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September 25, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott and Pinellas County Commissioners,

First, let me thank you for your excellent service to our community. Like you, I have had the privilege of serving in various volunteer and philanthropic capacities in our community and I know the time and dedication you put in to representing us every day. I am proud to have been blessed to own many small businesses in Pinellas County beginning in 1969. In 1997, I founded BayStar Restaurant Group and today we operate 11 restaurants in Pinellas County. Our success has allowed us to give back in many ways for which I am truly thankful.

It is that spirit of community that I can attest that the Philadelphia Phillies organization has committed to Clearwater and Pinellas County since 1947. The Phillies are an indelible part of the fabric of our community. The Phillies presence is much more than economic value; it is engrained in who we are as a community. I know you have all seen the economic impact studies, historic out of County attendance, room nights, and return on investment provided by the Phillies. I will not repeat all of that here other than to say the Phillies are an invaluable asset and we should cherish and cultivate that longstanding relationship of years to come.

I trust that through your leadership and the leadership of the City of Clearwater we will arrive at a mutually beneficial lease renewal and extension which includes the necessary renovations to BayCare Ballpark to keep us baseball ready and to keep our Philadelphia Phillies Nation flocking to our beaches and businesses for many decades to come.

Thank you again for your leadership and your consideration.

Sincerely,



Frank R. Chivas
Founder

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Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Scott:

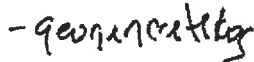
Having grown up in Tarpon Springs as a New York Yankee fan, I have many great memories of my parents taking me to Spring Training games at Al Lang Field. At the time, I hardly knew the Philadelphia Phillies called Clearwater "home" since my team was the Yankees and Dad's was the St. Louis Cardinals.

How those allegiances changed after I became a member of the Clearwater City Council and then the city's mayor. I quickly learned not only of the economic impact the Phillies had on Clearwater and Pinellas County, but also how much the Phillies contribute to many programs and organizations in our area. Moreover, what is not necessarily recognized is that visits to Pinellas County for Spring Training often have led to family vacations at other times during the year. I recall several conversations with visitors who said they had come to Clearwater as a child for a game at Jack Russell Stadium and now had returned with their families to catch a game and enjoy our community.

For me, another important aspect is the Phillies organization. It considers all of its employees family, and by extension, Clearwater has become an important part of that family. The Philadelphia Phillies organization is, in my opinion, one of the best in all of sports. Since 1947 Clearwater and Pinellas County have benefitted, and while the leadership of the Phillies has changed from Giles to Montgomery to Middleton, the organization has remained a community partner and asset. Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will favorably consider the request being submitted for upgrades to BayCare Ball Park and the Phillies Clearwater campus. It will be a worthwhile investment in the community, as well as a contribution to our youth and to another 20 years of memories that will "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Thank you and with warm, personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


George N. Cretekos



Dear Commissioner Flowers,

I will be brief, knowing your time is valuable. I am writing in strong support of the Philadelphia Phillies and their request for TDT funding to expand and improve BayCare Ballpark. Having sat in your seat, I understand the challenge of distributing limited resources, and you know I value prudent, conservative decision-making. At the same time, I also recognize that transformative, long-term projects seldom come along. My father used to say, *"Quality remains long after the price is forgotten."* I believe this applies both to this project and to the partnership it represents.

Importantly, this request does not draw from your general fund but from TDT dollars—many of which are generated in Clearwater for the benefit of the entire county.

The Phillies' relationship with Pinellas County and the City of Clearwater spans more than 70 years, and their commitment has gone far beyond baseball. They have given back to hundreds of local charities, and most recently, after the devastating 2024 hurricanes, they contributed an extraordinary \$1,000,000 in relief aid—an act no one would have expected, yet one entirely consistent with their history as a partner.

Others will no doubt provide you with extensive data on the Phillies' economic and cultural contributions. Instead, I want to highlight two points you may not hear elsewhere:

1. **Connectivity with Philadelphia.** Tampa International Airport now hosts 11 direct daily flights to and from Philadelphia. This is no coincidence—it reflects a 73-year bond between our regions.
2. **Catalyst for redevelopment.** John Middleton's purchase of the property south of the stadium offers nearly one million square feet of potential mixed-use development. This aligns with the US-19 redevelopment plan and promises significant long-term revenue for the County, schools, and the City. Such private investment should be recognized and supported.

As Commissioners, you hold the final word. I urge you to take a long-term view of this opportunity—not just as an investment in a facility, but as a reinforcement of a partnership that continues to strengthen our community and economy.

Warm regards,

Frank V. Hibbard



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September 16, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, 501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As the three-time former Mayor of the City of Clearwater I feel well positioned to share my knowledge on the importance that the presence of the Philadelphia Phillies have in Clearwater and Pinellas County. For 79 years Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a highly anticipated experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The family friendly environment provided by the Phillies at the Carpenter Complex and BayCare Ballpark attracts between 135,000 to 150,000 visitors per year, 81 % of which come from 50+ miles from Pinellas County.

I know you have been presented with an impressive and very accurate array of financial reports that highlight the economic impact on our area that the Phillies provide annually so I will not rehash that information here. What I will share is some of the ancillary benefits that many people don't realize when it comes to the Phillies being in Clearwater.

In 1988 I was approached about a position in the cable tv business in Clearwater. I was comfortable in my position in the industry that I held in Delaware but was aware of Clearwater due to the Phillies. When I was told I could have a professional relationship with the organization and could be involved in cable casting their spring training and minor league games that was the determining factor in my tough decision to leave my childhood hometown and move here. My family and I made the most of this opportunity and as they say the rest is history as to what we have been able to give back to our new hometown.

It came as no surprise then when I ran for Mayor for the first time in 1999 as a new and novice political figure that many people that approached me to assist were also transplants who moved here from the Delaware Valley-Philadelphia area. That type of impact is one that is frequently overlooked, the number of people who have permanently relocated or have a second home here due to the Phillies' presence over a 79-year period. I can attest that it is a significant number.

Thank you for your leadership in our county government and for your continued efforts to make this a better place for all of us. I trust the TDC and Board of County Commissioners will work with your partners at the City of Clearwater to provide a path forward in keeping the Phillies in Clearwater for the long term.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Aungst, Sr.
Brian J. Aungst, Sr. 09/16/25 1:00 PM

Brian Aungst Sr.



Friday, October 3, 2025

Chair Brian Scott
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, 5th Floor
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chair Scott and Members of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners,

On behalf of AMPLIFY Clearwater, we strongly support the Philadelphia Phillies' continued spring training in Clearwater. For decades, they have been a cornerstone of our community, bringing jobs, tourism, national visibility, and pride. Their commitment extends beyond baseball — employing over 100 local staff, supporting 100+ community organizations annually, and contributing \$1 million in hurricane relief.

The economic impact of the Phillies is undeniable and grounded in real, historical data:

- Out-of-county Spring Training attendees generate \$70–80 million annually in local impact.
- Over a 20-year lease renewal, this translates to an estimated \$1.6 billion in proven economic impact.
- In 2024 alone, Phillies fans accounted for 43,000 hotel and vacation rental nights and nearly \$6 million spent in local restaurants.

Beyond the numbers, the Phillies are prepared to make major investments in developing the footprint surrounding BayCare Ballpark — an improvement that will benefit Clearwater for generations to come. This demonstrates their dedication not only to maintaining a rich baseball tradition but also to strengthening our local economy.

The decision now rests with the Pinellas County Commissioners and the Clearwater City Council. It is critical that our leaders understand how vital the Phillies are to our economy and community. Maintaining their presence in Clearwater preserves jobs, supports local businesses, and sustains the civic pride that the Phillies inspire.

AMPLIFY Clearwater urges the Board to support the Phillies' continued spring training and planned BayCare Ballpark improvements. This is about more than baseball — it's about jobs, community pride, and a stronger Clearwater.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Payne
President & CEO
AMPLIFY Clearwater



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September 25, 2025
Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
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Dear Chairman Scott,

As a City Commissioner in Belleair Bluffs and a partner with Pinellas County, I am dedicated to supporting our local community and maintaining its valued traditions. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been a significant event in Clearwater, attracting both residents and visitors from outside the county. The Phillies provide an outstanding sports environment and family-oriented entertainment, contributing positively to our community's reputation as a desirable destination.

Since BayCare Ballpark opened in 2004, the Phillies have generated over \$1 billion in economic impact, with recent annual contributions totaling \$70-80 million according to various reports. This substantial influence is critical for sustaining local businesses and strengthening our tourism sector. It is also important to consider the economic influence on local non-profits and charities within our community. Over the years, the Phillies organization has played a crucial role in supporting the sustainability of many of these organizations.

I am encouraged by ongoing discussions among county, city, and team leaders regarding the extension of the Phillies' tenure at BayCare Ballpark through at least 2047, marking the centennial of Phillies Spring Training in Clearwater. As a longtime elected official and Clearwater Threshers season ticket holder, I consider full funding of the proposed upgrades to BayCare Ballpark—a plan endorsed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies—to be a sound investment.

I respectfully urge Pinellas County and the Tourist Development Council to give thoughtful consideration to these necessary improvements for BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus, ensuring the continuation of our successful partnership well into the future.

Loyally,

Suzy Sofer

Suzy Sofer
Commissioner



2985 Drew St.
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September 17, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As the Chief Administrative Officer for BayCare Health System, Inc., a proud part of Pinellas County, I am passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

BayCare Health System has been a partner with the Phillies at their 8,500-seat spring training ballpark for more than 17 years. Also, a benefactor of the Threshers Pitch for Pink Night breast cancer initiative, BayCare is a leading not-for-profit health care system that connects individuals and families to a wide range of services at 16 hospitals and hundreds of other convenient locations throughout West Central Florida.

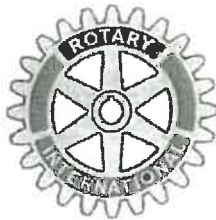
I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As an imperative part of our community, BayCare has set the standard for high-quality compassionate care and healthcare excellence for so many individuals and families in our area. I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to the BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lou Galdieri", is written over a horizontal line.

Lou Galdieri
Chief Administrative Officer
BayCare Health System, Inc.



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Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As the President of the Rotary Club of Clearwater founded 100 years ago and a proud part of Pinellas County. We are passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. Rotary prides itself on community service and impact, we believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

We hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

ADAM BLACKWELL
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September 18, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
 Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
 315 Court Street, 501
 Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As the leadership of CFY Pinellas, and a proud part of Pinellas County, we are passionate about providing for the youth of Pinellas County and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies have called Pinellas County/Clearwater their second home and continue to be a staple experience in the County for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. Since 1972 CFY Pinellas (formerly Clearwater for Youth) has been the leading proponent for youth athletics in the County, and the Phillies/Threshers brand has been one of the leading advocates supporting our mission with their time, treasure and talent as annually they have been Platinum Level supporter of our youth through CFY Pinellas.

The energy and atmosphere of having the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. During that same period, they have provided more than \$1.0 Million in support of CFY's mission. In recent years, that annual economic impact of the team has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses and our youth that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we all rely upon.

We are very pleased to hear that leaders of our county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a community based non for profit supporting 15,000 young athletes, we believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, we hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues a long-term basis.

Sincerely,


 Fred Miller
 Chairman


 Hoyt Hamilton
 Vice Chairman


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 Executive Director

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September 2025

Honorable Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, Fifth Floor
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce we are writing to express our support for the Phillies Complex improvements.

The Chamber is grateful for the Phillies presence in Pinellas both economically and culturally. The team has generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of the BayCare Ballpark in 2004. Various reports in recent years estimate that economic impact to be around \$75 million annually. The impact of the Phillies is critically important to our local businesses especially those participating in our hospitality industry.

The Phillies not only generate incredible economic activity for Pinellas but also are a staple experience for local and visitors alike since their first Spring Training in 1947. Phillies and Threshers jerseys are a common site.

We are excited about the prospects of the Phillies and Clearwater extending their relationship for another 30 years culminating in a 100th Anniversary celebration in 2047.

Our Chamber supports the Pinellas County Commission giving every consideration to the Phillies request for the County to partner with the City of Clearwater and the Phillies organization to collectively fund the BayCare Ballpark campus and continue this mutually beneficial long-term relationship.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
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September 15, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
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315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a leader of a nonprofit and board member of Amplify Clearwater, as well as a proud resident of Pinellas County, I am passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a business leader and Pinellas County resident, I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

Mike Sutton
President & CEO
Habitat for Humanity Tampa Bay Gulfside



September 15, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court St. #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

I am requesting your support for the necessary funding of upgrades at the BayCare Ballpark to ensure a future for the Phillies in Pinellas County. I am aware first-hand of the impact this organization has on the business community. As CEO of Ruth Eckerd Hall, I understand the importance of attracting visitors and seasonal residents in building and sustaining the local economy. We partner to elevate our county as a tourist destination and share many of the same visitors. The economic impact from the activities at BayCare Ballpark is over \$70 million each year.

As Vice Chair of Amplify Clearwater, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the Phillies' \$1 million donation to Amplify Hope to assist in hurricane recovery for local families and businesses. This speaks of their ongoing commitment to our community.

BayCare Ballpark is a landmark that should not be under-utilized or worse, abandoned. For over 20 years, it has been the home for fans of all ages, providing affordable and all-American entertainment. It is difficult to imagine Clearwater without the Phillies. An investment to upgrade the facilities is one that will pay back in numerous ways, from national visibility and business growth to tax revenue and quality of life.

I trust that the Tourist Development Council will consider the void and lost opportunity if the County does not ensure our relationship with the Phillies continues in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Susan Crockett

Susan M. Crockett
President & CEO
Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc.



Dear County Commissioners,

As a lifelong Clearwater resident and local business owner, I want to share my strong support for the Philadelphia Phillies and the tremendous impact their Spring Training has on our community.

Each spring, Clearwater Beach comes alive with thousands of Phillies fans - most traveling from outside Pinellas County. In 2024 alone, Spring Training brought over 43,000 hotel and vacation rental nights, \$30 million in out-of-county spending, and millions more in restaurant and retail sales. For our local businesses, this surge of visitors is vital.

Beyond the direct spending, the Phillies showcase Clearwater Beach to the nation. With Philadelphia being the fourth largest media market, every televised game delivers unmatched exposure for St. Pete/Clearwater as a premier travel destination.

The Phillies are not only a proud part of our community but also one of our strongest tourism partners. Their continued presence ensures Clearwater Beach remains a top choice for visitors who return year after year.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Phillies and recognize the invaluable role they play in strengthening tourism and our local economy.

With gratitude,

Lisa & Steve Chandler



September 22, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a lifelong resident, former Councilmember, and Co-owner of my family's businesses on Clearwater Beach, it is encouraging to hear that the County Commission, the City of Clearwater, and the Phillies are working together to finalize a new agreement that will keep the Phillies here for another 20 plus years.

Having been in the tourism industry for over 60 years, my family has first-hand experience of the economic impact that the Phillies have on our county and region. Our restaurant is inundated with Phillies fans every year during February and March. Not to mention the fans from all the other MLB teams that train locally and play against the Phillies during Spring Training. The economic impact that the Phillies have on Pinellas County is immense regardless of which study you read. Having the Phillies training in Clearwater gives Pinellas County exposure in the 4th largest media market in the nation. The Phillies also have over 100 full time employees in Clearwater. Put all of this together and it is not difficult to understand that the impact they have on Pinellas County is more than \$80 million annually.

Their Clearwater Threshers minor league team is consistently the Florida State League's highest attendance franchise. It would be impossible for me to list all things that the Phillies participate in, sponsor, and contribute directly to in Clearwater. Their community involvement and charitable commitment is a model that many companies could learn from.

As you and your fellow Commissioners and the Tourist Development Council consider the necessary improvements to BayCare Ballpark I will leave you with one last point to consider. A few years ago, the TDC and Board of Commissioners made a great decision to award funding to the City of Dunedin and The Toronto Blue Jays for needed improvements to their facilities. The funds that the Phillies are now requesting will not only keep this economic engine here for decades but their impact is at least twice, and probably closer to three times that of the Blue Jays.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important decision.

Sincerely,

Hoyt Hamilton

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September 22, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
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Dear Chairman Scott,

On behalf of our entire Staff and Management, Shephard's Beach Resort fully supports the needed upgrades to the Bay Care Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater to continue our vital relationship with the Phillies.

For decades we have supported the Phillies since the days when they played at Jack Russell Stadium. Our property has forged a wonderful relationship with the Phillies and the Bay Care Ballpark staff.

Shephard's Beach Resort has been here for nearly 45 years and every spring we welcome hundreds of Phillies fans. Many have been staying with us for decades and we have literally seen their families grow up before our eyes. This is priceless and we are truly fortunate to have this steady business. This is made possible because of the City of Clearwater and Pinellas County's incredible partnership over the years with the Phillies.

We are pleased to hear that county and city officials have been seriously discussing extending the Phillies residence at Bay Care Ballpark until 2047. We hope this happens without objection, and at the same time our beautiful Ballpark needs to continue to be on the cutting edge.

We encourage Pinellas County and the Tourist Development Council to fully support the necessary upgrades to the park and campus, keeping our valuable relationship with the Phillies Baseball Organization for many more years.


Paul Andrews
General Manager



500 Mandalay Avenue
Clearwater, Florida, 33767
September 24th 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a General Manager of a resort in Pinellas County, my business thrives from the exceptional amenities and experiences that bring millions of people a year to our community. One of the most invaluable annual tourist experiences is enjoying the Philadelphia Phillies Spring Training at BayCare Ballpark.

The Phillies bring in thousands of out-of-town visitors to our community during Spring Training season. For hotel owners like me, this increased tourism generated over \$9 million in revenue in 2024 alone. Additionally, it is estimated that the Phillies organization and attendees of the 2024 Phillies Spring Training spent 43,000 nights in motels, hotels, and vacation rentals in Pinellas County. We continue to see record setting tourist revenue year over year, and the Phillies organization is a main contributor to that success and has been for the past 80 years.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a [describe yourself/your business/your involvement], I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Waltz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric Waltz
General Manager
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Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
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Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a proud hotelier in Pinellas County, my business thrives thanks to the exceptional amenities and experiences that attract millions of visitors to our community each year. One of the cornerstones of this success is the Philadelphia Phillies' Spring Training at BayCare Ballpark.

The Phillies' Spring Training season brings thousands of visitors from across the country, creating a significant economic boost for Clearwater Beach and the surrounding area. In 2024 alone, this event generated over \$9 million in hotel revenue, with an estimated 43,000 hotel nights booked by Phillies fans, players, and staff. This influx of tourism has helped us set new records for tourism revenue year after year, and the Phillies have been a vital contributor to that success for nearly 80 years.

I am thrilled to learn that leaders from the county, city, and Phillies organization are discussing an extension of the Phillies' residency at BayCare Ballpark through at least 2047, the 100th anniversary of Spring Training in Clearwater.

Therefore, I respectfully urge Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council to fully consider and support the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the surrounding Phillies Clearwater campus.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I am confident that we can continue to build on this successful partnership.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominic Provenzano', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sincerely,
Dominic Provenzano
General Manager
Clearwater Beach Sheraton Sand Key Resort



Jena Gonsalves
1201 Gulf Blvd.
Clearwater Beach FL 33767
September 22, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a hotelier in Pinellas County, my business thrives from the exceptional amenities and experiences that bring millions of people a year to our community. One of the most invaluable annual tourist experiences is enjoying the Philadelphia Phillies Spring Training at BayCare Ballpark.

The Phillies bring in thousands of out-of-town visitors to our community during Spring Training season. For hotel owners like me, this increased tourism generated over \$9 million in revenue in 2024 alone. Additionally, it is estimated that the Phillies organization and attendees of the 2024 Phillies Spring Training spent 43,000 nights in motels, hotels, and vacation rentals in Pinellas County. We continue to see record setting tourist revenue year over year, and the Phillies organization is a main contributor to that success and has been for the past 80 years.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a hotelier, I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

Jena Gonsalves
Director of Sales & Marketing
Clearwater Beach Marriott Resort on Sand Key

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September 12, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a hospitality leader and owner of Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach, a hotel located in the heart of Pinellas County, my business thrives thanks to the exceptional amenities and experiences that draw millions of visitors to our community each year. Among the most invaluable annual attractions is the Philadelphia Phillies Spring Training at BayCare Ballpark.

The Phillies bring thousands of out-of-town guests to our region during Spring Training season. For hotel owners like myself, this surge in tourism generated over \$9 million in revenue in 2024 alone. It's estimated that the Phillies organization and attendees of the 2024 Spring Training accounted for 43,000 overnight stays in motels, hotels, and vacation rentals across Pinellas County. Year after year, we continue to see record-setting tourism revenue, and the Phillies organization has been a cornerstone of that success for the past 80 years.

I'm encouraged to learn that county, city, and team leaders are discussing an extension of the Phillies' residence at BayCare Ballpark through at least 2047—marking the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in Clearwater. As a long-time business owner and active member of our tourism economy, I believe it is a wise and forward-thinking investment to fully fund the proposed upgrades to BayCare Ballpark, as outlined by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

I respectfully urge Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council to consider the necessary enhancements to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus. These improvements will help ensure our enduring and mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues well into the future.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Fernandez
General Manager
Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa

Trisha and Dennis Rodriguez
406 Leeward Island
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767



September 25, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a community partner in Clearwater and a proud citizen of Pinellas County, I am passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a person who is on Pinellas Boards and volunteers to anything I can for the City of Clearwater, I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Sincerely,

Trisha Rodriguez
Dennis Rodriguez



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**Pinellas County Chair Brian Scott
Pinellas County Commissioners**

September 17, 2025

Dear Chair Scott and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong and enthusiastic support for the Clearwater Phillies/Threshers' funding request to Pinellas County. As the former CEO of Clearwater Marine Aquarium (2006–2020), I had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the powerful role that the Phillies and Threshers play in strengthening our county's tourism economy and enhancing our reputation as a destination of choice for families, sports fans, and visitors from across the nation.

During my tenure at CMA, we made it a practice to consistently survey our guests and analyze where they came from, why they were visiting, and what factors influenced their decision to travel to Pinellas County. Time and again, the data made one point abundantly clear: the presence of the Phillies and Threshers was not just an asset to the baseball community, but a significant driver of tourism and economic activity countywide.

1. Heads-in-Beds & Visitor Spending

A significant percentage of our guests were Phillies/Threshers fans who traveled to Pinellas from outside the region—including many from out of state and even international markets. These visitors booked hotel rooms, dined at local restaurants, rented cars, filled up at gas stations, shopped in our retail centers, spent time on our beaches, and purchased tickets at CMA. Baseball was often the anchor reason for their visit, and once they arrived, they spread their spending across the community. Their contribution to the county's Bed Tax, sales tax revenue, and overall economic impact is both measurable and meaningful. I witnessed this impact firsthand in our admissions numbers, in conversations with guests, and in the steady flow of new visitors who discovered Clearwater because of their connection to the Phillies.

2. Year-Round Impact Beyond the Ballpark

The influence of the Phillies brand is not confined to spring training or even to the Threshers' regular season. We discovered through surveys and guest interactions that many Phillies fans returned to Clearwater throughout the year, even when no baseball was being played. Their loyalty to the team naturally translated into loyalty to our community. They developed traditions of returning annually for family vacations, long weekends, or beach getaways, choosing Clearwater over other Florida destinations because of their connection to the Phillies. This meant that the economic ripple effect extended well into the off-season, providing stability for local businesses that depend on consistent year-round visitation.

3. Brand Power & Destination Credibility

As a tourism-based organization, CMA benefitted tremendously from the credibility and visibility of having a Major League Baseball brand embedded in our community. Guests would frequently reference the Phillies during their visits, and many expressed delight that their favorite team's spring training home was only minutes away from our facility. The association with a professional sports franchise added a level of prestige, trust, and recognition that strengthened our ability to market Clearwater as a family-friendly, world-class destination. Quite simply, the Phillies brand amplified our message and expanded our reach in ways we could not have achieved on our own. Every tourism partner—from small businesses to large attractions—benefits from this halo effect.

4. Community and Cultural Impact

Beyond economics, the Phillies/Threshers serve as a cultural cornerstone for Pinellas County. They foster a sense of pride, tradition, and community identity. Generations of families have made memories at the ballpark, creating ties to Clearwater that lasts for decades. For residents and visitors alike, the team is more than just an entertainment option—it is a part of the fabric of our community that brings people together and keeps Clearwater on the map in the minds of baseball fans nationwide.

In summary, the Phillies/Threshers are not just a sports franchise; they are a critical economic driver, a tourism magnet, a community asset, and a brand ambassador for all of Pinellas County. Their presence elevates our destination, drives significant visitor spending, and provides year-round benefits that ripple through every sector of our local economy.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support this funding request. Doing so is not merely an allocation of resources—it is a strategic investment in our county's economy, brand, and long-term competitiveness as one of Florida's premier destinations.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to strengthening Pinellas County.

Respectfully,

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CEO
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Joe Handy
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September 26, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As the CEO of Clearwater Marine Aquarium, I write to affirm the indispensability of the Philadelphia Phillies' presence in Clearwater — not only for the broader economic footprint but particularly for institutions like Clearwater Marine Aquarium that benefit from visitors to BayCare Ballpark.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium is an invaluable local asset which draws thousands of families, nature lovers, and tourists each year, making it a cornerstone of our region's appeal. Its continued success is intertwined with the vitality of BayCare Ballpark. Many Phillies Spring Training and Clearwater Threshers attendees, after a day at the ballpark, seek local attractions — and the Aquarium is a natural destination. These visitors often extend their stay, patronize local restaurants, and explore nearby venues, which create a positive ripple effect to our community. In addition, the Philadelphia market is one of Clearwater Marine Aquarium's top five demographic markets who visit us each year.

Phillies Spring Training has been more than a seasonal fixture for decades and it has become an identity, tradition, and an economic engine. Since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004, the Phillies have generated over \$1 billion in economic impact. Their presence supports not only major businesses but the small, day-to-day lifeblood of our community.

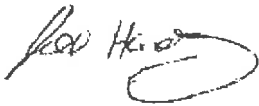
I am heartened to learn that County, City, and Phillies leadership are discussing extending the Phillies' residence through 2047 — the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in Clearwater. I believe it is necessary to invest in the proposed upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the broader Phillies campus. These infrastructure upgrades will preserve the Phillies' ability to attract and serve fans, visitors, and partner institutions like Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

The Phillies organization has also been a generous community partner, making a \$1,000,000 contribution in the wake of Hurricanes Milton and Helene to support affected local residents and businesses.

I respectfully urge Pinellas County, the Tourist Development Council, and City of Clearwater to commit to funding the planned upgrades at BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies' Clearwater campus. In doing so, we safeguard not just a baseball tradition, but we affirm our local institutions, including the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, and reinforce a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting the future of our community.

Sincerely,

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Joe Handy

CEO, Clearwater Marine Aquarium



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September 25, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a businessperson in Pinellas County with investments in 15 automotive dealerships and 1000+ employees, I understand the positive economic impact and believe. Prudent... and a proud part of Pinellas County, I am passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a [describe yourself/your business/your involvement], I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hawkins



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September 15, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas County Commission
315 Court Street #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chair Scott,

As the Founder and CEO of WestCMR, a proud Clearwater-based business, I am writing to express my strong support for keeping the Philadelphia Phillies right here in our city.

The Phillies have been more than just a Spring Training team — they are a vital part of Clearwater's identity and economic engine. Their presence has brought national attention, consistent tourism, and a deep sense of pride to our community for decades. Beyond the game, the Phillies have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to Clearwater through local employment, charitable giving, and community engagement.

Their impact is both measurable and meaningful:

- Over 100 full-time jobs are supported locally by the Phillies organization.
- They contribute to more than 100 community organizations each year.
- In the wake of recent hurricanes, they stepped up with \$1 million in relief for residents and businesses.
- In 2024 alone, Phillies fans generated 43,000 hotel/vacation rental nights and nearly \$6 million in local restaurant spending.
- Out-of-county Spring Training attendees bring in \$70–80 million annually — a proven economic impact that could total \$1.6 billion over a 20-year lease renewal.
- Tourist Development Tax revenue from their presence is projected at \$15 million through 2043.

These are not projections — they are real, verified numbers that reflect the Phillies' tangible value to our region.

Equally important is their vision for the future. The Phillies are prepared to invest significantly in the development around BayCare Ballpark, creating a vibrant, multi-use destination that will benefit Clearwater residents and businesses for generations.

As a business leader and lifelong supporter of this community, I urge you and your fellow commissioners to recognize the irreplaceable role the Phillies play in our local economy and culture. Let's ensure they remain a cornerstone of Clearwater's future.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important matter.

Sincerely,

Randy Ware
Founder & CEO, WestCMR



Yo Mama's Foods

1125 Eldridge Street

Clearwater, FL 33755

September 12, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman

Pinellas Board of County Commissioners

315 Court Street, #501

Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

Hope you are doing well. Thank you for your continued support of Yo Mama's Foods and our growth in Pinellas County.

As the CEO and Founder of Yo Mama's Foods, headquartered right here in Clearwater, I've seen firsthand how the Phillies are woven into the fabric of our community. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been more than a sports event—it's been a tradition that drives tourism, fuels small businesses like mine, and showcases the welcoming spirit of Pinellas County to visitors from across the country.

The Phillies' commitment extends far beyond baseball. They employ over 100 full-time staff locally, support more than 100 community organizations annually, and stepped up with \$1 million in hurricane relief for our residents and businesses. They've been a true partner to this region for decades, bringing jobs, national visibility, and a spirit of pride to Clearwater.

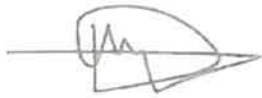
This impact is real and measurable, not hypothetical. Out-of-county Spring Training attendees generate \$70–80 million annually in local impact. Over the course of a 20-year lease renewal, that translates to an estimated \$1.6 billion in proven economic benefit. In 2024 alone, Phillies fans accounted for 43,000 hotel/vacation rental nights and nearly \$6 million spent in local restaurants. This activity also fuels significant Tourist Development Tax revenue, projected at \$15 million between now and 2043.

As a local business owner whose success is tied to the vitality of our community, I

wholeheartedly support the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the surrounding footprint proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies. Extending their residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047—marking 100 years of Phillies Spring Training in Clearwater—is an investment in jobs, tourism, and long-term economic growth that benefits all of us.

I urge Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council to fully fund the necessary upgrades to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

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David Habib

CEO & Founder

Yo Mama's Foods



BayStar Restaurant Group
September 22, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a proud restaurateur manager in Pinellas County for over 30 years, I have witnessed firsthand the economic impact from visitors drawn to our community by the Philadelphia Phillies and their exceptional organization.

Many attendees of Phillies Spring Training and Clearwater Threshers games come to our restaurants in Clearwater, Belleair, Clearwater Beach and Indian Rocks Beach after a fun day at the park to enjoy our local food and atmosphere. The Phillies organization along with the players, managers, and staff have been our loyal customers since we have opened. Not only do we see the fans as an important part of our business, but we also feel a connection to the team.

This increased patronage has led to nearly \$6 million of spending by Phillies Spring Training at restaurants by out-of-county visitors in 2024 alone. Investing in our long-term relationship with the Phillies organization just as they have invested and re-invested in our community is essential to maintain sustainable economic success.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As the Director of Operations for Island Way Grill and BayStar Catering I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

On a personal note, I am a former board member of the Clearwater Little League. My twins played for years at Sid Lickton Complex. I have fond memories of us going to the open day of spring training with all the teams. The Phillies are not only a huge partner for Clearwater businesses but also for youth sports.

Sincerely,



Sheri Aquilar

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Alan C. Bornstein
CEO

Sept 29, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

I am writing to urge the County Commission to approve the funding request for the improvements to the Phillies facilities at BayCare Ballpark .

I know you have been significantly briefed about the positive contribution the Phillies make to the Pinellas County economy and social environment.

I was intimately involved in the planning and funding of the original facility that opened in 2004. It was a milestone event, and it turns out that the public sector funding used for that was a wise investment.

Time takes its toll on all physical facilities, and this one is no exception. Today's competitive environment together with MLB's requirements demands these improvements. I am proud to support the use of tourist tax dollars for this purpose.

I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

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Alan Bornstein,

Founder



September 29, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners

Dear Chairman Scott,

Jolley Trolley Transportation Services of Clearwater has been providing transportation in North Pinellas for more than forty years. As a proud partner and stakeholder in Pinellas County for those many years, we have witnessed firsthand the economic impact from visitors drawn to our community by the Philadelphia Phillies and their exceptional organization.

Many attendees of Phillies Spring Training and Clearwater Threshers games are transported by Jolley Trolley to the park for games. Beyond Spring Training, Jolley Trolley ridership year-round boasts locals and visitors who are Phillies' fans, sporting garb, pride and kinship all year long. Folks are proud to have a 78-year relationship with the Phillies presence in our footprint (bragging rights attach). In addition, the local community recognizes benefit from the economic driver represented by the presence of the Phillies/Threshers proliferating interest, visitors (and jobs) in our footprint. Investing in the continuation of this long-term relationship with the Phillies organization, just as they have invested and re-invested in our community, as essential to sustainable economic success.

We are very pleased to know that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047; which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As an iconic provider of transportation services, we urge a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Our community realizes generous economic and esoteric credit by virtue of its partnership with the Phillies/Threshers. Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council have prime opportunity to secure and perpetuate this relationship by approving the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus. Please do not hesitate to seize this opportunity to ensure that our collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies is sustained on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

Ron Greenfield
Chief Operating Officer

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Dr. Paul Phillips
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September 14, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott.

As a board member of Clearwater Cardiovascular Consultants now celebrating 50 years of cardiology practice, a current board member of Ruth Eckerd Hall , and a former board member of Morton Plant Mease Hospitals, I am deeply committed to the quality of life in our community. I feel that Spring training in Clearwater is a longstanding tradition that needs to be continued. Not only does having Phillies train and play spring training games in our town provide a major league baseball experience in our town, but it showcases Clearwater to a large population of visitors that could otherwise spend their vacations elsewhere. This is a family - friendly experience at the peak of our tourist season that is great both for locals as well as visitors coming not only from Philadelphia but from all over the country. These visitors are not only an immediate economic boon to our hoteliers and restaurateurs, but also help convince spectators, players, and support personnel that Clearwater is a wonderful place to live.

Our cardiology practice has directly benefited from the Phillies presence in Clearwater. We have cared for members of the Phillies organization over the years and provided medical services for the Phillies. On a personal level I have attended Phillies spring training games for more than 40 years. I fondly recall having a quick lunch at Jack Russell Stadium and watching a few innings before the updated facility was built. I have been a Phillies spring training season ticket holder for more than 30 years and look forward to these outdoor games in our beautiful spring weather .

It is unusual in the fast paced modern era to have prolonged business relationships. The fact that Clearwater has been able to retain the Phillies since 1947 is a testament to the foresight of our local leaders and our County Commissioners in particular. I am excited that our current city and county leaders and the Phillies organization are in discussion to extend the team's presence in Clearwater until at least 2047. This would make 100 years of having the Phillies in our community! I strongly support the funding of the upgrades to the BayCare ballpark that the City of Clearwater has proposed which demonstrate the local commitment to retaining the Phillies in Clearwater.

Sincerely,

Paul Phillips

Doreen Caudell
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September 9, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, 501

Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a former council member in Clearwater and a proud part of Pinellas County, I am passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a resident of Pinellas County, I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,



Doreen Caudell

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Charles "Chuck" Riggs
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September 26, 2025

Hon. Commissioner Brian Scott
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Commissioner Brian

As a community leader in Safety Harbor, Clearwater, a Past Chair of The Regional Clearwater Chamber of Commerce and proud Resident of Pinellas County, I am enthusiastic about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I am incredibly pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a Past Chairman of the Regional Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, a Past board Member of Morton Plant Hospital Board of Directors, a CPA Active Non Practicing and Financial Advisor who has invested personal and business assets in the community because of the Phillies, I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

Charles "Chuck" Riggs

P.O. Box 5751, Clearwater, FL 33758

September 12, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a community in Clearwater and a longtime resident of Pinellas County, I care deeply about what makes our community special. Phillies Spring Training has been part of that story since 1947, and it's something generations of families, locals, and visitors look forward to every year. The games bring an energy that goes far beyond baseball – it's about families spending time together, neighbors gathering, and visitors experiencing the heart of Clearwater.

The Phillies have also been a tremendous boost to our local economy. Since BayCare Ballpark opened in 2004, they've contributed more than \$1 billion in impact, and in recent years that has meant \$70 - 80 million annually. That support keeps our restaurants, shops, and hotels thriving and helps sustain the tourism industry that so many in our community depend on.

I'm excited to hear that county, city, and team leaders are looking at extending the Phillies' stay at BayCare Ballpark through at least 2047, which would mark their 100th year of Spring Training here. As a travel writer and radio show host, I believe investing in the proposed ballpark upgrades is the right move to keep this tradition strong and ensure the Phillies remain part of our community's future.

I hope Pinellas County and the Tourist Development Council will move forward with the upgrades at BayCare Ballpark and across the Phillies' Clearwater campus. It's not just about baseball – it's about keeping a tradition alive that continues to bring pride, joy, and economic strength to the place we all call home.

Sincerely,

Doug Kelly

The Kelly Kelly Show

1451 Sandy Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755

September 12, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a community leader in Clearwater and a proud resident of Pinellas County, I am deeply committed to supporting our community and preserving traditions that shape our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has stood as a signature experience in Clearwater, welcoming both local residents and visitors from outside the county. The Phillies bring an atmosphere full of excitement, family-friendly entertainment, and a level of sports excellence that continues to draw people to our community. Beyond the game itself, the Phillies have contributed more than \$1.0 billion in economic impact since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004, with recent annual reports estimating \$70 - 80 million in impact. This vital contribution sustains local businesses and strengthens the tourism industry that plays such an important role in our economy.

I am encouraged to learn that county, city, and team leaders are exploring an extension of the Phillies' presence at BayCare Ballpark through at least 2047, marking the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in Clearwater. As a radio show co-host and social media influencer, I strongly believe that fully funding the proposed upgrades to BayCare Ballpark, as outlined by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies, represents a wise and forward-looking investment.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council to approve the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies' Clearwater campus, ensuring that this mutually beneficial partnership continues to thrive well into the future.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kelly

The Kelly Kelly Show and ILoveClearwater.com

635 Court Street Suite 120
Clearwater, FL 33756
September 22, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

I'm Jared Brown, a local business leader in downtown Clearwater, FL and a proud part of Pinellas County. I am passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. My family has personally enjoyed multiple games yearly. We also live on the north end of Clearwater Beach and witness numerous Philly fans that stay in various accommodations throughout the Clearwater area. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I am very pleased to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a citizen and local real estate investor and developer, for over 55 years I have enjoyed and loved what Clearwater provides in the way of quality lifestyle. That is why I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

Jared Brown

Sean Schrader
1541 South Fredrica Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33756

September 15th, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

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Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

Sean Schrader

Holiday Inn Harbourside
401 2nd Street
Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

September 19, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

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Sincerely,


Jeff Koterleber

Chart House Marina Hotel
40 Devon Drive
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

September 19, 2025

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Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

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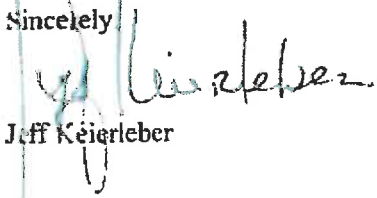
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Sincerely,



Jeff Keierleber

Edge Hotel
505 S. Gulfview Blvd.
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

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Holiday Inn
521 S. Gulfview Blvd.
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

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Sincerely,


Jeff Keierleber

Pier House Hotel
101 Coronado Drive
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

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Sincerely,


Jeff Kierleber

Jimmy's Crows Nest
101 Coronado Drive
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

September 19, 2025

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Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

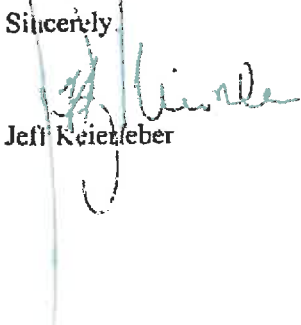
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Jeff Keienfeber

Jimmy's on the Edge
505 S. Gulfview Blvd.
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

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Jeff Keierleher

Jimmy's Fish House
521 S. Gulfview Blvd.
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

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Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
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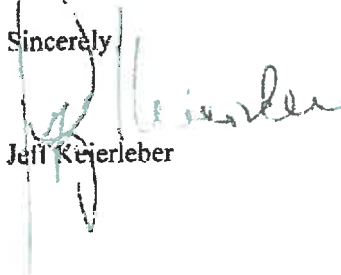
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Jeff Kjerleber

Jimmy Guana's
401 2nd Street
Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

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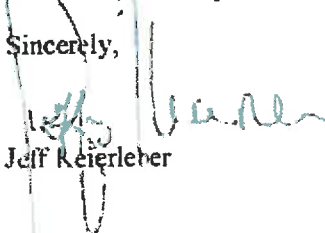
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Sincerely,



Jeff Keierleber

Jimmy's Island Grill
40 Devon Drive
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

September 19, 2025

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Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

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Sincerely,



Jeff Kejerleber

East Shore Resort
473 East Shore Drive
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767
September 12, 2025

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Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

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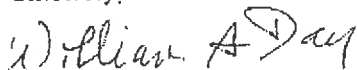
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Sincerely,



William A Day

Owner of East Shore Resort

Clearwater Beach Marriott Resort on Sand Key
1201 Gulf Boulevard
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

September 16, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

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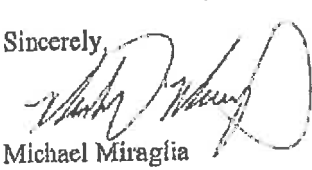
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Sincerely,



Michael Miraglia

General Manager

September 22, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

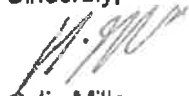
Dear Chairman Scott,

As the General Manager of the JW Marriott Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa in Pinellas County, our business and the many hotels in the area prosper from tourist that visit our beautiful beaches, exceptional hospitality and unique attractions like the Philadelphia Phillies Spring Training camp.

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I hope that the discussions surrounding the extension of the Phillies residency come to fruition, and the investment into Pinellas County is clear to you and all the leaders and decision makers in the community.

Sincerely,



Colin Mills
JW Marriott Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa
691 S. Gulfview Blvd.
Clearwater, Florida 33767

700 N. Osceola Avenue
Apt PH3
Clearwater, FL 33755

September 16, 2025

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Sincerely,



David C. Groves

September 29, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman of the
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

As a resident of Pinellas County since 1973, an operator of 3 resorts on its beautiful beaches (Provident Management), a founder/operator of 5 restaurants, (Hooters and Pete & Shorty's) and longtime board-member for multiple charity, religious, health, and civic organizations, I cannot over express my enthusiasm and support for the consideration and approval of funding for the substantial upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater Campus.

The longtime umbilical-like connection to the enormous Philadelphia market, as well their opponent's fans, brings invaluable exposure and travel to our county which results in 10's of thousands of room nights per year along with millions of dollars in out-of-county attendee spending in restaurants.

Less quantifiable but equally impactful is the geographically unifying effect this IMPRESSIVE COMPLEX has on the entire county by virtue of its location pretty much equidistant from St. Petersburg, the Beaches, up to Clearwater/North County. Their multitude of baseball and non baseball activities and events, coupled with the Phillies' substantial commitment to community activities and charities has resulted in an ongoing physically visibly impressive statement to the health, energy and vibrancy of Pinellas County.

The statistics as to marketing impressions, tourist dollars, regional image, history of the relationship, community and quality energy, are off the charts and we are blessed to have PROVEN partners who share our hopes and goals for our county.....which is hard to hold on to and nurture in these times.

Once again, I congratulate you and appreciate the Commission giving this wonderful opportunity your consideration and hopeful approval.

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September 26, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, #501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Scott,

On behalf of **CP Rankin, Inc.**, a trusted roofing and construction company with a long-standing commitment to Pinellas County, I am proud to express our strong support for renewing the Philadelphia Phillies' lease at BayCare Ballpark through 2047. This milestone would mark 100 years of Phillies baseball in Clearwater — a legacy worth celebrating and protecting. For nearly sixteen years, we have served the Clearwater community while also maintaining our headquarters just 45 minutes outside Philadelphia. That connection means our team has grown up as passionate Phillies fans, making this effort not only a sound business investment but also a point of personal pride. As both a local sponsor and lifelong supporters of the Phillies, we understand better than most how invaluable their presence is to this community.

The Phillies are not just a baseball team to Clearwater — they are part of its story, its economy, and its culture. Each year, Spring Training attracts between 135,000 and 150,000 fans, most of whom travel more than 50 miles to be here. In 2024 alone, out-of-county visitors spent nearly \$30 million in our community, including \$6 million at restaurants and more than 43,000 nights in hotels, motels, and vacation rentals. That activity translates into an annual economic impact of \$70–80 million, with an estimated \$1.6 billion over the course of a renewed 20-year lease. These are not projections based on assumptions — they are results grounded in actual attendance and actual dollars spent.

The Phillies' value extends beyond economics. Philadelphia is the fourth-largest media market in the United States and the largest single-team market in Major League Baseball, providing Pinellas County with visibility and promotion on a national scale. Here at home, the Phillies employ more than 100 full-time staff in Clearwater, lead the Florida State League in attendance through the Clearwater Threshers, and consistently demonstrate their commitment to our residents. After Hurricanes Milton and Helene, they immediately pledged \$1 million in relief for local families and businesses — a clear testament to their loyalty to this community.

As a company that builds structures designed to last for generations, CP Rankin, Inc. values partnerships with the same strength and staying power. Renewing the Phillies' lease through 2047 ensures that Clearwater not only celebrates a century of Phillies baseball but also preserves the jobs, tourism, and community pride that make our county thrive. We strongly urge the Board and the Tourist Development Council to approve the proposed upgrades to BayCare Ballpark so this extraordinary partnership can continue for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Rankin". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Craig" and "Rankin" being capitalized and prominent.

Craig Rankin

Owner & CEO

CP Rankin, Inc.

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September 13, 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street, 501
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Brian:

I trust that this letter will find its way directly to you. It was my pleasure to support your initial campaign for County Commissioner personally and as the Chair of ClearPAC which is part of Amplify Clearwater. I hope that I will have the opportunity to do it again. My wife and I have lived in Pinellas County since we moved to Floria in 1979 and now reside in Belleair.

I am the founder of ProVise Management Group, LLC based in Clearwater. ProVise is a financial planning and investment management firm with 30 employees and about 1,100 clients, most of whom live in Pinellas County. As a community volunteer, I am on the Board of Directors for Amplify Clearwater, BayCare, Morton Plant Mease Hospitals, Wheelchairs\$Kids, and several HOAs to name a few.

In my capacity as a business owner and community citizen, I am passionate about providing for our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in our culture. Since 1947, Phillies Spring Training has been and continues to be a staple experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community.

The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but also generated over \$1.0 Billion in economic impact for our community since the opening of BayCare Ballpark in 2004. In recent years, that annual economic impact has been \$70-80 million per various reports which over the next 20 years will generate about \$1.6 billion. The bed tax revenue we would lose would be enormous and maybe even lead to a tax increase. This impact of the Phillies is essential to supporting our local businesses, large and small, perhaps even your own, that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

It is exciting to understand that leaders of the county, city and team have been discussing extending the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a business owner and community volunteer, I believe it is a prudent investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies. With the likelihood

of the Rays leaving Pinellas County in a few years, the rich history of baseball as a national pastime, and most importantly the contributions the Phillies have made the past 78 years to the community we love, it would most disappointing to see them leave our community.

Thus, I hope that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis. Your support will not go unnoticed next year. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Ferrara', with a stylized flourish at the end.

V. Raymond Ferrara, CFP®

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29 September 2025

Hon. Brian Scott, Chairman
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Chairman Scott,

As a proud Pinellas County resident for more than 50 years, I am passionate about elevating the quality of life in our local community and continuing traditions that are engrained in and enriching our culture. Since 1947, Phillie Phanatic Spring Training has been and continues to be a revered experience in Clearwater for both locals and out-of-county visitors alike. The energy and atmosphere of the Phillies provides both an exceptional sports experience and family-friendly fun that people are looking for when they visit our community. The Phillies not only provide a wonderful baseball experience but their owners and leaders are stakeholders in our prosperity as a destination providing experiences of lasting impression and sentiment. Over its 78-year relationship history with our community, the Phillies are responsible for driving billions of dollars in revenue to our destination. Over time, the Phillies have donated millions of dollars to charities and social service organizations; most recently donating \$1 million dollars to a local foundation for hurricane relief in 2024. Phillies/Phanatics employ more than 100 local residents in year-round positions. In addition, over the past five decades, numerous leaders of large employer organizations in Pinellas County have reaped the benefit of the presence of professional sports teams as attractive and essential for the recruiting and retention of a proactive workforce embedded in community. The Phillies made this commitment to the footprint long before the arrival of the Bucs, Rays, Jays, Rowdies, Lightning, etc. The cumulative impact of the Phillies is invested in supporting our local businesses that our community knows and loves, and to the tourism industry that we rely upon.

I urge the leaders of the county, city and team to be deliberate in embracing extension of the Phillies residence at BayCare Ballpark until at least 2047, which would be the 100th anniversary of Phillies Spring Training in our community. As a community leader and stakeholder (see details in footnote), I believe this is an essential investment to fully fund the upgrades to BayCare Ballpark proposed by the City of Clearwater and supported by the Phillies.

Thus, I am hopeful that Pinellas County and its Tourist Development Council will consider the necessary upgrades to BayCare Ballpark and the Phillies Clearwater campus to ensure our collective, mutually beneficial relationship with the Phillies continues on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

/s/ CAROL A. HAGUE

Carol A. Hague

Footnote – Community Leader and Stakeholder:

- 40 years employed as principal legal administrator
- 32 years adjunct professor at St Petersburg College
- 25 years Clearwater Regional Chamber Board, Chair 2009-2010
- 5 years CEO of Clearwater Regional Chamber (AchieveHers Woman Of the Year Award is named for me); received Key to the City of Clearwater upon retirement in 2019
- 2019 to present: serial volunteer; member of four NFP boards