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Dear City Council Members,

As the umbrella organization of the arts community in St. Petersburg, we wanted to express our heartfelt support of The Rays and their undertaking to honor and elevate our community through the Gas Plant project. The inclusion of the new Woodson African American Museum of Florida on this site, adds great value and a sense of history to our city.

In working with this organization over time, they have supported the arts and artists in many ways. They understand the arts to be an economic driver in St. Petersburg. They have made it possible for the St. Pete Arts Alliance to connect with the business community through their participation in our major events. This has enabled our organization to grow and thrive, in turn creating greater impact for our mission.

There is also a deep connection with our organization and The Rays' leadership. I have worked with Brian Auld and his team for a number of years. They are a group of professionals that have the greater good in mind when it comes to our city. Their willingness to listen and learn from the community is commendable. It speaks of an organization that truly adheres to what is best for all. I hope that you will continue to support their hard work and their dedication to our city.

We look forward to supporting the Gas Plant Project, The Tampa Bay Rays and our extraordinary City of St. Pete.

Best,
Terry Marks, CEO