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August 13, 2018

Mr. Al Guido
President, San Francisco Forty Niners
4949 Marie P. DeBartolo Way
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Dear Mr. Guido,

It is clear from your recent statements to the media that we have fundamentally different views of the import of the arbitrator's decision denying your request for an enormous reduction in rent and, instead, increasing your rental obligation to the Stadium Authority. Rahul Chandhok, Vice President of Affairs & Strategic Communications for the Forty Niners has made accusations against me individually through the media regarding a "deceptive approach" and "lack of transparency" relating to the substance of the arbitrator's decision. If in fact you value transparency, as you have claimed prior to the arbitration, I would invite you to waive the confidentiality clause in Section 1.6 of Exhibit L of the Stadium Lease as it pertains to the Arbitrator's statements of decision in the Interim and Final Awards. As I understand it, there is nothing preventing the parties from agreeing to release the Arbitrator's Statement of Decision to the public. I will be asking the Stadium Authority Board to consider a vote on the waiver, as a body, at the August 21st meeting.

The residents of the City of Santa Clara deserve to be fully informed regarding the facts of how the decision was reached. The best interests of the residents and full transparency are my highest priorities. Our mutual agreement to release the Statement of Decision to the public review would eliminate any accusations of deception and reassure the residents of Santa Clara that our belief in the importance of transparency is more than mere rhetoric.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gillmor
Mayor
City of Santa Clara

Cc: City Manager
City Attorney