

Governor's Office of Economic Development

Southern Nevada Tourism Infrastructure Committee

Dear Committee Members,

It is with a united voice that we express our strong concerns regarding the NFL stadium build for the following reasons:

The \$1.4 billion dollar stadium proposal as presented is broken down into several financial contributors:

1. \$200 million in NFL G-4 money.
2. \$300 million from Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis.
3. \$750 million from hotel and rental car taxes.
4. \$150 million from private donors.

This proposal comes with a tax increment district or tax increment financing (TIF) with which we see the following issues:

1. The TIF district lines have not been drawn, which could include significant parts of the strip and developing neighborhoods. Any TIF must include a line item percentage that will be dedicated to fund the increase in expected essential services required from the impact of the stadium.
2. The TIF is being drawn to "help" the stadium's private backers to get their return on investment, which means it will be going to reimburse the \$650 million in private costs, not the \$750 million the tax payers pay.
3. If in fact this TIF is agreed to, the entire stadium will be built with tax payers' money.
4. If a TIF is agreed to, it needs to be minimal, not to exceed 5 years.

This proposal includes a Clark County Stadium Authority with which we see the following issues:

1. This authority is absent from the public representation that is necessary for the amount of public monetary commitment and continuing infrastructural needs.
2. This authority should be an elected board, not appointed, responsible to the citizens of Las Vegas.

This proposal is absent from the community protections necessary to sustain good jobs and infrastructure, including the following:

1. The citizens are being asked to provide significant support to this project. If tax dollars are used building the stadium, consider making the stadium publicly owned.
2. The agreement needs to include protections for good jobs that include project labor agreements for construction, infrastructure (public works), public safety, grounds and concessions.
3. The final agreement must include the costs for increasing law enforcement, fire and EMS resources for public protection and traffic control, including a recommendation of a law enforcement sub-station, fire station, medical facility all located within the stadium to address the increased public safety needs.
4. We can no longer continue to provide valuable economic development dollars and tax payer dollars (TIF) to private investors who are not committed to providing public services, wages and

worker protections. Corporate interests must be good corporate citizens. No contracts should be allowed without collective bargaining agreements that include wage and benefit provisions.

5. The agreement needs to include community rehabilitation dollars for displaced residents.
6. Performance clauses and benchmarks must be included in any agreement to appropriately fund and measure return on investment for the community.

As a community built upon the tourism industry we should not abandon our need for an expanded convention center.

The following unions are united in our opposition of the current proposal as it stands, we are also united in our desire to work with this committee and all the stakeholders to insure that the citizens of Clark County, and the State of Nevada are represented properly in this process.

Culinary Union Local 226

Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1107

American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 4041

Professional Firefighters of Nevada, AO27

Nevada Association of Public Safety Officers, CWA Local 9110

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 720