

November 9, 2017

Sunil K. Gulati
President
U.S. Soccer Federation
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: The U.S. Soccer Federation's decision to deny the North American Soccer League professional sanctioning at the Division 2 level in 2018.

Dear Mr. Gulati,

It is our honor to support the New York Cosmos as an important player in the economy and tourism of South Brooklyn, and the borough. We are therefore writing to you about the U.S. Soccer Federation's decision to deny North American Soccer League professional sanctioning at the Division 2 level for the 2018 season. We hope you consider our concerns favorably for this decision.

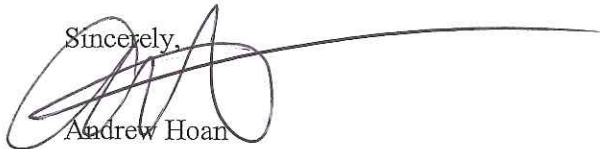
The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based business assistance organization, which represents the interests of over 2,100-member businesses. As the leading voice of the Brooklyn business community, and a champion for growth and inclusion, the Brooklyn Chamber is committed to lending its support to ensure the success of the NY Cosmos Soccer team, it's players, staff and Brooklyn community fan base.

The recent decision concerning the North American Soccer League will affect our local team, the New York Cosmos. As an integral part of Brooklyn's sports teams, the home teams' games are a draw for tourists to visit Coney Island in the traditionally slower tourism months. The New York Cosmos support Brooklyn's economy by creating jobs for residents in the tourism and hospitality industry as well as the sports industry, while drawing attention to the surrounding businesses on game days.

As this decision would have a detrimental effect on the New York Cosmos and the South Brooklyn community, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is concerned for the economic development and employment results of this decision.

We look forward to continuing our support of the New York Cosmos in the 2018 season, and hope the recent decision is reconsidered for our home team to continue playing on the grounds of Brooklyn.

Sincerely,



Andrew Hoan
President and CEO
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce