

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
REQUESTING MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ACT ON THE ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL
RIGHTS IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara would reap significant economic development by the relocation of Major League Baseball's franchise, the Oakland Athletics, to San Jose; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Giants currently have territorial rights to the County of Santa Clara, which were granted in 1992, as they were considering a move to the County of Santa Clara; and,

WHEREAS, the Oakland Athletics have identified the City of San Jose as their principal choice for their new location; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed site is immediately accessible by multiple transportation options, including bus, light rail, CalTrain, and soon, High Speed Rail and BART; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara's rights of self-determination, autonomy and independence in entering into a relationship with a Major League sports team are being compromised through an arbitrary decision over which it has no control; and,

WHEREAS, the Oakland Athletics were gracious and cooperative in 1992 when asked to agree with the assignment of the territory for a new Giants stadium that was never built; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara is one of two primary economic markets in Northern California and includes San Jose, which is the largest city in the region and third largest city in California; and,

WHEREAS, Major League Baseball has convened a blue ribbon panel of stadium experts to determine the best possible location for the Oakland Athletics including sites in the County of Santa Clara;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby respectfully request that Major League Baseball, with whatever means possible and appropriate, eliminate the Giants exclusivity to the County of Santa Clara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, on _____, by the following vote:

AYES : Supervisors:
NOES : Supervisors:
ABSENT: Supervisors:

LIZ KNISS, President
Board of Supervisors

Signed and certified that a copy of this document has been delivered by electronic or other means to the President, Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST:

MARIA MARINOS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


County Counsel