

May 10, 2011

Dear Commissioner Selig,

Even though a lot of time has passed, seven years to be precise, since the A's first considered moving to San Jose, we remain enthusiastic about the A's and the team's desire to build a stadium in downtown San Jose.


It's been nearly a year since I acceded to your request not to put a baseball ballot measure in front of the voters, and you offered to help pay for a special election in the spring. It is now too late to schedule an election before spring turns to summer so we have to contemplate the timing for a future election. In that regard, it would be helpful to have some idea of when you will make a decision. I know you have been busy with other matters, but two years seems like sufficient time, even at the glacial speed of government, so I am hopeful you are close to the end of your process.

Recent events in Silicon Valley continue to be positive for the prospects for a very successful baseball stadium:

- The combined stock market value of the "Silicon Valley 150" companies hit \$1.55 trillion in March 2011, underscoring the tremendous potential for corporate sponsorships and partnerships.
- Our job base is growing, and we continue to have one of the highest median household incomes of all the big cities in the country.
- A's fans in the East Bay will have an easy way to get the games in San Jose on BART: work on the northern section of the extension to San Jose from Fremont is underway; the President has recommended additional funding; and we have become eligible for participation in the New Starts Program.

Despite your lengthy deliberative process, success is still achievable and we are looking forward to your decision. I hope it will be soon.

Sincerely,



Chuck Reed
Mayor