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Mayor Chris Coleman
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St. Paul, MN 55102

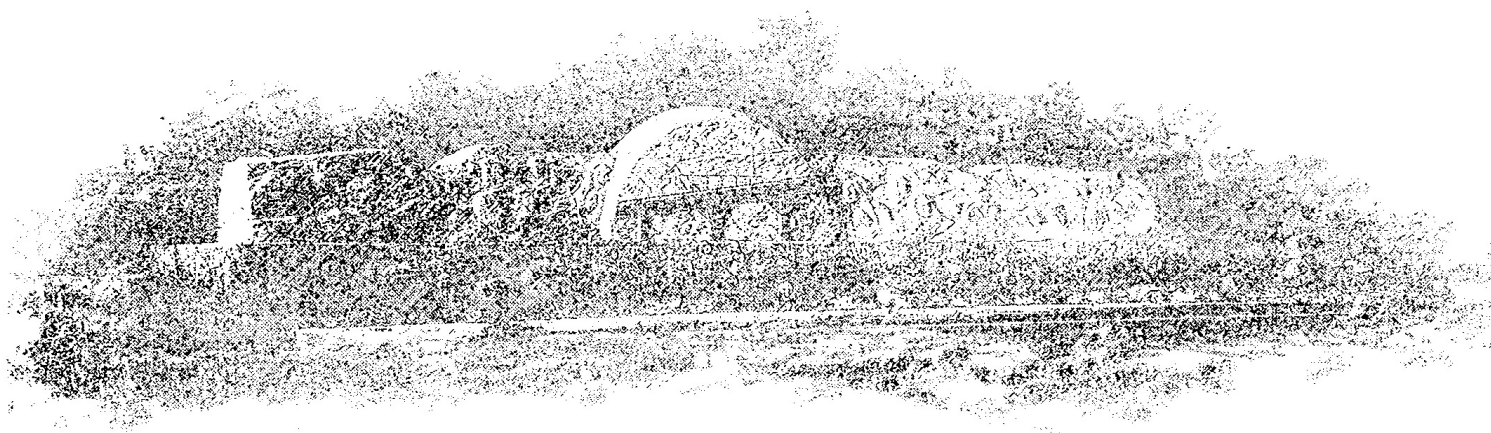
Dear Mayor Coleman,

As a long time supporter of you and your work, and as an engaged and concerned citizen of St. Paul, I have a favor to ask of you. My favor concerns the 'plans in the making' for construction of the new Saints Ballpark in Lowertown.

Mayor, would you please request that a study be done looking into the reuse of the Gillette Building, as the foundation for the creation of the new ballpark?

Here are my reasons for asking such a favor:

- Sustainability: "Sustainable St. Paul" is one of your dedicated priority issues, (as it is mine). *The reutilization of the Gillette Building could truly be a 'real' on the ground recycling of our city's existing infrastructure. It could be a sustainable prototype that is would be recognized as cutting edge - green construction.*
- Parking: The planned elimination of over 300 existing parking spots for the new ballpark is a great concern for all who live, work and visit Lowertown. *The Gillette Building basement has the existing capability to park 500 – 600 cars.*
- The Farmers Market: I have often thought, wouldn't it be great to have an indoor Farmers Market, like so many other cities? *The Gillette Building would be a great new winter home to the Farmers Market.*
- Commerce and Entertainment: Lowertown has been improving with a number of new restaurants, coffee houses and concert series in Mears Park and other venues. Thank you for your efforts. *The reuse of the Gillette Building could offer even more venues for commerce and entertainment.*



Mayor Coleman, many many St. Paulites embrace the city moving forward on the Saints Ballpark. We embrace the Saints, and want them to have a home in Lowertown. We totally support your efforts in seeing this happen.

Please, open the eyes of those hell-bent on creating just another ballpark, especially one with so many problems and missed opportunities. Please work with your consultants, the city council and citizens: to think 'out side the box', to work as sustainably as possible, and to help, not hinder the citizens, workers and visitors of Lowertown with the new ballpark.

On your order, a "Study of Feasibility for the Reuse of the Gillette Building for the Saints Ballpark", your constituents will truly think, "now there is a mayor who is creative, and willing to take a risk, change course, or at the very least, makes sure he understands what ALL the opportunities are". These same citizens will never understand why you would not want to look at this opportunity.

Mayor, you are the maestro of the city. Please.... allow the musicians to play!

Sincerely yours,

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