

Hello Nevada Senate,

I would be very careful about trusting the A's and their community benefits "promises". Here is a snippet of an article that highlights what has happened with the Oakland Community Benefits.

on Vegas, where they have reached a deal to buy a piece of land.

I asked my source why the A's would torpedo their own deal in Oakland when, after allegedly spending \$100 million so far to get it done, they were on the brink of success.

"They didn't blow it up because they were afraid it would fail," Source said. "They blew it up because they were afraid it would succeed. (Baseball Commissioner Rob) Manfred told them, 'I'll let you go to Vegas if the project fails in Oakland, but you'll have to try first.' That's why Manfred didn't just approve a Vegas relocation three years ago."

By this theory, Fisher has no intention of building that multi-multi-billion project, but by moving that plan through the process, he paves the way for a new owner to build a ballpark, making the A's more attractive with each hurdle cleared.

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"Early on, they said they wanted to provide a large amount of community benefits, and they created this process to engage with all sorts of community stakeholders and advocates and so on," Kalb said. "It was a whole multi-layered, very intricate process with lots and lots of people, and they managed the process, lots of it, or at least initiated and helped manage it. And then, more than three-quarters of the way through the process, they said, 'Oh, by the way, we're not going to pay for any of this stuff.'

"What the hell are you doing? They made it sound like they were going to pay for it, or at least a lot of it. Then they pull the rug out, and everybody was scratching their heads, like what the hell is going on?"

Source:

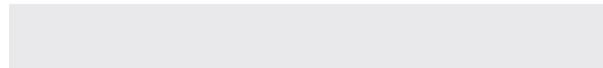
What if I told you Oakland could break up with John Fisher but keep the A's?
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This has been verified by Oakland City Council member Dan Kalb. I don't want Nevada being left having to pay for everything with so little investment from the A's.

In regards to the amount that they seem to pledge to the Nevada community seems like it would be the bare minimum. So you can get an idea if their track record. Here is a snippet from another article.

On Wednesday, Catherine Aker, the A's vice president of marketing, told the legislators that the A's give out \$1.1 million to \$1.3 million annually in grants — which also can be in products and tickets. Frankly, that doesn't sound like much. Not when you consider that Eat. Learn. Play., the foundation started by Stephen and Ayesha Curry in mid-2019, has raised and invested \$38 million into the Oakland community.

Source:



It seems that other Oakland groups in the past have contributed more money and put more investment in the community than the A's every have. Even if the A's have claimed to be so committed to their local community.

With taking all this into consideration, I strongly ask you to please vote NO in SB1. Don't trust the A's it seems like they have already made false promises in the past.

Regards,
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