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PCDC Statement of Opposition to the 76ers Arena

CHINATOWN, PHILADELPHIA – After our engagement process and research, the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) opposes the 76ers Arena proposed at Market Street East. The arena deeply imperils the future of Chinatown.

In response to the 76ers Arena proposal in July 2022, PCDC formed an independent coalition of community organizations tasked with listening to and uplifting the voices of the community. To this end, the Chinatown Committee on the 76ers Arena Proposal collected over 230 language-accessible surveys and conducted three community meetings with Chinatown business-owners, residents, patrons, worshippers, and visitors. The results of the survey are as follows: 93% of business-owners, 94% of residents, and 95% of visitors oppose the arena. The top concerns regarding the proposed arena include the deterioration of Chinatown culture, parking and traffic congestion, as well as increasing rent and displacement.

Research shows that urban arenas have negative to no impact on the local economy and destroy authentic community life.¹ A study of 472 arenas across 169 metropolitan regions concludes that stadiums are distinct forces of gentrification and displacement.² Stadiums have had a gentrifying impact on low-income communities of color across the country – in Los Angeles, Seattle, New York City, Atlanta, and the list goes on. The Capital One Arena in Washington DC contributed to the demise of the city’s Chinatown. We will not allow Philadelphia Chinatown to be another one of these tragic stories.

PCDC has been true to its mission for fifty-seven years: to protect and preserve Chinatown as well as be a voice for our limited English proficient and low-income community members. We continue to abide by our mission and oppose the 76ers arena as well as all threats to our community’s long-term vitality.

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¹ Rodriguez, Akira Drake. “Opinion: The 76ers Arena in Center City Would Be a Strategic City Planning Mistake.” WHYY, February 2, 2023. <https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-chinatown-proposed-76ers-arena-false-solution-to-dead-zone-on-market-east/>.

² Kellison, Timothy, and John Lauermann. “Stadiums, Gentrification, and Displacement: A Comparative Overview of US Cities.” Essay. In *Sport Stadiums and Environmental Justice*, 20–31. London, United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2023.

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費城華埠發展會 (PCDC) 反對 76 人籃球館的宣告

費城, 華埠 - 經過我們的參與和研究, 費城華埠發展會 (PCDC) 反對在 Market Street East 建造 76 人籃球館的提案。76 人籃球館的建造將會深深地危及華埠的未來。

為了迴應 2022 年 7 月的 76 人籃球館提案, 費城華埠發展會 (PCDC) 成立了一個獨立的社區組織委員會, 負責傾聽和支持社區的聲音。為此, 華埠的 76 人籃球館提案委員會收集了 230 多份語言無障礙(英文/中文)的問卷調查, 並與華埠的商家/業主、居民、顧客、宗教人士和訪客舉行了三次社區會議。問卷調查結果如下: 93%的商家/業主、94%的居民和 95%的訪客反對建造籃球館。關於籃球館的提案最受關注的問題包括: 華埠文化的破壞, 停放車輛問題, 交通阻塞問題, 及房租升漲造成的搬遷和流離失所問題。

該研究顯示, 市區體育館破壞社區生活質量並對當地經濟沒有或有負面影響。根據其他對 169 個大都市地區的 472 個體育館的研究數據表明, 體育場是階級化和導致流離失所的獨特原因, 體育館會對低收入有色人種的社區產生階級化影響-如洛杉磯、西雅圖、紐約市、亞特蘭大等等。華盛頓特區的 The Capital One Arena 體育館促成了該市華埠的滅亡。我們不允許費城華埠成為此類悲慘故事中的另一個。

費城華埠發展會 (PCDC) 在過去五十七年來一直忠於自己的使命: 保護和保存華埠, 併為英語有限和低收入社區的成員發聲。在反對 76 人籃球館提案同時更為未來所有威脅華埠社區發展或危害到華埠繁榮而努力, 我們將繼續恪守我們的使命: 保護和保存華埠。

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