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Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Matt Privratsky

Council Vice President Hwa Jeong Kim
Councilmember Nelsie Yang
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

**Re: Res PH 25-97, Adopting the Sixth Amendment to the TIF Plan for the Ford Site
Redevelopment TIF District**

Dear Council President Noecker and members of the City Council,

On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and our 1,600+ members and affiliates, I write to express our support for the Sixth Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan for the Ford Site Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing District.

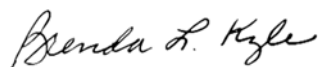
Saint Paul is in urgent need of both housing and economic development to ensure our city's long-term vitality. Approving this amendment will catalyze growth at Highland Bridge by bringing in more than 500 new housing units and 40,000 square feet of retail space.

This development will address the demand for housing while attracting further investment in Saint Paul. It sends a clear message to developers, investors, and business leaders that the city is embracing growth and creating a welcoming environment for business. This will be crucial as we move forward with policies to spur housing development and reinforce Saint Paul's commitment to economic growth.

The proposed changes align with existing City frameworks and financing mechanisms, ensuring a streamlined and effective approach to advancing development on this site. We urge the City Council to approve the Sixth Amendment to create more housing, support economic development, and continue to position Saint Paul as a forward-looking city for investment and opportunity.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



B Kyle
President and CEO
St. Paul Area Chamber

