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Attorney General John Cornyn P.O. Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548 ATTN: Opinion Committee **RE: Eminent Domain Authority and Community Venues** JAN 1 2 1998 Opinion Committee

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Dear General Cornyn:

During the 1997 legislative session HB 92 was passed and signed into law creating a new chapter in the Texas Local Government Code regarding public financing of Sports and Community venues.

I respectfully request an opinion as to what powers of condemnation or eminent domain may be exercised by a sports authority created under Chapters 334 and 335 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Sincerely,

JERRY PATTERSON -State Senator, District 11