

## EDGE Business District Association / P.O. Box 15026 / St. Pete, FL 33733

Date: 11/21/23

Dear Mayor Welch and City Council -

The EDGE Business District Association Board voted unanimously to approve this letter of support on behalf of the Association for the Hines-Rays development. With thousands of residents, over 100 businesses, thousands of employees, and millions of annual visitors – the EDGE District has quickly evolved into one of the most vibrant areas of the City and we look forward to seeing our new neighbor rise from the Historic Gas Plant District. Over the next few years, with current developments started or slated to soon begin construction, our District will see the number of residents, businesses, employees, and visitors double (and that's just in the EDGE District proper) with around \$500 million in development.

The Hines-Rays project team has kept an open and continual dialogue with our District and Board. We expect that relationship and openness to continue, and we likewise make ourselves available to them, City Council, and the Mayor for any input or questions that may arise.

We recognize the upcoming City Council vote on stadium and development agreements could result in certain changes or additions to what is currently proposed, so we offer our letter on what is currently listed as part of the informational page of the City as of 11/21/23:

https://www.stpete.org/residents/current projects/tropicana field site.php

Our sincerest support,

The EDGE Business District Association

Roger Curlin, Executive Director

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