

February 10, 2022

Dear Co-Chair Holvey, Co-Chair Girod, and Members of the Sub-Committee,

Thank you for directing Lane County Staff to work with the Eugene Emeralds to determine the feasibility of a multi-use facility at the Lane Events Center that would be home to the team and serve the community and region for a wide-range of exciting uses.

As you know the Emeralds are more than just a baseball team. They are a valued community partner, the team ownership, staff, and players have a 70-year track record for investing their resources in our communities to help make them a better place to live. We feel like this new facility will only grow the Emeralds involvement in the community and give back to Lane County.

Not only has Hope & Safety Alliance had the pleasure of working with the Emeralds through their Community Spotlight program, but I personally have also worked with them throughout the years for different non-profits including Volunteers In Medicine and FOOD For Lane County. Their dedication to bringing awareness to the needs in our community by bringing in non-profits at each game, giving them screen time, and talking about our mission reaches a larger audience throughout the course of a game than what we can reach through social media in the same amount of time.

They are incredible to work with, and a joy to have in our community. I was born and raised here and have been going to Emeralds games from the time I was young. I was part of the Eugene Active 20-30 Club and had the joy of working the final game at Civic Stadium. We've followed the Emeralds to PK Park and now our hope is to follow them to this new multi-use facility. They are Eugene. We are the Emeralds.

As you know, if the Emeralds don't have new place to play by 2024, Major League Baseball will move the team. To not have the Emeralds in our communities would be an unnecessary and tragic loss to our County. I ask that you support the proposed multi-use facility is included in the master plan for the Lane Events Center.

Sincerely,

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