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To City Council Members:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the approval of the proposed new baseball park in our community. As a resident and a business owner in the Tampa Bay area, I believe that this project presents numerous benefits for City of St. Petersburg, local residents and the Tampa Bay region.

First and foremost, the construction of a new baseball park will undoubtedly revitalize our community and provide a significant boost to the local economy. The development of such a facility will create a multitude of job opportunities for our residents, both during the construction phase and upon completion. Local businesses, including restaurants, hotels, and retail establishments, will experience increased patronage from fans attending games and events at the stadium, thereby stimulating economic growth and prosperity.

Moreover, a state-of-the-art baseball park will attract not only fans but also potentially star baseball players to our city. By offering top-notch facilities and amenities, we can position ourselves as a desirable destination for athletes, coaches, and sports enthusiasts alike. This will not only enhance the reputation of our city but also contribute to the cultural vibrancy and diversity of our community.

Additionally, the incorporation of the latest technology into the stadium design will provide fans with an unparalleled viewing experience and ensure that St. Petersburg remains at the forefront of innovation in the world of sports entertainment. From advanced sound systems to high-definition video displays, the new ballpark will offer cutting-edge amenities that rival those found in major league stadiums across the country.

As the owner of VoltAir, Inc., a company founded in Tampa Bay, specializing in mechanical, electrical, plumbing/fire protection, and technology engineering design services, I am particularly excited about the potential opportunities that this project presents for our firm. With hopes of being involved in the design of a professional sports stadium, we can showcase our expertise and expand our services to similar projects nationwide. This not only strengthens our business but also enhances our reputation as a leader in the field of engineering and design.

In conclusion, I urge the city council to approve the construction of the new baseball park. The benefits to our community, including job creation, economic growth, and enhanced cultural and recreational opportunities, are undeniable. Furthermore, this project represents a unique opportunity for local businesses like VoltAir, Inc. to thrive and contribute to the success and prosperity of the bay area.

Thank you for considering my input on this matter. I look forward to seeing our community flourish with the addition of this exciting new development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julius D. Davis".

Julius D. Davis, PE
President & CEO

Cc: R. Stone, Tampa Bay Rays