



## Howard Terminal Fact Sheet

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**Background:** The Oakland Athletics have been a cornerstone for the city of Oakland and a source of pride for the city and its residents since the franchise moved to Oakland in 1968. To remain a competitive club and ensure the team's long-term stability in Oakland, the A's are planning to move from their current home at the Oakland Coliseum to a new, privately financed ballpark located at the Howard Terminal site near Jack London Square.

Alameda County Labor supports the Howard Terminal ballpark proposal! The project proposed will protect existing Union jobs and bring thousands of NEW Union jobs for Oakland workers, both during construction and for the long-term. It will also provide a significant boost to Oakland's economy and create substantial economic activity in the Howard Terminal area. For Oakland's working families, we are urging the Oakland City Council to come to an agreement with the A's that keeps those Union jobs HERE - in OUR community.

Benefits of the A's project include:

- **JOBS:** The new ballpark will protect more than 2,000 Union jobs that will disappear if the team leaves Oakland and will create more than 4,000 new jobs at the new ballpark and surrounding development. Construction will also create an estimated 2,700 new Union jobs.
- **ECONOMIC ACTIVITY:** Construction on the ballpark will provide a significant boost to our economy at a time when it's more needed than ever. Construction is estimated to generate \$8.7 billion in economic activity, and the ballpark is estimated to generate an additional \$2.5 billion annually once opened.
- **HOUSING:** The proposed project includes 3,000 new units of housing, a portion of which will be dedicated as affordable housing units.
- **PARKS:** The project also includes 18+ acres of new, publicly accessible parks on the Oakland waterfront.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS:** The Howard Terminal project will protect Oakland from sea level rise and will be built to an environmental gold standard. Cleanup of toxic contaminants in soil and groundwater is also included in the A's proposal.
- **COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** this agreement will include hundreds of millions of dollars in critically needed benefits for the Oakland community.

**Howard Terminal TODAY:** The A's are now waiting for an Oakland city council vote on July 20<sup>th</sup> to decide whether to vote yes on the A's non-binding Term Sheet, agreeing to meet with the franchise and allowing the A's to begin the process of building their new stadium on the Howard Terminal site near Jack London Square. Five of the eight members of the Oakland City Council must ultimately approve of the A's development plans if they are to become reality. The goal of our effort is to contact the members of the Oakland City Council and convince at least five of them to vote yes on a Term Sheet that keeps the A's in Oakland.

You can help too - contact your City council member and tell them why they need to protect Oakland jobs and vote YES on the A's ballpark project. To look up or contact your Oakland City Council representative, please visit [www.oaklandca.gov/departments/oakland-city-council](http://www.oaklandca.gov/departments/oakland-city-council).

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