



April 22, 2025

Zoning Committee, Saint Paul Planning Commission

City of Saint Paul
25 West 4th Street, 1400 City Hall Annex
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Application to Rezone 680 and 694 Minnehaha Avenue from I2 to T3, #25-015-702

Dear Chair Taghioff and members,

On behalf of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, please accept this letter of support for the rezoning under consideration for the Hamm's Brewery property owned by the HRA. During our regularly scheduled board meeting on April 21, 2025, the board voted unanimously in favor of supporting this rezoning.

Rezoning from an industrial use (I2) to a T3 mixed use for the property is a valuable step forward in the project. As a community council, we support an updated zoning classification to reflect the proposed uses for the site, and removing the industrial classification at this location.

The redevelopment plan put forth by the developer JB Vang will reactivate several of the long-vacant buildings on the property and help achieve several of the community's goals and priorities for this area. This plan has significant community support because of the future benefits it will bring to the neighborhood, including much needed affordable housing, commercial opportunities for small and emerging businesses, bike and pedestrian connections to parks and trail amenities, and both indoor and outdoor community gathering and event spaces. Overall, the rehabilitation of these historic buildings and construction of new housing is an investment that centers the needs and desires of the community and will serve it well into the future.

Thank you for considering our support.

Sincerely,

Eric Zidlicky
Board Chair, Dayton's' Bluff Community Council

Cc: HRA Chair Cheniqua Johnson and HRA Executive Director Nicolle Newton