been engaged with this project since 2016, when we served on the Snelling-Midway Jobs Strategy Workgroup.

The 2018 completion of the critically acclaimed Allianz Field, home of the Minnesota United, has demonstrated the strong economic potential for this 34.4-acre site. We recognize the regional significance of this development, the importance of continued investment in this area and its potential benefit for the regional economy. Subsequent phased plans to develop remaining parcels would support momentum for regional investment along key corridors while contributing to the goal of creating a vibrant space for residents and visitors to gather, work and live in Saint Paul.

As a co-leader of the GroundBreak Coalition, which is building a platform to mobilize and aggregate capital to achieve racial equity and climate readiness, we view sustained investment in the Midway of Saint Paul as integral to the coalition's new paradigm for community development finance that addresses systemic racism, rights historical wrongs, closes racial gaps in income and wealth and boldly meets the climate moment.

In addition, we recognize and value the work and investment of Dr. McGuire and partners to achieve the visions and aspirations of the region and this community. We support common-sense allowances that facilitate multi-modal access to this newly revitalized regional asset.

In partnership,



Peter Frosch  
President & CEO  
The GREATER MSP Partnership