



April 16, 2018

Dear Mayor Sessoms, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilwoman Abbott, Councilman Davenport, Councilman Dyer, Councilwoman Henley, Councilwoman Kane, Councilman Moss, Councilman Uhrin, Councilwoman Wilson, and Councilman Wood:

The Atlantic Avenue Association (AAA) takes pleasure in presenting the Council a letter of UNANIMOUS SUPPORT for the Sports Center Project. We understand how vital it is to be a leader in the sports tourism market and the adverse impact to our economy should we lose events to other destinations, which currently are held in Virginia Beach. Additionally, we recognize the wonderful potential to attract new, different, and larger events for which our city cannot currently attract or accommodate.

We strongly believe there should be an emphasis on the track and field element of the Sports Center. A state-of-the-art elevated track component will separate the Sports Center from other venues and put Virginia Beach in the forefront of desirable destinations for these events. Additionally, our local track and field community would have access to this unique amenity, which AAA recognizes as a slam dunk not only for its positive economic impact, but as a wonderful venue for our local community to enjoy.

We are encouraged and grateful for the attention being given to the resort area. On behalf of the Atlantic Avenue Association, thank you for working together with local residents and the small business community to make Virginia Beach a great place to visit, work and live.

Very truly yours,

George Kotarides

Chair, Atlantic Avenue Association

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