

Save Marine Stadium

I recently have become a member of the Friends of the Marine Stadium, which supports refurbishing the stadium on Virginia Key so Miamians once again can enjoy it. I saw Jimmy Buffett and other great musical acts perform there, as well as watched a rowing competition and other sporting events.

In the last few years, we have approved bonds to build new museums and provide gathering places for the community. We have spent \$500



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million on a performance-arts center and more on the Miami International Airport. We are considering spending millions on a new baseball stadium.

Comparatively speaking, the money needed to refurbish Marine Stadium and make it operational will be nominal, while the return to the community will be significant.

Most of the projects mentioned do not make Miami unique. They compete with facilities of other major cities. The Marine Stadium, on the other hand, is one of a kind in the amenities that it provides and in its architecture.

The stadium highlights what is wonderful about Miami: the ocean, boating and water sports. It separates Miami as one of the great cities of the world.

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