



September 12, 2017

Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
1221 Oak Street, #536  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Supervisors,

As you know, the Oakland Athletics have been hard at work over the last year to identify a site for a new ballpark in Oakland that can be privately financed. During this process, we launched our *Rooted in Oakland* campaign, reaffirming our long-term commitment to Oakland and the East Bay. After intensive analysis, we are pleased to announce that our preferred location for a new ballpark and related mixed-use development is the Peralta Community College District Offices site (the "Peralta Site"). Enclosed is a letter to Peralta District Chancellor Laguerre that conveys this choice and outlines our proposed process going forward.

This project represents a historic opportunity for the City of Oakland and Alameda County. In addition to building a state-of-the-art baseball venue, we plan to explore mixed-use development that will create important public benefits including a stronger community college system, new housing opportunities (including affordable housing), workforce training programs, living wage jobs, and quality public open space. Over the next nine to twelve months, we want to pursue a deep collaboration with public officials, stakeholders of the four Peralta colleges and the surrounding neighborhoods to establish shared project goals and specific development plans for the Peralta Site and other adjacent sites.

The A's will be privately financing the new ballpark. In order to provide essential improvements to utility, transportation and other public-serving infrastructure, we would like to work with the City of Oakland and the County of Alameda on infrastructure financing strategies that could include the creation of an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIFD) or other "public-private partnership" approaches.

While the A's are excited about the prospect of a new downtown Oakland ballpark, we are also committed to the long-term future of the Coliseum neighborhood. We believe the Coliseum site can be redeveloped with a more dynamic and economically sustainable mix of uses that includes community sports facilities, mixed-income housing, and commercial activity. We hope to enter into a partnership with the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority to begin planning for the Coliseum's future now.

We are grateful for your support to help keep the A's in the East Bay. We look forward to working with you to make the new ballpark project a win for the A's, the City of Oakland, and the County of Alameda

Play ball,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DKaval".

David Kaval  
President  
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