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**RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Refurbishing Everett Memorial Stadium - Funko Field - in Everett, Washington.**

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**From** Cassie Franklin <CFranklin@everettwa.gov>

**Date** Tue 6/10/2025 9:26 AM

**To** john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>

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John,

It is my understanding that the AquaSox have paid fines as well as spent additional money on improvements to mitigate some of the fines of \$100K. They have done this in each of the last two seasons as a result of playing in a non-compliant stadium. The owners have shared this with me and my team at the city directly.

Additionally I have had direct in person and via zoom meetings and conversations with Major League Baseball where MLB representatives specifically shared that if our stadium does not become compliant, the team will be pulled.

Best regards,

Mayor Cassie Franklin



**Cassie Franklin**

Mayor

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Mayoral Candidate Cassie Franklin

Everett, Washington

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Dear Mayoral Candidate Cassie Franklin,

You have not yet replied to my email below regarding three stadium options, so let me instead ask two different questions.

1). Does the City of Everett have anything in writing from the AquaSox that says the AquaSox will leave town without a new or renovated stadium? I don't mean written newspaper reports. I mean a written statement or document to the City of Everett from the AquaSox that states the AquaSox will leave Everett if Major League Baseball requirements noted in the "design build" application are not met.

This is actually a relatively simple yes or no question. Either you have the documentation or you don't.

2). How much is the fine?

Major League Baseball (MLB) has a policy that Minor League (MiLB) teams - the Aquasox - have to pay a fine if their stadium isn't up to snuff. Much to do was made of this in the press.

How much is the fine?

Was the Major League Baseball fine just levied and then suspended? Or was the fine actually paid? Did you see the cancelled check or receipt for the fine?

How much is the fine?

I asked your staff this question numerous times on April 30, 2025, and still have not had a reply or answer.

I look forward to your reply and encourage you to Support Refurbishing Everett Memorial Stadium - Funko Field - in Everett, Washington.

Best Regards,

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Dear Mayoral Candidate Cassie Franklin,

Everett faces three stadium options:

- 1.) Do nothing and wait to see if Major League Baseball is bluffing.
- 2.) Build a new stadium downtown requiring numerous eminent domain acquisitions, costing \$100-\$130 million dollars, and having the Aquasox and Major League Baseball pay rent to the City of Everett.
- 3.) Refurbish the current stadium — Funko Field — on Everett School District property, have the AquaSox and Major League Baseball continue paying more than \$100,000 per year in rent to the Everett Public School District, and after Funko Field is refurbished, establish an increased rental rate to be paid to the Everett Public School District based on the new fair market rental value of Funko Field.

Refurbishing Funko Field would cost far less than building an entirely new stadium as proposed by the City of Everett. After refurbishing Funko Field, rent is still paid to the Everett Public School District.

Support Refurbishing Everett Memorial Stadium - Funko Field - in Everett, Washington.

Oppose the construction of a New Baseball Stadium in Downtown Everett, Washington.

As a Mayoral Candidate for the City of Everett, you can act now.

Contact the full Everett City Council today at:

DL-Council <[Council@everettwa.gov](mailto:Council@everettwa.gov)>;

Contact the Full Snohomish County Council today at:

[contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org)

Contact the State of Washington's Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) today at:

[communications@des.wa.gov](mailto:communications@des.wa.gov)  
or call 360-407-8200

To contact individual (CPARB) Members, see:

<https://des.wa.gov/about/committees-groups/capital-projects-advisory-review-board-cparb/member-information-and-bios>

I encourage you to take a stand on this issue and act now.

Best Regards,

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