



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ERIC L. ADAMS
President

November 13, 2017

Sunil K. Gulati
President
US Soccer Federation
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Letter from Borough President Adams in support of the New York Cosmos and the North American Soccer League remaining at the Division II level of the US Soccer Federation

Dear President Gulati:

I am writing in regards to a recent decision by the US Soccer Federation (USSF) to deny the North American Soccer League (NASL) professional sanctioning at the Division II level for the 2018 season. One of the teams that are part of the NASL are the much-beloved and Brooklyn-based New York Cosmos. As Brooklyn's borough president, one of my main priorities is to ensure the cultural and economic vitality of every corner of our diverse borough. The New York Cosmos, based in Coney Island, play an integral role in the economy of that part of Brooklyn and are an attraction for all ages to enjoy a great game of soccer.

The New York Cosmos have gained an expansive and loyal fan base that stretches across the borough, the entire city, and beyond. Their presence has created many jobs for the local area and brings thousands of revelers to Coney Island every season to enjoy the great attractions, bars, hotels, and restaurants along the boardwalk and the adjacent neighborhood of Brighton Beach.

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Removing the NASL from Division II level, and as a consequence the New York Cosmos, would make it unsustainable for them to continue to operate in Coney Island, thereby risking many jobs and creating a sporting vacuum in the process. It is imperative that they remain a part of Brooklyn's community spirit and economic life by remaining within Division II.

I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President

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