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VIA EMAIL

Honorable Members of the City Council of St. Petersburg, Florida PO Box 2842 St. Petersburg, FL 33721

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing for Fletcher Fischer Pollack, PL to advise that we strongly support the Hines and Tampa Bay Rays proposal to redevelop the Historic Gas Plant District and construct a new stadium. We encourage you to support it as well.

As land use and commercial real estate attorneys, we've seen many master planned projects proposed and built around the State. Like the few that are truly spectacular, this one proposes a thoughtful development with a large mix of new resources for St. Pete. The proposal includes a wide variety of housing opportunities, office and meeting spaces, medical and hospitality space, walkable streets with retail development, and a new sporting venue that is expected to meet the needs of the whole community, not just the Rays. As we showcase St. Petersburg's waterfront, this project also reimagines what Brooker Creek can be, providing further green space deeper into the City.

No project can fix the tragedy that was the destruction of the Gas Plant District, but Hines and the Rays have worked diligently to gain the support of many in the community that was affected and through their work with community members, have provided a proposal that attempts to remedy much of that loss.

The project will bring affordable housing, new businesses and industries, additional tax revenue, and a continued spring to the step of this City as so many others across the country are slowing down. With the your efforts to ensure a good project that meets as many of our community's needs as possible, the positive impact to this community will last for decades.

We respectfully request that you support this project.

Sincerely yours,

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