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Official Philadelphia World Cup 2026 Host City Supporters Leadership Quotes

Quotes are provided in alphabetical order by Official Host City Supporter Company.

Cencora

"As a purpose-driven company dedicated to creating healthier futures, Cencora is proud to partner with Philadelphia Soccer 2026 to advance health and well-being across Greater Philadelphia, strengthening the communities where we live and work."

- **Bob Mauch, Chief Executive Officer**
- **Cencora**

Comcast Corporation

"Philadelphia has always been a city that shows up for moments that matter and with the World Cup and America's 250th converging here, our hometown will be on a global stage in a way that's incredibly special. Comcast was founded in Philadelphia more than 60 years ago, and it's a privilege to help bring people from all over the world to this city and to share the energy of these historic events with fans across the country on NBC, Telemundo, and Peacock."

- **Brian L. Roberts, Chairman**
- **Comcast Corporation**

Independence Blue Cross

"Independence Blue Cross is proud to serve as an Official Philadelphia World Cup 2026 Host City Supporter and help bring the electricity of this global celebration to our region. Welcoming the world to Philadelphia for this event is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase everything that makes our city extraordinary, from our award-winning culinary scene and vibrant arts and culture to our world-class parks, and community focused

programs like Indego bike share. The months ahead will be historic, and we invite our members and neighbors to start planning now to experience the excitement this summer."

- **Kelly Munson, President and Chief Executive Officer**
- **Independence Blue Cross**

PECO

"As Philadelphia prepares to welcome the world in 2026, PECO is proud to help power this global moment for our hometown. We're committed to supporting the communities we serve and delivering the energy to ensure this historic event shines across the entire region."

David Vahos, President & Chief Executive Officer
PECO

Penn Medicine

"We're all extremely excited to see the World Cup come to Philadelphia. Being the Official Medical Services Provider for the Philadelphia World Cup 2026 host city, in what will be the largest sporting event Pennsylvania has ever seen, is a great responsibility that we're ready and excited for."

- **Patrick J. Brennan, MD, Chief Medical Officer,**
University of Pennsylvania Health System

Philadelphia Eagles

"When we opened Lincoln Financial Field more than 20 years ago, we made a promise to deliver world-class attractions and entertainment for the City of Philadelphia. FIFA World Cup 2026 will serve as another opportunity to showcase our great city and Lincoln Financial Field on the world's biggest stage. It is a privilege to be recognized as a Host City Supporter and contribute to the Local Host Committee's ongoing work. We look forward to collaborating with our fellow partners as we prepare to welcome the international soccer community to Philadelphia this summer."

- **Don Smolenski, President**
Philadelphia Eagles

Visit PA

"The FIFA World Cup 2026™ is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Pennsylvania—and we're ready for it. With a projected \$770 million economic impact, this moment will power

local businesses, create jobs, and shine a global spotlight on communities across the Commonwealth. As an Official Philadelphia World Cup 2026 Host City Supporter, we're making sure the excitement doesn't stop at the stadium—Pennsylvanians everywhere will feel the energy. In 2026, millions will visit, billions will watch, and Pennsylvania will be America's stage."

- **Anne Ryan, Deputy Secretary of Tourism
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

William Penn Foundation

"The William Penn Foundation is interested in helping to ensure that this global moment delivers meaningful, lasting benefits for Philadelphians. We've focused our investment on strengthening community soccer programs and facilities, as well as improving Lemon Hill so that it can serve as a vital park space for residents and visitors to the city for years to come. These investments strongly align with our commitment to improve public spaces for the people of Philadelphia."

- **Shawn McCaney, Executive Director
William Penn Foundation**