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Official Statement of Support for Soccer Silicon Valley and Keeping the Earthquakes in the Bay Area

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RE: Bay Area Soccer

The US National Soccer Team Players Association and our members fully support the efforts of Soccer Silicon Valley and others working to build a soccer-specific stadium in the Bay Area and ensure the long-term future of the Earthquakes soccer club. We share the belief of our members like Earthquakes general manager Alexi Lalas and players Jeff Agoos, Landon Donovan, and Richard Mulrooney, that the best future for Earthquakes soccer is to remain in the Bay Area.

We realize this is a significant undertaking for any municipality and we are aware of the specific issues that confront such a construction project in the Bay Area. Such a project will not be easy, and it will require a level of commitment and shared belief that the game of soccer at the professional level in the United States has a bright future.

The success of Columbus Crew Stadium and the Home Depot Center in Carson, California show that soccer-specific stadiums enhance the sport of soccer and the communities in which they are placed, and can be a vehicle for bringing together a wide diversity of citizens with a shared love of the game. We believe the sport of soccer has a bright future in the United States at all levels, we believe that successful professional teams provide great benefits to the youth soccer communities where those teams are located, and we believe that Northern California needs a professional soccer team and professional soccer needs a team in Northern California.

The core players on the current Earthquakes squad have brought two championships to the Bay Area, worked in the community, and along with their fans have tried to build a fine tradition in Spartan Stadium. Given the constraints of playing on a small field in a college facility designed for football, the job the Earthquakes continue to do only hints at what they could accomplish in a facility designed for the specific needs of a Major League Soccer team.

We encourage you as members of the city and county governments in the Bay Area to work with the current Earthquakes ownership to keep professional soccer in Northern California.

Sincerely,

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About the USNSTPA

The United States National Soccer Team Players Association (USNSTPA) is a not-for-profit unincorporated membership association and labor organization. Current and former members of the United States Men's National Soccer Team founded the organization, but the USNSTPA is open to membership for the entire United States soccer community.

Anyone who is interested in soccer can be part of the association - young children just starting with soccer, youth players, older players, parents, fans, businesses that want to support soccer, and any others who want to help be a part of what we do.