



## CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

# Goldsmith Statement on City-County Partnership for a New Chargers Stadium

**City Attorney Jan Goldsmith made the following comments today at a news conference on a City-County agreement to work collaboratively and explore financing options for a new Chargers stadium.**

“We are putting together a major league negotiating team. We will retain a legal firm nationally recognized for its experience with stadiums and, particularly, the NFL. We need this expertise to work together with our legal team. We have just completed our interview process and should be ready to make an announcement within three weeks.

“We will also bring on board a well-qualified investment banker. And, most important, we have a unified city and county in this effort.

“We look forward to sitting down with the Chargers to negotiate and work with them in good faith, as they have said they would do. With both sides working hard to achieve a fair deal, voters will ultimately be given a real choice to keep the San Diego Chargers in San Diego.”

**The partnership is the first element in Goldsmith’s five-step “Path to a Stadium,” which he has discussed previously with the news media:**

### Path to a Stadium

1. Formalize the City-County partnership
  - Adopt a Memorandum of Understanding to share pre-project costs
  - Consider creating a Joint Powers Authority as part of a financing and implementation plan
2. Bring on board advisers with NFL stadium expertise
  - Outside consultant
  - Counsel with stadium experience
  - Banker
3. Seek legislative relief from CEQA, as others have done

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4. Conduct negotiations between Chargers/NFL and City/County
  - Location and design
  - Financing
  
  - Implementation plan
    - CEQA compliance
    - Buyout of Water Utility Fund (owner of half of Qualcomm Stadium site)
    - Timetable
5. Secure Approvals
  - City Council and county Board of Supervisors
  - Voters countywide

(Note: A citizen initiative would simplify much of this, including CEQA compliance. This was done in Inglewood and is what the Chargers are doing in Carson.)

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