



**THE COUNCIL
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
MARION COUNTY**

January 31, 2019

The Honorable Ryan Mishler
Chairman, Indiana Senate Appropriations
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2785

Dear Chairman Mishler,

As you well know, Indianapolis has developed a world-class reputation as a premiere sporting city where travelers from around the globe come to join fellow Hoosiers in witnessing sporting events here in our great State. From auto racing to professional football, basketball, baseball, golf and hockey, and from diving to gymnastics to track and field, Indianapolis has become renowned as the place to host and showcase the best of the best in sports.

Soccer, the world's most popular sport, has developed a powerful fan base among a large and growing number of Hoosiers. As representatives of Indianapolis we see it poised to become a fixture on the city's sporting landscape. Its future in Indianapolis, however, rests to a great degree on SB543.

Among City-County Councillors, there is general agreement that the Council would appreciate the opportunity to carefully and thoughtfully engage in discussions on the proposed Eleven Park and its impact on the future of professional soccer in Indianapolis. Our ability to act on this, however, is dependent on SB543 being provided a committee hearing and the prospect of passage by the Indiana General Assembly.

We write to urge that SB543 be granted a hearing and provide the opportunity for critical debate on the proposed Eleven Park development at the local level.

Respectfully,

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