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**MIDWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STATEMENT ON MLS SOCCER STADIUM AND
AREA REDEVELOPMENT**

SAINT PAUL, MN – The Midway Chamber of Commerce today released the following statement related to the decision by Major League Soccer to support the development of a facility in the Midway area and to officially award the franchise to Minnesota.

“Today is a great day for Saint Paul and the Midway community. This marks the true beginning of the much-needed redevelopment of the Snelling-Midway site that can not only be home to a new professional soccer team, but a re-energized place for people to live, work, and connect with the community. The Midway Chamber will be an active and supportive partner to ensure the businesses and other community members are actively engaged in helping determine the best use of the space near the MLS stadium, as well as any changes to infrastructure, zoning and other regulatory issues. In a neighborhood that has seen significant changes in recent years, most noticeably the construction and opening of the Green Line light rail transit, the stadium news is one more sign of positive investment in the Midway community which points to a bright future.”

--Jeff Fenske, board chair of the Midway Chamber of Commerce

The Midway Chamber is also encouraging members and other community partners to apply for the city’s Midway Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee, a 15-20 person committee which will be tasked with representing the broader interests of the community for the 34.5 acre site.

About the Midway Chamber of Commerce

The Midway Chamber represents over 320 businesses and organizations that are dedicated to Building A Stronger Midway by being a catalyst for economic development; connecting employers with resources to recruit and retain a productive workforce, and providing services that help members grow their business.

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