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## **Mayoral Candidate Bill Foster Proposes Use of City's Suite at Tropicana Field to Benefit Arts and Social Services.**

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*(St. Petersburg, FL)* - Bill Foster, former City Council member, local attorney and St. Petersburg Mayoral candidate, announced his intention to change city policy regarding the use of the city suite at Tropicana field.

Under the current use agreement with the Tampa Bay Rays, the City of St. Petersburg is entitled to the use of a luxury suite at Tropicana Field. The current policy allows suite tickets for each game to be distributed by elected officials and department heads at their discretion.

Mr. Foster proposes a change to city policy, which would require the 81 home games to be offered to non-profit organizations in St. Petersburg. For each game, the charitable organizations would receive the use of the luxury suite, the city's field box seats and parking passes. The organizations would be encouraged to leverage the suite and its tickets through auctions or fundraising events.

"How many times have you been to a charitable event where an auction takes place? One of the most popular auction items involves tickets to sporting events and often these tickets generate thousands of dollars for local charities," said Foster. "This would cost the taxpayers nothing, but would greatly benefit non-profit agencies during these difficult economic times. This is just one way to use the city entitlement for public benefit, and serves a much greater public purpose than the existing suite policy."

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