



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION Supporting Efforts to Keep Professional Sports in the East Bay

Whereas, the residents of San Leandro have a deep appreciation for health and sports at a youth, high school, college and professional level and;

Whereas, San Leandro is located in Alameda County, which is the home of three storied professional franchises - the Oakland Athletics, the Golden State Warriors and the Oakland Raiders, who have a total of seven world championships between them and;

Whereas, San Leandro is close enough to the transportation-rich Oakland Coliseum and Oracle Arena to hear victorious cheers in "Roarcle" and see fireworks of celebration in the Coliseum and;

Whereas, these teams enhance our regional quality of life and provide significant regional economic benefits, including over 39,000 jobs and;

Whereas, San Leandro residents have benefitted from various financial and service contributions from professional East Bay sports teams, including a \$50,000 grant from the Oakland Athletics to improve Stenzel Park, as well as the participation of Warrior and Athletics players in the Library's *Read Across America* program; and

Whereas, San Leandro is home to many fine dining establishments who benefit from sports enthusiasts, including the legendary Ricky's and the Englander, both of whom are commonly ranked amongst the top sports bars in the East Bay and;

Whereas, San Leandro recognizes the complexity of the current agreements that exist between the City of Oakland, Alameda County and the Coliseum Joint Powers Authority, with the Raiders, Athletics, and Warriors owners as well as the involvement of the National Football League, Major League Baseball and the National Basketball Association and;

Whereas, San Leandrans have supported these teams through attendance at games and taxes paid to Alameda County; and as adjacent neighbors have a vested interest in seeing that the proximate BART/Coliseum area is maintained and improved;

Now, therefore, I Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor and the City Council of San Leandro support the work of Oakland and Alameda County to keep professional sports in our region as an asset for generations to come.