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Mayor Farrah Khan  
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Re: *Orange County Soccer Club*

Dear Mayor Khan:

I write in support of the Orange County Soccer Club (OCSC) and its proposal to operate the Championship Soccer Stadium at Irvine's Great Park per the recently released RFP.

As the past Mayor of Irvine, I had the privilege of working with the OCSC on numerous occasions and can attest that it's in an excellent position to manage the stadium to the benefit of our entire community. OCSC has a stellar track record for fostering local relationships, international partnerships, as well as expanding its involvement with Irvine-based youth and community groups that provide healthy activities.

We share the goal of improving our local economy. OCSC is quite capable of maximizing revenues for the City of Irvine by establishing the Championship Soccer Stadium a centerpiece of community sporting life. Moreover, as the only professional sports team in Irvine, OCSC's contributions to our community are unparalleled. The team represents Orange County on the international and national stages; it has a vested interest in ensuring the stadium remains one of the region's top athletic venues.

Annually, OCSC bolsters the economy by booking more than 700 room nights from local hotels. Capitalizing on its regional, national, and international partnerships, the club estimates it would double or even triple the number of room nights in Irvine. Increasing hotel occupancy in the region also boosts transit occupancy tax revenues to the benefit of the entire city.

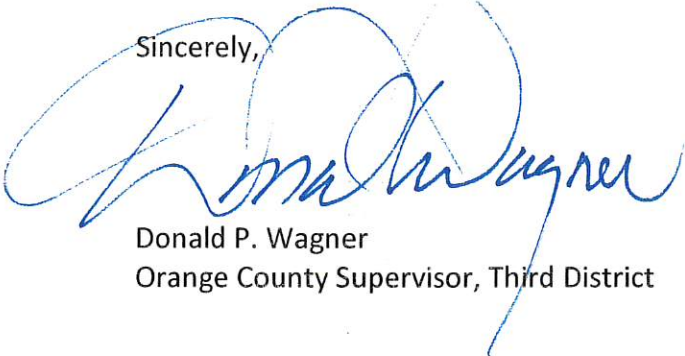
In addition to OCSC's regular-season home games, the club attracts talent to Irvine from across the globe. It is well-connected beyond comparison on both domestic and international fronts

for soccer. Partnerships exist made with professional teams from Japan to Scotland, and character-building competition teams are provided to our youth all in Orange County's backyard. OCSC's management of stadium operations ensures more opportunities for new partners to enrich the quality of life in Irvine and beyond.

Furthermore, local philanthropic endeavors are enriched through the OCSC Community Foundation, including through its current construction of miniature soccer pitches to support safe playing areas in underserved communities throughout the County. Upon completion, a no-cost soccer curriculum and virtual clinics will be available to thousands of students in our local schools. OCSC also supports organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank and our service members at Camp Pendleton. The charitable arm of the organization is increasing the team's impact regionally and, as an extension of the club, serves to increase community access to the stadium through outreach initiatives and special events.

Orange County will improve upon its already shining reputation as a well-rounded place to live, work, and play with OCSC managing the stadium; it's a solid brand with the ability to attract top talent. To continue benefiting our community, all efforts must be made to secure Irvine as the home site for OCSC for years to come.

Sincerely,



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