



**UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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Russ Stark, City Councilmember, Ward 4  
Dai Thao, City Councilmember, Ward 1  
City of Saint Paul  
25 West 4th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilmembers Stark and Thao:

The Union Park District Council Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the full Board, does not support the proposed noise ordinance exemption set forth in ordinance 17-64. Instead, it recommends that a maximum noise level of 65 dba be allowed during the playing and exhibition of any game or league event at the major league soccer stadium.

This level is consistent with the allowable daytime noise level, and UPDC believes it is a reasonable limitation to impose after 10 p.m. as well (in lieu of the current ordinance limitation of 55 dba after 10 p.m.). This is also consistent with the AUAR modeling, which suggests that the sound levels generated by games will not exceed the daytime standard of 65 dba.

UPDC also recommends that this ordinance exemption or variance be put in effect on a conditional or trial basis, for the first five home games of the 2019 season. After an opportunity for review of the noise level generated, it could be granted for the remainder of that season, and annually renewed thereafter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Reiter, Executive Director  
Union Park District Council

cc: Joe Spencer, Planning and Economic Development