



Dear Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Jazmin Glaser-Kelly and Director Andy Rodriguez,

I am excited to express my support for both the City of Saint Paul and United Village in advancing the development of the Snelling-Midway Superblock area.

I am a Union Park District Council board member on the Committee for Land Use and Economic Development. I am a commercial real estate investor and a residential landlord in Union Park and the Hamline Midway area. I have invested in property near the stadium. I am a resident of Highland. I love the City of Saint Paul and am glad to have built my life here. Today, I write to you not in a professional or representing capacity. Instead, I ask that you consider my voice as a resident who cares deeply about the city I have lived in for over 40 years.

Undoubtedly, the soccer stadium has been a major net positive for the superblock area, and I look forward to this project resuming. Today that means accepting a POPS agreement. I support this progress and look forward to the coming stages of a plan designed to expand the tax base for Saint Paul and bring economic life and resources to this great area of our city.

Furthering this project will result in a local park, bringing play and recreation to residents who will benefit from such amenities. I hope that as this project advances through the Parks Commission today, that tomorrow residents will see the Mayor, City Council and Metropolitan Council seriously address the quality/safety of transport on the light rail. The quality of ridership on light rail will undoubtedly be a critical element to the success, attendance, and economic growth of the superblock area. Please approve the POPS agreement.

Thank you,
Joe Hughes