



February 27, 2023

Honorable Kari Dziedzic
Senate Majority Leader
3113 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Honorable Mohamud Noor
Minnesota House of Representatives
379 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: SF 2070 and HF 1943

Dear Majority Leader Dziedzic and Representative Noor:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Cedar Riverside Partnership to express our appreciation for your introduction of Senate File 2070 and House File 1943, bills to appropriate \$20 million from bond proceeds for a grant to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for a new Cedar Riverside Recreation Center. As you know, the Cedar Riverside Partnership is a public-private collaborative of Augsburg University, the Cedar Riverside Community Council, M Health Fairview, Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Pillsbury United Communities, the West Bank Business Association and Sherman Associates that has been committed since 2008 to investing strategically in the sustainable growth and development of the Cedar Riverside neighborhood in Minneapolis.

This \$20 million state funding is essential to bring expanded recreation facilities along with opportunities for more centralized social and support services to one of the most underserved and densely populated areas in the State of Minnesota. At our meeting of the Partnership Board on February 23, we unanimously affirmed our support for this project as expressed in the attached Resolution adopted by our Partnership on April 12, 2022. We also pledged to work together to do everything possible to attain this critical state funding for the project. We understand that the Minneapolis City Council will be acting on a revised site plan for Lot A to specifically accommodate the plans for this recreation facility. Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley expressed her full support for this project and the inclusion of Lot A1 in these plans. Pillsbury United Communities also expressed support for this project, which will include the next generation Brian Coyle Center.

We will be in touch to learn how we can be most helpful to you in successfully pursuing the Legislature's approval of this critical funding for a project that is vital to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Pribbenow".

Paul Pribbenow, President, Augsburg University
Chair, Cedar Riverside Partnership

Cc: Tola Vann, Cedar Riverside Community Council
John Swanholm, M Health Fairview
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