



Resolution 2017-05 Support for the Columbus Crew

**Whereas**, the Columbus Crew SC is the holder of the status of the “First Team in Major League Soccer, founded in 1996”, and

**Whereas**, the Columbus Crew SC was the first Major League Soccer franchise to open a soccer-specific stadium in North America, in an unprecedented move to invest in what was at the time a fledgling soccer league of uncertain future, and

**Whereas**, the Columbus Crew SC players, coaches, and staff, have represented the City of Columbus and surrounding Columbus metropolitan area with a trademark grit, known internationally as America’s Hardest Working Team, winning conference championships known as “Supporter’s Shields” in 2004, 2008, and 2009, and winning two national championships, the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup in 2002, the MLS cup in 2008, and

**Whereas**, the Columbus Crew SC is a vital economic driver to the City of Columbus and surrounding Columbus metropolitan area of between \$20 million and \$25 million according to an economic impact study the Crew SC franchise commissioned in 2011, as well as more recent high-profile sponsorships from Mapfre Insurance, local Corporate powerhouses Honda-Acura and Barbasol, and many locally owned small-businesses with big hearts and open sponsorships, and

**Whereas**, the Owner-Investor of the Columbus Crew SC stated on October 17, 2017 the need and willingness to gain privately financed construction of a new downtown soccer-specific stadium in the City of Columbus to maintain Columbus’ image as the perennial spiritual home of not only Columbus Crew SC but also US Soccer,

**Therefore**, be it resolved by the Council for the Village of South Bloomfield, Pickaway County, Ohio that we hereby urge the investor-operator and chairman of the Columbus Crew Soccer Club to keep the Crew SC in Columbus and commit to building the downtown, state of the art soccer specific stadium and maintain and foster Columbus Ohio’s reputation as the heart of soccer in the state of Ohio and the USA.

PASSED: November 6, 2017

ATTEST: [Signature]  
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APPROVED BY MAYOR: [Signature]

DATE OF APPROVAL: 11-6-17