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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Phil Diamond, District 1
Commissioner Betty T. Wyman, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum, District 5
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6

FROM: Mayor Buddy Dyer

Subject: Community Venues
City of Orlando/Orange County Interlocal Agreement

Next week, the Orlando City Council and Orange County Board of Commissioners will consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement that will memorialize the funding structure for the three Community Venues; a Performing Arts Center, Events Center and a renovated Citrus Bowl.

This upcoming vote is the culmination of more than two years of exacting research, careful planning and thorough public input. Coupled with the City of Orlando's history of success with owning and operating public Venues, the proposed framework makes certain the Community Venues will be built cost effectively and operated efficiently. The plan is the product of a transparent and accountable process that used the best interests of Central Florida's dynamic and diverse community as its guiding principle.

Upon completion, we will have a trio of world class Venues that will benefit the entire Central Florida region for decades to come. But, the decision to build these critical assets is about much more than just a desire to provide a variety of sports, entertainment and cultural opportunities. It's about more than a desire to have Venues that are the envy of cities across the globe.

These public buildings represent a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of our Central Florida home for the better.



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When we announced our \$1 billion investment in Community Venues, we said we would create a model for how communities nationwide can leverage public projects to create local jobs and local business growth.

Through the “Blueprint for a Sustainable Economic Impact,” these projects will provide 10,000 construction jobs for local residents with on the job training and apprenticeships for previously disadvantaged and unskilled workers. They will offer contracts for small and minority owned businesses. These public projects will leave a lasting legacy of improvement and empowerment for our residents.

We simply cannot let this rare and precious opportunity to change people’s lives for the better pass us by. Included in the “Regional Community Venues Interlocal Agreement” report, please find a final copy of the Interlocal, updated parking and transportation information and other background information related to the Blueprint and the overall plan to build our community venues.

I appreciate your continued your support and leadership as we make our shared vision for a revitalized Downtown and Parramore Heritage Neighborhood a reality.

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