



October 13, 2017

Mr. Peter Gruber
The Golden State Warriors
1011 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94706

Dear Mr. Gruber:

I write to you as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and fellow Syracuse University alumnus ('88). It is with great pleasure that our Board extends an invitation to the Golden State Warriors to visit our Town in honor of earning the title of Champions of the National Basketball Association for the 2016-17 season.

At a recent meeting, our Board unanimously voted to extend this invitation based on several facts:

- For 3 decades, the championship teams of our Nation's 4 major sports leagues have been celebrated outside their "home" towns, typically Washington DC, highlighting their achievement to the entire nation, and giving due honor to the individuals who came together as a team to accomplish the feat.
- Hopkinton has ties to the NBA and the championship trophy by way of Walter A. Brown, founder and (original) owner of the Boston Celtics, who was born and raised in Hopkinton. His impact on the league was so significant the championship trophy was named after him from 1964-1984.
- Hopkinton has a long history of honoring athletic achievement. Every April we welcome 30,000 athletes to our community as proud hosts of the start of the Boston Marathon.

If you accept this invitation, we will make every effort to coordinate the event with your staff and work around your organization's availability. If time allows, it would also be our pleasure to host either dinner or lunch as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation. If you have any questions or would like to begin the planning process, please feel free to contact our Town Manager – Norman Khumalo (508) 497-9700, or you can also contact me directly at (617) 448-5511.

Congratulations to you and the entire Warriors organization!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Todd Cestari