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CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENT

City Attorney Jan Goldsmith released the following statement with respect to the report released by the Mayor's Citizens' Stadium Advisory Group:

San Diego, CA: My thanks to those who volunteered their time to serve on this independent citizens' group and for their recommendations to the Mayor. This report and its recommendations demonstrate that stadium financing is not an insurmountable challenge.

Now that CSAG's work is completed, the Mayor will need to consider these recommendations with negotiations involving the City, County and Chargers to begin soon. The City and County have on board a team of experts in financing and stadium negotiations. Our goal is to negotiate the best possible agreement for the citizens of San Diego, but voters will have the final say.

As I have stated on a number of occasions, just as we do with other negotiations, Charger negotiations should be conducted at the table, not in the media. Thus, the City will have much less public comment during these negotiations than there has been during the CSAG process. At this point in time, the parties need to focus on face-to-face discussions if there is to be any chance of reaching an agreement.

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