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Mr. Josh Olson, Community and Economic Development Director
Ramsey County Community and Economic Development
15 Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Josh,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for Ramsey County's collaboration and partnership regarding the acquisition of 1840 English Street and the adjacent parcels. The County's willingness to engage early, share expertise, and coordinate across jurisdictions has been instrumental in advancing this potential opportunity for our community.

The City of Maplewood recognizes that successful redevelopment and reinvestment efforts are most effective when approached collaboratively. This is evident by Ramsey County's support of earlier Gladstone neighborhood projects, which ultimately helped to support a solid foundation for future planning and implementation in the corridor.

As we move forward, the City of Maplewood is committed to taking a leadership role in the visioning work for 1840 English Street and adjacent properties. This includes guiding a thoughtful, inclusive planning process that aligns with community goals, market realities, land use controls and broader city and county objectives. In addition, the City is prepared to lead the land assembly process, working closely with Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority to ensure a coordinated and strategic approach.

We look forward to continuing collaboration as we advance this effort together. Please know that the City of Maplewood remains committed to transparent communication, shared problem-solving, and a partnership-driven approach as this project evolves.

Thank you again for your collaboration and continued partnership. We appreciate Ramsey County's support and look forward to our ongoing work together.

Sincerely,

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