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Statement regarding negotiations with Oakland's sports teams

Oakland, CA —Oakland Mayor Jean Quan issued the following statement regarding the City of Oakland's negotiations with Oakland's sports teams:

All of us—my Administration, the City Council and the community--share the same goal: to keep both the A's and the Raiders at home in Oakland.

Let me be crystal clear: I want this lease agreement with the A's signed right away so that we can move ahead with discussions about building a new stadium for the A's.

It is unfortunate that some people think that we can't keep both teams in Oakland. There is no reason to pit the teams against each other.

The A's lease extension is not in conflict with what the Raiders want. We have plenty of room for all of our teams. The attorney for the Coliseum City team has said that "the goal is to keep both the A's and the Raiders in Oakland."

The serious negotiations now underway with both our sports teams--the A's and the Raiders-- are extremely complex, multi-million dollar negotiations involving many interested parties. These types of transactions are best negotiated with the parties directly, not in public. More importantly, they will not reach constructive conclusion with grandstanding and posturing in the press.

The fans, the residents of Oakland and the teams are counting on us to reach an agreement that will be mutually beneficial for all parties, and that is precisely where I am staying focused.

Over the past two years, I have been working very hard to keep our sports teams in Oakland—even when no one else thought it was possible to keep them. While there are many details still to be worked out, we are making good progress.

There is no reason we cannot negotiate an agreement that will allow both the A's AND the Raiders to build new stadiums in Oakland, which both teams desire and their fans—the best in the nation--deserve.

The A's and Raiders are here, and we intend to keep them here for many years to come. That's the goal I fully expect to achieve.

We should all be playing for the same team: team Oakland.

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