

March 16, 2018

Andrew Ginther  
Mayor, City of Columbus  
90 West Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mayor Ginther:

Precourt Sports Ventures LLC, Team Columbus Soccer, L.L.C., and Crew Soccer Stadium Limited Liability Company (collectively, the "PSV Entities") and Major League Soccer, L.L.C. ("MLS") were recently served with process for a lawsuit filed by the City of Columbus and the State of Ohio styled *State ex rel. DeWine v. Precourt Sports Ventures LLC*, No. 18CV001864 (Ct. C.P. Franklin Cnty., Ohio filed Mar. 5, 2018) (the "Complaint"). The Complaint purports to ask the Franklin County Common Pleas Court to order the PSV Entities and MLS to comply with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.67.

The PSV Entities and MLS do not believe that ORC 9.67 applies to them and expressly reserve all rights and defenses with respect to that position. That said, even if ORC 9.67 were to apply, the facts are that (i) the City of Columbus has had notice for some time that Columbus Crew SC may cease playing most of its home games at MAPFRE Stadium, and (ii) individuals who reside in the area have had the opportunity to take steps to seek to purchase the PSV Entities' interests in the team.

Among other things, an announcement was made on October 17, 2017 that the PSV Entities would pursue the possible relocation of Crew SC. On November 15, 2017, representatives of the PSV Entities and MLS met with you and Columbus Partnership CEO Alex Fischer to discuss the possibility of relocation and steps that could be taken to improve Crew SC's long-term ability to operate and compete in Columbus given the potential of relocation. Indeed, the Complaint itself alleges that "Mr. Precourt announced his intention to move the Crew from Columbus" given current facts (Compl. ¶ 2) and that "with each passing day it appears more likely than not that PSV and MLS will move the Crew . . . ." (*Id.* ¶ 35). Under these circumstances, the City of Columbus has certainly had notice (to the extent required) by no later than November 15, 2017 (if not sooner).

For the avoidance of any doubt, the PSV Entities and MLS, again reserving the right to assert and pursue any or all of their rights and defenses, reaffirm that, even if ORC 9.67 were to apply in this instance, notice of Crew SC's intent under ORC 9.67 has been given. To the extent such notice is deemed not to have already been given, this letter shall constitute such notice. Again, while the PSV Entities and MLS do not believe that ORC 9.67 applies, if any individual or group of individuals are interested in purchasing the rights to operate Crew SC, or Precourt Sports Ventures LLC's interest in Team Columbus Soccer, L.L.C., then such individual(s) should contact any of the undersigned and provide the terms of any such offer and demonstrate their bona fides as a prospective operator of an MLS club.

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This letter is not intended to, and does not, create any new contractual or statutory obligation upon the PSV Entities and/or MLS.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very Truly Yours,

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