



December 16, 2005

Dear Council Member,

Downtown baseball definitely *sounds good* to the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, and this letter is to express **our full support** for a new Nashville Sounds baseball stadium.

On Thursday, December 15, the Nashville Area Chamber's Board of Governors again voted unanimously in favor of the proposal currently being considered by the Metro Council. We strongly urge members of the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County to approve the current Nashville Sounds Ballpark Proposal.

The Chamber joins the leadership of the Nashville Downtown Partnership and the Nashville Sports Council in support of this proposal. Chamber endorsement of the Nashville Sounds Ballpark Proposal directly supports the Chamber's strategic focus area that calls for Assuring a Vital Downtown. Specifically, we assert:

- A healthy and vibrant downtown neighborhood is imperative to the growing economy of the entire region;
- The addition of a baseball stadium as a downtown attraction will spark increased retail and residential development, particularly in and around Rolling Mill Hill and the SoBro area;
- The addition of a downtown baseball stadium will create new, affordable family entertainment options that will make downtown relevant for even more Nashville-area residents;
- The addition of a downtown baseball stadium will increase entertainment options and enhance the experience for tourists;
- The current proposal before Metro Council represents a solid investment for Nashville at no risk to the taxpayers.

Incredible, exciting and unprecedented new downtown development is poised to occur based on your visionary leadership and action. We hope to count on your support for the Nashville Sounds Ballpark Proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Fisher".

Dr. Robert C. Fisher
Chairman, Board of
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Nashville Area
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