

# We Support Chris Hansen and the Seattle Center

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January 24, 2013

## Dear Mayor McGinn and members of the City Council,

We are writing as members of Seattle's music community to voice our support for the efforts by Chris Hansen's investor group to build a new arena in Sodo. Hansen's proposed development, along with its positive impact on Seattle Center, represents a great opportunity for performers and fans alike, and aligns nicely with KEXP's move to a new home at Seattle Center in 2014.

Seattle has one of the most thriving music communities in the country, a community that is part of a broader, flourishing cultural landscape. Our city is alive with music, literary, performing, and visual arts. We're home to incredible cinema, culinary arts, design, architecture, and yes, renowned professional sports franchises. Together, these diverse cultural institutions strengthen the vitality of our region, fuel our economy, attract and retain residents, and boost tourism. Most importantly, they make Seattle one of the greatest cities in which to live and work.

By opening the door for the possible return of professional basketball to Seattle, and by offering a home for other sports franchises, as well as concerts, events, and exhibitions, the Hansen development energizes the burgeoning Sodo neighborhood and strengthens Seattle's cultural community.

We believe one of the great benefits of the Hansen project is that it devotes resources to invigorating Key Arena at Seattle Center, which will be the temporary home of a new basketball team while the new venue is completed. Soon, Seattle Center will also be the new home of KEXP. As members of the KEXP Community, we wholeheartedly support efforts to bring additional energy to the Center campus. New vitality at Seattle Center benefits all the nonprofit campus tenants.

We thank you for your support of this new development. We lend our voices to the effort as well.

Sincerely,

**Ben Haggerty**  
Macklemore &  
Ryan Lewis

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**Tricia Davis**  
Macklemore &  
Ryan Lewis

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Pearl Jam

**Ed Vedder**  
Pearl Jam

**Kevin Cole**  
KEXP DJ

**John Richards**  
KEXP DJ

**Cheryl Waters**  
KEXP DJ

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KEXP DJ

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KEXP DJ

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