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Honorable Members of the City Council of St. Petersburg  
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Dear City Council Members,

I write today on behalf of Orlando Health Bayfront Hospital in complete and proud support of the proposed Historic Gas Plant District redevelopment. So much positive energy, creative collaboration and community building has taken us to the place we stand collectively today. Moving this project forward will be the most pivotal decision in the history of St. Petersburg. The opportunity to honor the history of the Gas Plant District and surrounding community, while creating affordable housing, positioning the community to attract the desired businesses, developing a destination for community events and entertainment, and retaining a beloved baseball organization in the Tampa Bay Rays is without compare. The legacy of our community will be defined by this project, and it will be one of which we can all be proud.

As I reflect on my relatively short time in St. Petersburg, I think of the positive impact of the Tampa Bay Rays. It is not simply the fact that they are a Major League Baseball Team, it is really about the daily impact in organizations, small and large, too numerous to list, it is about the expectation the organization has that all employees give back to the community and it is about a leadership team that exemplifies that every day in visible and not so visible ways. While the proposed redevelopment of the Historic Gas Plant District presents some very quantifiable benefits for our overall community, there are many benefits that are not so quantifiable, yet bring immense value to this community that we cherish.

It is time to move forward with the Rays/Hines proposal which City and County leaders have so diligently crafted to fit the needs of this community. Our legacy is at hand, the time is now.

Sincerely,



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