

## **STATEMENT**

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The Chargers have completed the final renegotiation trigger calculations. There is no doubt that the team significantly exceeds the threshold allowing us to exercise the trigger. The Chargers have also renewed the team's offer to the city -- an offer we first made before Thanksgiving -- to visit Charger headquarters to review both the trigger calculations and the data supporting those calculations. We hope that the City will finally take us up on this offer to inspect the calculation and related documents.

We remain disappointed that the City Council has refused to discuss our ideas for eliminating the ticket guaranty and the trigger. As we have said repeatedly, eliminating the guaranty and the trigger can only help our efforts to find a long term solution in San Diego.

The City's refusal, however, has not diminished in any way our determination to seek a solution that is in the best interests of all San Diegans. We remain deeply committed to finding a way to keep the Chargers an important, economically competitive part of the San Diego community for years to come.

Because we want to remain in San Diego, the Chargers today offer to extend the 60-day trigger period which began on December 1. We propose that the City and the Chargers agree that the 60-day trigger period begin on March 1, 2003. We trust that this extension will allow the Mayor's Task Force sufficient time to complete its work. Once the Task Force has had the opportunity to complete its work, the team's decision to trigger will allow the Chargers and the City to begin formal negotiations over the future of the Chargers in San Diego.

The Charger players and coaches are having an exciting season, and our fans deserve the opportunity to enjoy that season to its fullest. We hope that our decision to extend the trigger will demonstrate, once and for all, the determination of the entire Charger organization to work together with the people of San Diego to find a way to ensure that the Chargers will remain a part of our community.