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Honorable Mayor Baker and Members of City Council:

The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Task Force on Baseball has been closely monitoring and analyzing the proposed redevelopment of Tropicana Field and a new waterfront baseball stadium.

We recommend that the issue should be provisionally placed on the ballot on June 5<sup>th</sup> which will afford the additional time needed to further analyze, and verify the information being presented including finances and net economic impact. It is necessary for us to continue this process to allow a full and fair project evaluation.

We encourage you to defer a final decision on the referendum until the August 7<sup>th</sup> so that a fair and comprehensive review can be made.

The vision and future for our city are at stake. We believe that, a project of this magnitude should be fully evaluated for validity and fit so the City's renaissance can continue in a manner that works for our community and its residents.

We are pleased to discuss our recommendation if you would have any questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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