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Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 4:31 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Cc: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Snelling-Midway Stadium Plan

Dear Councilmember Stark,

I am writing to support approval of the Snelling-Midway Redevelopment Site Stadium Site Plan Review. I am glad to see that you are the sponsor for this action. I think that the area is long overdue for redevelopment and that a world class soccer stadium will be a terrific addition to the 4th Ward.

I am constituent. You may remember meeting me a few times a decade ago when our daughters attended daycare and preschool at Central Baptist. Ruby is my daughter. The parcels that I hope will become a home to Minnesota United are even more blighted than when Ruby and Abby were at Central Baptist. I am also a MNUFC season ticket holder, so I have some self interest. I would love to take the A Line from my Como Park home down to a state of the art facility instead of driving out to Blaine.

Ruby and I will be at MN Utd's game in Blaine tonight, in fact, so we won't be able to attend the council meeting. As you may know, between this game and the exhibition and US Bank Stadium tonight will probably set a record for the most professional soccer spectators in one night in the history of Minnesota. And, the US Women's National team kicks off their Olympic Campaign at the same time as the public hearings portion of tonight's Council meeting gets underway. A lot of passionate soccer folks will not be available for public comment, but we trust you to keep moving this important project forward.

Finally, I know that the State remains an obstacle. I will happily contact my elected officials on this matter as well.

Best Regards,

Eric Beckman