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I am in full support of the Ems stadium coming to my neighborhood. As a long time Emeralds fan, their games are enjoyable for all ages and they put on wonderful family friendly events. They have also agreed to allow the stadium to be used as a shelter during emergencies such as wildfires and storms. Having recently seen the epic failure of the city and county to provide adequate services during the ice storm, a place like this is key to helping the community during these events.

Our neighborhood has been severely neglected by the city over the past decade and it has led to decay, rampant drug use, property crime and homelessness. The stadium would serve as a deterrent to all of those things, would increase the property values and serve as a positive force for change.

The old Ems stadium was in the heart of Eugene and was beloved by both the neighbors and the citizens until it was unceremoniously sold by 4-J and the subsequently burned down by juvenile delinquents who suffered zero penalties for their crime. People could walk, bike, bus or drive to games and events. The current proposal would allow for the same.

The Emeralds are vital members of this community and they give back far more than they get. It would be a devastating loss for a city whose morale is already suffering. Me and my neighbors support this project wholeheartedly.

Michael Treacy, Jefferson Westside Homeowner