

Dear Members of City Council,

On behalf of Valley Bank, I'm writing our support of the redevelopment project for the Tampa Bay Rays stadium in the Hines Historic Gas Plant district. We recognize the significance of this project to the region to create a thriving neighborhood, that will not only be a long-term home to the Tampa Bay Rays but will provide a mix of uses including affordable housing, commercial, and community space.

Valley Bank is a \$60 Billion plus Regional Bank with a strong presence in Tampa Bay. Many of our associates were born and raised in this region and are deeply committed to serving our community. We focus our community involvement on economic and community development, affordable housing, and small business support, all through the dedication of our local leaders in this area.

We are excited about the efforts of the developers, the City of St. Pete, and Pinellas County to keep the Rays in Tampa Bay and look forward to the alignment of all parties on any remaining items that will enable all the project to proceed.

Sincerely,

Vincent Chillura

Chief Banking Officer - Florida West

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