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I moved to the Eugene area in the summer of 2020 and could not be more thrilled to learn that the Emeralds were now going to be a high A minor league affiliate of the SF Giants. Having grown up in San Jose I always understood what a rare opportunity it was to see families able to enjoy an event that was always fun filled and inexpensive. Minor league baseball has always been a way to introduce your young ones to sports and competition that seemed to be rooted in community. Attending a Pro sporting event or even musical event has become unaffordable for most hard working families ,and is not the same kind of atmosphere. Any investment in one kind of entertainment above other needs will always be met by opposition but does not mean that it is not a wise investment in the future of Eugene. We will not get another chance at this and it definitely will not be cheaper at a later date. Please keep the Emeralds here for now and the future.

Thank you, Mike Ruiz