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Supporting a Community Benefits Agreement as part of a new ballpark development.

Whereas, community participation in the ballpark project maximizes the benefits and minimizes the risks to the host community; and

Whereas, a Community Benefits Agreement is an agreement negotiated by and between the county, the authority, the team, any developer or developers of the ballpark project, and community groups that will be directly affected by the ballpark project and related facilities. Such community groups must include those groups in the county expressing an interest in advocating on behalf of the following: jobs and workplace issues, the needs of the socially disadvantaged, environmental concerns, affordable housing, neighborhood livability, and childcare and youth issues;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That such an agreement must provide for the following elements:

1. Creation of living wage jobs, as defined by the City of Minneapolis.
2. First-source hiring program for residents of the county and for those displaced by the project from employment at the Metrodome.
3. Set greater goals for participation of small, minority and women-owned businesses incorporating measures like; use of the Small and Underutilized Business Enterprise Program, adherence to the Agency's Prevailing Wage Policy, use of a pre-apprenticeship program and an apprenticeship program.
4. Reasonable efforts to consider and do business with "Targeted Group Businesses". Developer and sub-contractors commit to employment of Hennepin County residents.
5. Environmental mitigation measures, including landscaping and beautification of the space dedicated to the ballpark project and increased funding for parks or dedication of additional green space in the county.
6. Increased funding for affordable housing or construction of such housing, as defined by the county.
7. Neighborhood livability steps, including traffic management and a residential parking program for any directly affected neighborhood.
8. Childcare and youth development opportunities, including affordable childcare provided on-site for employees and a youth development program.

Be It Further Resolved that the county may not sell any bonds or impose any tax authorized by this act to finance the ballpark project, and may not make any grant for ballpark costs, until such time as a Community Benefits Agreement meeting all the requirements of the conditions outlined above have been negotiated and executed.

Be It Further Resolved that the contracting authority is empowered to enforce the goals outlined in the Community Benefits Agreement and establish penalties for non-compliance.