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Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russel Balenger
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Nelsie Yang
Councilmember Jane Prince

Re: RES 23-373, RES 23-374, RES 23-375

Council President Brendmoen and Councilmembers:

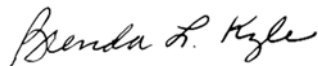
On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and its members, I write to offer support for the establishment of TIF districts and TIF plans for affordable housing at The Heights.

The redevelopment of The Heights is an exciting opportunity for the City of St. Paul, bringing over 1,000 new homes, 1,000 new jobs, and 20 acres of parkland in a single project. The development team behind this project has a bold vision for affordable housing at The Heights, featuring multi-family, twin homes, townhomes, and single-family options.

JO Companies will construct a 199-unit multifamily building featuring studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom units, ranging from 30-60% AMI. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity will bring 140 mid-density affordable homeownership units to the site. Without the TIF plans before the City Council today, these development projects would not be viable. (At a later date, the City Council will discuss the TIF plan for Sherman Associates' affordable housing development at The Heights, which we also strongly support.)

The Chamber asks that you approve Resolutions 23-373, 23-374, and 23-375 to advance the positive outcomes at The Heights.

Sincerely,



B Kyle
President and CEO
St. Paul Area Chamber

