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To: Senate Generic Mailbox
Subject: Please Support the A's Move to Vegas - From a Bay Area Resident and Sports Fan


Dear Senate Members,

As a San Francisco Bay Area resident and devout sports fan, I implore you to ignore the noise from many disgruntled California residents who are clogging the Nevada legislative process and vote **YES** in favor of the A's move to Las Vegas. This is an incredible opportunity for the City of Las Vegas to establish itself as a premier sports destination and to diversify its local economy as the rest of the country legalizes gambling and eats into the Las Vegas monopoly.

Let me be clear - the City of Oakland does not deserve a professional sports team and is the reason the 50-year marriage with the A's is falling apart. The reasons why no one attends A's games, even when they have a winning percentage, is endless:

- The freeway that residents must take to the A's current home (Interstate 880) has seen an unprecedented number of [freeway shootings](#), almost all remain unsolved.
- The transit agency that serves the A's current home (BART) has had the [lowest transit ridership](#) in the country due to rampant fare evasion, homelessness, and crime.
- The area around the A's current home (which is also currently home to a [rogue opossum](#)) is a barren industrial area - and with the Raiders and Warriors gone - this stadium issue is holding up the redevelopment of this area.
- The City of Oakland has had over a dozen police chiefs in as many years - and yet they [don't have one now](#), and haven't even starting looking for a new one!

It was awfully convenient for Congresswoman Lee to chime in at the 11th hour in support of her hometown team, after more than 2 decades of this ongoing stadium saga. While this stadium bill has not followed the typical legislative process, the A's have simply been playing with the cards they have been dealt.

Please take advantage of this historic opportunity to obtain a storied franchise. The cost of an expansion baseball team could be hundreds of millions more and many many years away.