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**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2025 2:00 PM

**To:** Cassie Franklin <cfranklin@everettwa.gov>

Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin

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Dear Mayor and Candidate Cassie Franklin,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me following the Everett City Council meeting on September 24, 2025, when I indicated to you it would cost under \$30 million to refurbish Funko Field compared to \$137 million to build the "City of Everett: New Stadium." I indicated the \$30 million figure to refurbish Funko Field was from the City of Everett draft environmental impact statement.

I pointed out that this represents a savings of over 100 million dollars -- what I view as a very substantial --"funding gap"-- and a very substantial savings in tax burdens for citizens.

You replied the Downtown Stadium includes soccer and I pointed out that the Seattle Sounders played soccer at Funko Field in 1975, as shown in the Everett Herald link below\* You indicated soccer had changed since then.

For your information, the size of a soccer field in 1975 is the same as what Major League Soccer MSL requires today. Soccer field dimensions are flexible . Lumen Field in Seattle for example , has soccer field dimensions of 114 yards by 74 yards (104m by 68m). Everett Memorial Stadium (currently called Funko Field) could be used for soccer today.

As Major League Soccer Expands, Teams Are Getting New Homes.

Seven teams are building privately financed stadiums, a departure from the billions of public dollars spent on new arenas in other sports leagues.\*\*

Can a privately financed soccer stadium be built in Everett, Washington under your administration?

You also accepted a flyer from me that indicated the Everett City Council is funding the billionaire owners of Major/Minor League baseball teams by using the Youth Athletic Facility Account to fund the "City of Everett: New Stadium." You indicated you do not have a vote on the Everett City Council. The following questions remain unanswered, and I would have appreciate it if you could address them.

Is Major League Baseball running the government?

Chad Volpe sent the following words to Everett District School Staff Members on May 9, 2024.

"We have been receiving new, increased pressure from MLB and the Mariners, so we've been trying to find any possible way to accelerate the various processes that are in place for evaluating the two sites."  
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Charlton Volpe (Chad) is the son of Tom Volpe, Key Principal 7th Inning Stretch LLC, dba Stockton Ports Baseball Club, owners of the AquaSox, a Seattle Mariners' High-A affiliate, meaning the AquaSox are part of the Seattle Mariners' farm system.\*\*\*

Are FIFA and Major League Soccer (MLS) running the government?

Who tried to take money from the Everett School District?\*\*\*\*\*

I would appreciate your consideration of these questions.

Please tell The World Soccer League to build and finance their own stadium, as is being done in seven other cities.

Also, please ask the Everett City Council to vote no on the "City of Everett: New Stadium" and introduce a measure that rescinds the Youth Athletic Facility Account money so it can be used for K-12 schools' fields, athletic facilities, and local parks, instead of financing billionaire owners of Major/Minor League baseball teams.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me.

Sincerely,

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No Frogs Downtown

CC  
Everett City Council  
Snohomish County Council  
Everett School District Board Members  
Everett School District Senior Staff

Risk & Compliance Services Office  
Everett School District Facilities and Planning Department

BCC Citizens, candidates, and various media

\* Miller, Paul (April 7, 1975). "Sounder defenders stop Aztecs". The Everett Herald. p. 1B. Retrieved February 13, 2025 – via Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-daily-herald-sounder-defenders-stop/165434300/>



**Sounder defenders stop Aztecs**

Clipping found in The Daily Herald published in Everett, Washington on 4/7/1975.  
Sounder defenders stop Aztecs

[www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)

\* [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Major\\_League\\_Soccer\\_stadiums](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Major_League_Soccer_stadiums)

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/30/business/major-league-soccer-stadiums.html>



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[7th Inning Stretch LLC Company Profile - Dun & Bradstreet](#)

Find company research, competitor information, contact details & financial data for 7th Inning Stretch LLC of Stockton, CA. Get the latest business insights from Dun & Bradstreet.

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<https://www.recordnet.com/story/sports/pro/2007/08/12/ports-owner-volpe-follows-team/52822230007/>



### Ports owner Volpe follows team from half a world away

Tom Volpe awakens every morning in his Dubai home and tries to listen to a few innings of a Stockton Ports game on the Internet.

www.recordnet.com

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### City, county studying new outdoor stadium for Everett AquaSox

MLB facility requirements prompted government leaders to look at replacing Funko Field, either there or elsewhere.

John Stanton, chairman of the Seattle Mariners Baseball Club, sent a letter in support of the stadium study by the city and county in 2022.

According to the Everett Herald, Everett economic development director Dan Eernisse said the options are to raze and rebuild Funko Field or find a new site to construct a new complex.

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/city-county-studying-new-outdoor-stadium-for-everett-aquasox/>

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<https://www.snoho.com/news/2025/sep/24/school-board-should-intervene-on-losing-district-ballfield-sponsorship-cash-if-sox-change-venues/>

### School board should intervene on losing district ballfield sponsorship cash if Sox change venues

LETTER TO THE EDITOR School board should intervene on losing district ballfield sponsorship cash if Sox change venues FUTURE HOME OF EVERETT AQUASOX

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