

February 13, 2024

Honorable City Council Members,

Thank you for the work you all are continuing to do in our community, and for the thoughtful consideration to the Historic Gas Plant District. As a St. Pete native and member of a family that has owned Harvey's 4th Street Grill for 40 years, I want to fully support the Hines proposal for the Historic Gas Plant District. I operate one stand-alone restaurant on North 4th Street, 8 miles from the site, but my business is still directly impacted by the redevelopment. The small business community thrives having the Tampa Bay Rays in St. Pete, as an increase in business and tourism is noticeable when the Rays are in season. The Rays support in our community is incredible, now it's time we support them.

The partnership proposal for the Gas Plant District is a community conscious development that takes into consideration all citizens of St. Pete. We as a community finally have the opportunity to right the wrongs of the past development and create an inclusive space for all to enjoy. We're not going to find a better development partnership than the Hines group. It's time that as citizens and business leaders we can take pride in our ballpark, and the surrounding community areas. We will be a better community at large when we move forward by supporting the Hines Development.

I urge you to support Mayor Welch and the entire St. Petersburg community by voting for to move forward the Hines Development partnership.

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