

2/16/2024

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

As part of the business community, as well as a coach for our local Babe Ruth youth baseball players I implore you to reconsider removing our Eugene emeralds baseball team from the Eugene area. As a business, we have made going to EM's games a yearly treat for both our staff and family members. As a youth baseball coach of three years, we have held yearly team trips for the players. Being able to bring our youth teams to watch these games, and even experience walking on the field is both a lifetime memory, and athletic motivation for these kids. I truly believe this change will negatively impact our current youths' interest to continue within this sport. Being able to have access to watch these games locally give these kids something to look up to, and motivate them in the sport. This also gives them a place to recreate in the community. Please consider the joy this team and its fun mascot brings into our community, and the loss we will feel if they are no longer here for us to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Amanda Ferrell
Manager of Higbee Family Dentistry
Babe Ruth Rookie Minor Assistant Coach