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**Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, District 4**

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Co-Chair Girod  
Co-Chair Holvey  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chair Girod and Holvey,

I am writing today to express my overwhelming support for the Hillsboro Hops Stadium Project. I encourage and urge the Legislature to allocate \$15 million to develop this premier ballpark that meets Major League Baseball standards.

I've seen first-hand how tourism is fundamental to the strength of Oregon's economy through Metro's ownership of the Oregon Zoo, the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center, and management of Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts. As a Sport Oregon Board Member, I also see that we punch way above our weight when it comes to the impact that sports have on Oregon's economic prosperity.

As a steward of public dollars, I also understand the carefulness and thoughtfulness that is necessary when spending taxpayers' dollars. The Hillsboro Hops' ask is a sound community investment that supports the development of a premier sports facility as well as a year-round entertainment destination for large scale events and local community programs.

Our regional teams, and sports in general, build community, bolster our economy and make our state a more rewarding place to live, work and play. Support from the state will not only help save this statewide asset, but would also enhance the site to be enjoyed by the community for generations to come.

I am confident you will deliberate this topic with thoughtful consideration and care. It's my privilege to have the opportunity to collaborate with you on issues like this that impact our region's future.

Gracias -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Carlos González".

Juan Carlos González  
Metro Councilor, District 4