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Below is a comment about the June 5 Warriors SEIR. I hope you can incorporate it into the public comments section of the next version. Thank you. Stan Horn

Because San Francisco couldn't get its act together and build an arena 40 years ago -- the proposed arena site at 4th and Howard was turned into low-cost housing -- the Warriors defaulted to the nearest suitable place, the Oakland Coliseum. Oakland has had a good run. But now the party's over.

There are many good reasons why the Warriors belong in San Francisco.

- San Francisco has twice the population of Oakland. So it should have twice the fan base.
- San Francisco is much wealthier per capita, so it should

provide the Warriors with a bigger potential.

- San Francisco's cachet alone will make the team more valuable as it basks in the reflections of one of the world's most popular cities.
- According to FBI statistics, fans visiting the Coliseum must forge through some of the nation's highest-crime zip codes. In San Francisco, the site is bounded by the bay, a world-renowned university, and some of the highest-priced real estate in America...none of which are known as high-crime breeders.
- Before and after games, there are nothing but acres of asphalt parking and concrete freeways and raw gray elevated train stations to greet fans in Oakland. Across the bay the arena would be surrounded by scores of cafes, night-spots, restaurants, bars, bayside parks, and pleasant walks in attractive, lively neighborhoods.

But perhaps the main reason the Warriors belong in the City is that it will finally bring San Francisco a modern events center.

San Francisco is the only big city in America that doesn't have one. San Franciscans who want to see a concert, for example, must make a 100-mile round trip to San Jose or a 40-mile round trip to Oakland. No other residents of America's principal cities have to go through that.

Dozens of cultural, entertainment, artistic, educational, and sports experiences that are not now available to San Franciscans would be if there were an arena. In that sense, the events center would be as much a cultural addition to the region as our great museums. And not only San Franciscans would benefit: because of the new Muni-to-BART subway, Caltrain, future high-speed rail, ferry service, and thousands of parking spaces, the arena would be much more accessible to all Northern Californians than the freeway-and-parking-girded Coliseum is.

And don't cry for Oakland. The forever-wannabe has gone after -- and won -- virtually all of San Francisco's port jobs, more than a thousand former San Francisco BART headquarters jobs, more than a thousand former San Francisco Caltrans District IV headquarters jobs, more than a thousand former San Francisco federal government jobs, and more. Some would say that giving a little back is not unreasonable.