

VANDERBILT STUDENT GOVERNMENT
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MLS SOCCER STADIUM

RESOLUTION S: 17-18-06

PROPOSED BY: SPEAKER OF THE SENATE MOLLY GUPTA, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT JAMI COX, VICE PRESIDENT RYAN CONNOR, CHIEF OF STAFF OLIVIA SOLOW-NIEDERMAN

COSPONSORED BY: TOWERS I & II SENATOR TREY ELLIS, ARTS & SCIENCE SENATOR TOBI SHITTA-BEY, PEABODY SENATOR CHRISTIAN COX, ARTS & SCIENCE SENATOR SUBHASH GUTTI, ARTS & SCIENCE SENATOR AUSTIN KONKLE, HIGHLAND QUAD SENATOR LUCIJA TACER, BRANSCOMB SENATOR FRANCES BURTON, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS OUTREACH TARIQ ISSA

We, the elected representatives of the Vanderbilt Student Body, hereby enact the following:

WHEREAS, the City of Nashville is currently under consideration to be included in the Major League Soccer (MLS) franchise expansion as early as December 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the addition of a MLS soccer team would add significantly to the community, character, and commerce of the City and greatly benefit the Vanderbilt student experience; and,

WHEREAS, the successful awarding of a franchise expansion would necessarily require a viable plan for a new soccer stadium, and to help ensure the financial sustainability of the venue, Vanderbilt University has been approached to host campus events at the stadium; and,

WHEREAS, these events may include home games played by the Vanderbilt football team; and,

WHEREAS, playing home games on Vanderbilt campus is essential to preserving the atmosphere of college football, which is a critical component of the fan experience, and the relocation of a majority or all of home football games to an off-campus stadium would damage this atmosphere; and,

WHEREAS, routinely hosting games off-campus would impede the ability of the student body to support the athletic performance of student athletes; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Vanderbilt Student Government formally extends its support to the City of Nashville's efforts to obtain a franchise expansion and commends Vanderbilt University's efforts to assist the City in obtaining the franchise; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Vanderbilt Student Government recommends that in its efforts to support the City of Nashville's bid for a MLS soccer team, Vanderbilt University refrain from entering into any agreement, present or future, that requires it to host a majority or all of football games off-campus; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Vanderbilt Student Government opposes any plan that causes Vanderbilt to do so.

Signed by the Speaker of the Senate,

Signed by the Student Body President,

Speaker Molly Gupta

President Jami Cox

