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United States Soccer Federation  
Re: 2022 World Cup Qualifying Request for Proposal – Audi Field

To Whom It May Concern:

We understand that DC United is applying to host several events for the World Cup, including a qualifying game at Audi Field in Southwest Washington.

The Near Southeast/Southwest Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) is a non-profit organization created to negotiate for community benefits and to maintain the community’s iconic social diversity in connection with the largest redevelopment in the District of Columbia—the community in which DC United’s Audi Field is located.

CBCC has a formal Community Benefits Agreement with DC United, and together the team and our organization have developed a robust set of activities that are engaging a broad range of community residents, and boosting DC United’s and professional soccer’s place in the community, the City, and the tri-state area of DC, Maryland and Virginia.

We are a community that is well-equipped and experienced in hosting and celebrating major sports and entertainment events. Audi Field, a new stadium opened only in 2018, is located in a setting bounded by the Potomac and Anacostia rivers and served by public transit. Nationals Stadium, home to the World Champion Nationals baseball team, is two blocks away. The two stadia host major sports events as well as many other entertainment events, and both are served by the large variety of restaurants and amenities that have opened as part of the massive redevelopment of the two riverfronts. The community and the authorities responsible for public safety and transportation successfully manage the many thousands of residents and guests who now frequent the area.

CBCC is delighted to recommend DC United to host the 2022 World Cup Qualifying events.

Sincerely,

Fredrica D. Kramer, Vice Chair

