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Hello and thank you for the time. I absolutely think it's imperative that the Eugene Emeralds, Stay In Eugene. Being an east coast transplant, baseball is a way of life and a culture. If you want to see a sad, town, on the downturn, it's a town without a baseball field of some kind. This team has been drawing crowds since 1955. I only missed maybe 8 home games this past season. I made friends, and there can be no doubt that the Emeralds bring the town together. This stadium should of been built after those kids burned down the last one.

My grand parents, mother, and aunt are all from Brooklyn, New York, and they talked about the sadness of the Dodgers leaving Brooklyn and what a hole of despair it made Brooklyn. Never did it fully heal. My grandfather never watched another game and he lived into his ninetys.

This multi use stadium / fairgrounds is an absolute must for Eugene. Please don't let the Eugene Emeralds go to Washington to wherever they end up. Let Us Have Baseall!

Please and Thank You

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