

SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT & FACILITIES

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Meyers Nave is an essential legal partner for complex transactional and litigation issues that arise in high-profile arenas of sport and entertainment.

With specialty expertise advising on projects that are also part of larger mixed-use developments, we provide high-stakes transaction, litigation and compliance counsel to public entities, private businesses and public-private partnerships that plan, develop, build, operate, maintain, and promote sports, entertainment and convention facilities.

City of Anaheim's "Big A 2050" Plan for Orange County's Only MLB Stadium



Land use and CEQA counsel to the City of Anaheim for a mixed-use development and stadium project at an existing Los Angeles Angels stadium:

- Advising on all entitlements and environmental review, including a Disposition and Development Agreement, site plans, tentative maps, other required approvals.
- Redevelopment of stadium site for large-scale residential, office, and retail/entertainment uses to create year-round use.
- Designed to keep major league baseball in Anaheim for the next 30+ years.
- Key to developing Platinum Triangle Mixed Use area located adjacent to Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center.

San Francisco Giants



Special Counsel to the San Francisco Giants on construction, public contracting and procurement matters. This includes:

- Developing, reviewing, and negotiating agreements for general contractors and other construction related professionals.
- Advising on bid processes and contractual liability allocations, including pre-qualification questionnaires and RFPs, professional services contracts, terms and conditions, and construction contract specifications.
- Analyzing compliance to the interplay of local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and the landscape of potential litigation.

Oakland A's Waterfront MLB Stadium and Mixed-Use Development Project



Land use and environmental counsel to the City of Oakland for a waterfront ballpark and mixed-use development project at the Port of Oakland's Howard Terminal:

- 35,000-seat ballpark, 3,000 residential units, 1.5 million sq. ft. office, 270,000 sq. ft. retail, 400-room hotel and 3,500-seat performance venue.
- Advise on preparation of Environmental Impact Report (CEQA), land use entitlements, Development Agreement and Community Benefits Agreement.
- Advise on compliance with special streamlining legislation (AB 734).
- Involves several agencies with different regulations/permitting processes.
- Successfully defended the City against multiple lawsuits challenging the EIR in trial court and on appeal under expedited judicial review.

Sacramento Kings \$477 Million NBA Indoor Downtown Arena & Mixed-Use Development



Special Counsel to the City of Sacramento, defeated every legal challenge against the new arena, part of the successful effort to keep the Kings in Sacramento:

- Eminent domain victory allowing the City to take over the final piece of property.
- Published appellate decision denying a CEQA-based challenge to the project.
- Published appellate decision denying a constitutional challenge to the special statute passed to streamline the City's CEQA review of the proposed project.
- 11-day trial victory named a Daily Journal "Top Defense Result," case alleged the public-private partnership engaged in a secret subsidy, collusion, fraud, and irregularities in the City's bond financing.

\$750 Million Professional Soccer Stadium and Mixed-Use Development Project



Land use and CEQA counsel to Hall Equities Group, the developer of a proposed soccer stadium and mixed-use development project in downtown Concord:

- 18,000-seat stadium, 150,000 sq. ft. convention center, performance venue, two hotels, housing, and retail, office and commercial space.
- 20% of the 33 acres is owned by the City of Concord, the rest is owned by Bay Area Rapid Transit, requiring multi-agency cooperation and negotiation.
- Involves linkage to the downtown Concord BART passenger rail transit station.
- Proposed home to a new Oakland East Bay United Soccer League franchise.

Mixed-Use Development Project and Transit Station Adjacent to NHL Arena in San Jose



Sharks Sports & Entertainment, Inc. (owners of the San Jose Sharks NHL team and managers of the SAP Center that hosts Sharks games) filed suit against a project to extend passenger rail transit to downtown San Jose and Santa Clara. The suit alleges violations of CEQA and NEPA and seeks to rescind environmental approval for the project, which includes a tunnel under downtown San Jose and an underground station across the street from the SAP Center that will provide access to the SAP Center. The suit was filed against Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), represented by Meyers Nave, to plan and build the extension, and Bay Area Rapid Transit, which will operate the extension.

Los Angeles Clippers Arena Litigation



Madison Square Garden (MSG) owns the Forum, an indoor arena in Inglewood. MSG sued the City of Inglewood and its mayor alleging they tricked MSG into giving up its long-term lease and purchase option on 15 acres of parking near the Forum because the City and mayor were allegedly secretly negotiating with the Clippers to build a competing arena on that land. The lawsuit alleged violations of the Brown Act and CEQA. Meyers Nave represented the Consolidated Oversight Board of the Second District of Los Angeles County, which included the Inglewood Successor Agency of the Redevelopment Agency. The litigation was dismissed when Clippers owner Steve Ballmer purchased the Forum from MSG. We also advise on property acquisition issues related to the proposed Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center.



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