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Although I appreciate the sentiment of wanting to invest in our community, I do not think that giving handouts to billionaires is the way to go about this. Are we not in a financial crisis where Portland can barely afford to keep its parks open? Our schools are in disarray. Our roads need improvement. There are going to be major cuts to trimet. You say that you want to fund this out of fear that the blazers will leave Portland is there a guarantee that they will stay? What will the billionaires who own the trailblazers be contributing back to Portland? Why can't they foot the bill? I can barely afford to even go to the moda center, and my husband and I are "middle class". Health bills are insane right now. Grocery bills are insane right now. Paying for a mortgage is insane right now. Trying to be a business owner is insane right now. We can't even maintain our parks, and you want to give money to billionaires? Right now we need to invest in the city and its people, and not the cities billionaires.