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Re: Letter of Support for JB Vang's Proposed Redevelopment of Former Hamm's Brewery Site

To whom it may concern,

As Chair of the Ramsey County Housing Redevelopment Authority and the County Commissioner of District 6, I write in strong support of JB Vang's proposed redevelopment project for full funding. Through Ramsey County's Critical Corridors Development & Infrastructure grant, we have awarded Hamm's Brewery East End \$500,000 in 2024 to help further this development and realize its full plan, driven by the residents, community organizations and the City of Saint Paul.

The proposal includes much needed affordable housing at the site with a range of affordability from 30% to 60% AMI. Because 60% AMI roughly equates to the average income in Saint Paul, this housing will directly benefit the current residents of this area. The project combines 110 units of family-friendly new construction with 86 units of artist style loft housing in the historic brewery buildings to provide an array of options.

JB Vang's proposal also includes a commercial marketplace that will offer East Side entrepreneurs an opportunity to start or grow their business and will include an ownership component for these local businesses to build equity.

The redevelopment plan put forth by JB Vang will reactivate several of the long-standing 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.

I strongly urge you to consider supporting this development in effort to revitalize this corridor of Saint Paul and to invest in much-needed affordable housing units for our residents in Saint Paul, Ramsey County and east metro.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong
Ramsey County – District 6
Chair of the Ramsey County Housing Redevelopment Authority