

## *CITIZENS' TASK FORCE ON CHARGERS ISSUES*

November 19, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
202 C Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Re: Extension of Time for Final Report**

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Citizens' Task Force on Chargers Issues will require additional time to complete the mission set forth by the City Council last July. As you are aware, the Task Force was established to recommend a method of retaining the San Diego Chargers in San Diego in a fiscally responsible way that the public will support. Since our first meeting in early August, members of the Task Force, as a whole and in subcommittees, have been working diligently to gather information and to analyze the issues related to our mission statement. A key part of that work is reviewing and analyzing proposals and information submitted by the San Diego Chargers. The Task Force had set a fast-paced schedule for reviewing and analyzing information from a variety of sources, culminating in issuance of a final report on February 15, 2003, the original deadline set by the City Council.

On November 14, 2002, Mr. Mark Fabiani, special counsel to the San Diego Chargers, informed the Task Force that the Chargers would be unable to present their proposals for redevelopment of the site, marketing studies and other information until mid-January 2003. On Monday, November 18, 2002, Mr. Fabiani informed City staff that he could not commit to a specific date for delivering the required information, even by mid-January. Therefore, as of this date, we are not sure when the Chargers will present their information and proposals. According to our original schedule, we would have had our preliminary subcommittee reports prepared by mid-January. However, because we will not receive all the relevant information from the Chargers until that time, our schedule will be delayed.

The Task Force wants the opportunity to review and consider the Chargers' presentations, along with other presentations from third parties, after receipt of the Chargers' information. Because of the strong public interest in this process, we have always anticipated receiving public comments and analysis subsequent to hearing the Chargers' proposals. To properly review and consider the Chargers' proposals and obtain public input and analysis from other interested parties, a more realistic completion of our mission would occur by April 15, 2003. Of course, we will try to expedite our work as much as possible.

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We would be happy to discuss this with you.

Very truly yours,

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