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Office of Economic Development
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To Whom It May Concern:

Mall of America strongly supports the efforts for Bloomington, Minnesota to be the site of the proposed Amazon HQ2 project. As the top retail and entertainment destination in the nation, Mall of America has earned a national reputation for attracting more than 40 million annual visitors.

A large portion of the proposed Bloomington site includes land that is owned by Triple Five (owners of Mall of America). That land is fully entitled for up to 7 million square feet of additional density, and the Amazon HQ2 project fits within current zoning. Triple Five has an existing contract with the City of Bloomington and the Bloomington Port Authority for redevelopment which includes a substantial public funding source in the form of Tax Increment Financing.

The City of Bloomington and Triple Five/Mall of America have a successful history of completing forward-thinking, large-scale development. Most recently the City and Triple Five have worked to complete a 500-room Radisson Blu, a 342-room JW Marriott (both attached to the Mall), a \$350 million expansion which includes retail, dining, office and common area space. To complete this project \$30 million was invested in lowering the adjoining road to provide for even further growth. In short, we have a strong and cooperative working relationship with the City of Bloomington.

The Bloomington site has many advantages over other contending sites, not the least of which is access. The site – and Mall of America – is located 1.5 miles from the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport and the Light Rail Train line begins at Mall of America and connects directly to the airport as well as downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Mall's transit station is the busiest in the state. The Mall has two world-class hotels connected and is surrounded by more than forty other hotels. The site is shovel ready and provides the easiest access to the entire Twin Cities area.

The active and energetic Bloomington-Minneapolis-St. Paul community combined with convenient tourist attractions and transportation makes Minnesota a welcoming location for Amazon HQ2. We extend our strong support for the Minnesota bid to become the new home for HQ2.

Sincerely,

Kurt Hagen
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Triple Five/Mall of America

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