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

Dear Mr. Gulati,

I am writing in regard to the recent decision of The U.S. Soccer Federation's ("USSF") to deny the North American Soccer League ("NASL") professional status at the Division 2 level for the 2018 season. I ask for your reconsideration of this decision and urge you to preserve the sanctioning of Division 2 level status for the NASL clubs.

From this decision, one of the clubs that will be affected is our own New York Cosmos. The Cosmos bring a rich history to American soccer and New York City. From their inception in 1970 to their rebirth in 2010, they draw a strong following of fans and casual visitors, greatly contributing to their current home in the Coney Island neighborhood. Since the Cosmos' arrival, the community experienced an increase in foot traffic, an extended tourist season, and needed job growth in the Brooklyn community.

The preservation of the Cosmos as a Division 2 level club is crucial for this growth to continue. I ask you to maintain the Cosmos and NASL Division 2 status so that they may continue their contributions to the vibrancy of New York City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alicia Glen".

Alicia Glen
Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development