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Oakland Athletics Face a $500 Million Battle With Las Vegas Over New Stadium.

- **Team seeks public funds for stadium, mayor wants owner buy-in**
- **Arena may be third sports complex added near Vegas over decade**

The Oakland Athletics are poised to leave the Bay area, but officials in their new Las Vegas home are holding back the welcoming party.

Earlier this month, the A's signed a deal to purchase a 49-acre plot for a future ballpark near the Las Vegas Strip — ending a more than decade-long struggle to find a new stadium in the Bay Area. To clinch the move, the franchise wants roughly $500 million in public financing to build a 35,000 seat retractable-roof stadium and entertainment complex.

But the details still need to be hammered out and Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman is wary about using public dollars to subsidize a private enterprise. It would be the third professional sports complex built in Clark County, Nevada over the last nine years and the second to be built using public funds.

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