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Sacramento Kings' $477 Million NBA Arena

- Myriad of legal, regulatory and publicity impediments
  - Fighting a ballot measure to force a public vote
  - Constitutional challenges to new state legislation
  - Attacks on environmental review and approval process
  - Eminent domain litigation
  - Sensationalized trial alleging "secret subsidy" and violation of bond financing statute



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Work Session VI: Every community needs a stadium.
How can you build one, finance one and make it successful?

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