


Council of the District of Columbia

Committee of the Whole

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Memorandum

To: All Councilmembers

From: Chairman Kwame R. Brown
Councilmember Tommy Wells 

Date: March 1, 2012

Subject: Notice of Intent to Move Appointment Resolution PR19-0471

This memorandum serves as notice to the intent to move the following legislation at the March 6, 2012, Legislative Meeting:

- PR19-0471, the “Sense of the Council Support for D.C. United Soccer Remaining in the District of Columbia Resolution of 2011”

This resolution was introduced on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, and officially retained by the Council on December 8, 2011. It declares the sense of the Council that the District of Columbia should actively take steps to retain Major League Soccer’s D.C. United within the District of Columbia.

The resolution is attached for your review.

I would appreciate your support on this legislation. If you have any questions, please contact Megan S. Vahey, Chief of Staff to Chairman Brown, at (202) 724-8792 or Charles Allen, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Wells, at (202)724-8072.

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the sense of the Council that city should actively take steps to retain Major League Soccer's D.C. United within the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council Support for D.C. United Soccer Remaining in the District of Columbia Resolution of 2011".

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

(1) Major League Soccer's 4-time MLS Cup Championship team D.C. United is located in the District of Columbia, calls Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium home and hosts over 22 matches per year in Washington, D.C.;

(2) D.C. United's average attendance per match in the 2011 was 15,181, generating significant tax revenue to the District of Columbia;

(3) D.C. United has demonstrated a commitment to their home town by consistently working with local non-profit and charitable organizations, such as Thrive DC, So Others Might Eat (SOME), Habitat for Humanity, Children's National Medical Center, the Salvation Army, Bread for the City and The Alice Ferguson Foundation;

(4) D.C. United has further demonstrated a commitment to the residents of the District by creating youth literacy programs in D.C. elementary schools and soccer camps and clinics for D.C. youth to learn not only athletic soccer skills, but also understand the importance of team building and group relationship skills; and

(5) The presence of the D.C. United team within the District of Columbia creates a beneficial experience for the city – both as a source of civic pride, as a true community partner working with youth and underserved neighborhoods, and as a successful business that contributes to the tax base of the city.

Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that the District of Columbia should take active steps to create strategies and solutions that keep D.C. United as a professional soccer team located within the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.