



MLS:40 @ 40



Which 40 teams will make up Major League Soccer in 2035?

There are currently 20 teams in Major League Soccer's 20th season. Who are the next 20?

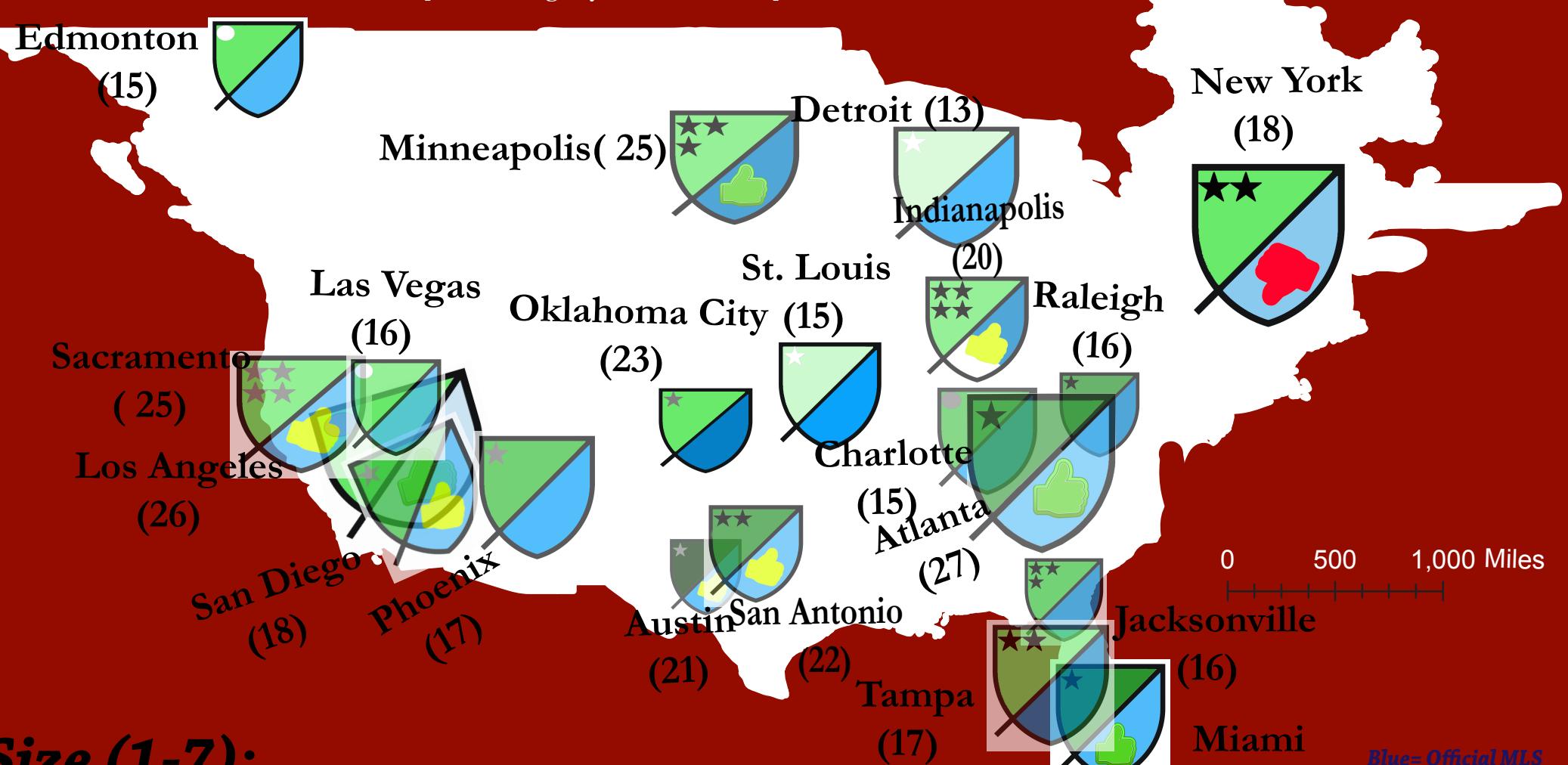
Criteria:

- City in US, Canada or PR with Metro Area pop of over 1 million people & own TV market
- NO MLS team unless there are over 10 million people per team* (NY & LA)

A total of 42 qualifying Candidates were judged on 5 categories on a scale of 1 to 7. Here is the top 20.

Categories

1) Size	2) Growth	3) Sports Saturation	4) Soccer Fans	5) Garber Approval
Population rank + TV rank/2	Population Change From 2010 to 2015	# of Big 6 Teams (NBA, NFL, NHL, MLB, CFL, MLS) Per person [+1 or having any team -1 for none]	Minor league team rank Avg attendance at games	Has Commissioner Garber approved your team, recommended it or disapproved



Size (1-7):

Top 70 Top 60 Top 50 Top 40 Top 30 Top 20 Top 10



Blue = Official MLS Expansion team
White = Predicted MLS Expansion Team

Growth (1-7):

>1% >2.5% >5% >7.5% >10% >12.5% >15%



Saturation (1-7)



Soccer Fans:

Attendance:

	= 2,500 Fans (+1)
	= 0 Fans (0)

League Level:

	= NASL/Div II (+3)
	= USL Pro/Div III (+2)
	= PDL/NPSL/Div IV (+1)

Garber Approval:

Approved (+7) Recommended (+3) Disapprove (-3)



City	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
Atlanta	7	4	5	4	7	27
LA	7	3	7	2	7	26
Miami	6	4	5	6	7	26
Minneapolis	6	3	3	6	7	25
Sacramento	5	3	5	6	3	22
San Antonio	4	5	5	5	3	22
Indy	4	3	3	7	3	20
Austin	4	7	4	3	3	20
New York	7	3	6	5	-3	18
San Diego	5	4	5	1	3	18
Phoenix	6	4	4	3	0	17
Tampa	6	3	3	5	0	17
Las Vegas	4	3	5	1	3	16
Jacksonville	3	4	3	6	0	16
Raleigh	4	5	3	4	0	16
St. Louis	5	1	3	3	3	15
Edmonton	3	6	4	2	0	15
Charlotte	5	4	4	2	0	15
Detroit	6	1	4	2	0	13
OKC	3	4	3	3	0	13