

PILLSBURY UNITED COMMUNITIES

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Dear Chair Lee, Chair Pappas, Majority Leader Dziejdzic and Representative Noor,

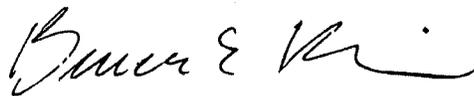
On behalf of Pillsbury United Communities, I write to share our organization's strong support for HF1943/SF2070, the \$20M bonding bill for a new Cedar Riverside Recreation Center. Thank you, Rep. Noor and Majority Leader Dziejdzic, for authoring.

Beginning in 1879 with Minneapolis's first settlement house, Pillsbury United Communities is one of Minnesota's oldest nonprofit organizations. Our mission is to co-create enduring change toward a just society where every person has personal, social and economic power. As you know, operate four community centers, including the Brian Coyle Center in Cedar Riverside, and six social enterprises in Minneapolis, primarily serving Black, Brown and Indigenous people, people who are refugees and immigrants, and people who are poor and working class in Minneapolis.

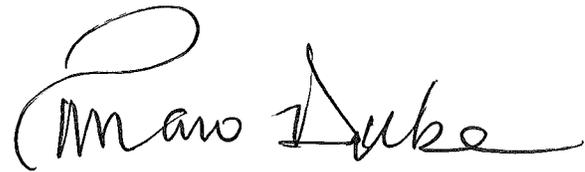
Cedar Riverside is one of the most underserved and densely populated neighborhoods in the state, and our Coyle Center there is long overdue for renovation and modernization. Our community members deserve a facility that meets their cultural and recreational needs, and we look forward to participating in the creation of a next generation Coyle Center with all the government and community partners invested in this work.

Minnesota has a historic surplus, and we are grateful for your vision and support for ensuring the vibrant immigrant community of Cedar Riverside shares in the abundance.

Thankful for all your work on behalf of our communities this session,



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