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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Councilman Mike Gallagher, District 10

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SUBJECT: Resolution to Support the efforts to bring a Major League Soccer Team and the Possible Expansion of Toyota Field

DATE: August 25, 2014

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I request a Resolution affirming this City Council's desire to assist in bringing Major League Soccer (MLS) to San Antonio. Also, I respectfully request that the City Manager direct staff to provide recommendations to City Council identifying any financial options and potential partnerships available to the City to assist in securing an MLS franchise in San Antonio.

Brief Background

Major League Soccer (MLS) currently has planned to expand to 24 teams by the 2020 season. The City of San Antonio finds itself in an excellent position to be a part of this expansion process. This unique opportunity has occurred in part due to the success of the San Antonio Scorpions who play at Toyota Field located at 5106 David Edwards Dr. which is north of Wurzbach Parkway at Thousand Oaks. Toyota Field is a soccer specific stadium that was constructed for easy expansion to MLS standards and 18,500 seat capacity. The success of the team and Toyota Field is providing compelling evidence that a professional soccer market exists here in San Antonio.

San Antonio has recognized the benefits of one major sports team in this community, the San Antonio Spurs. In 1972, visionary Red McCombs recognized the need to bring professional sports to San Antonio and that decision played a major role in the development of San Antonio's culture, business development and vitality. Soccer has the same potential to transform San Antonio into a major league city as basketball did over 43 years ago.

The recent dramatic increase in soccer enthusiasm around the United States bodes well for this sport to continue to grow and prosper as demonstrated by the interest found locally and nationally during the 2014 World Cup. This opportunity to bring MLS soccer to San Antonio not only benefits the citizens of this city but also impacts South and Central Texas and Mexico.

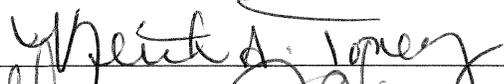
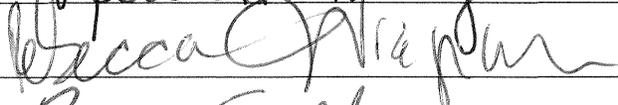
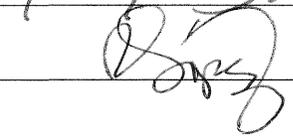
Therefore, I request that a resolution affirming the support of City Council to attract an MLS team to San Antonio and that City Staff review with council options to support this effort contingent upon selection.

Submitted for Council consideration  
by:

  
Councilman Mike Gallagher, District 10

Supporting Councilmember's Signatures (4 only)

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