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Oakland A's: Joint statement by Mayor Jean Quan and Council President Pat Kernighan

OAKLAND -- The following is a joint statement by Mayor Jean Quan and City Council President Pat Kernighan regarding ongoing negotiations with the Oakland A's:

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The City's priority is to keep the A's at home in Oakland for the long term. The A's have been an integral part of the Oakland community for decades, and Oakland residents and the City have been their biggest supporters.

This is an important and complex deal. Our shared work with our partners is to negotiate an agreement that benefits all sides and secures the A's future in Oakland, while protecting the interests of Oakland residents and taxpayers.

The City Council met to discuss the proposal in closed session Monday. It was clear we needed more time to negotiate terms that will keep the team in Oakland and protect residents' interests. Council President Pat Kernighan and Vice Mayor Larry Reid made multiple requests to JPA Chair Nate Miley to reschedule today's JPA meeting. Our top priority is to ensure this deal is successful, and bringing it to a vote before it was ready would only delay a final agreement with the team.

We share the A's urgency to finalize this agreement, and met with the team's representatives on Thursday to move negotiations forward. The meeting was productive and positive, though there are still material issues outstanding. We're working expeditiously to resolve those issues and reach an agreement that will be beneficial to the A's, to the people and taxpayers of Oakland, and to the fans.

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