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Mayor Faulconer Releases Statement on the Future of the Convention Center Expansion Project

San Diego, CA – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer released the following statement regarding the Convention Center expansion project. The statement comes after the City Council voted to not appeal an adverse appellate court ruling on the project's financing.

"Expanding the convention center is one of the most important actions we can take to grow our local economy and create thousands of new jobs for San Diegans. This is an opportunity to put this litigation behind us and move forward with a successful plan.

Over the past several weeks my office has been meeting with stakeholders, including the lodging and convention industry, the Chargers, JMI Realty, and various experts to discuss options for moving forward. My review of these proposals, many of which have been covered by local media outlets, is preliminary.

As I take a fresh look at expanding the convention center, I am open to all options. These include finding alternative financing for the current plan to expand directly next to the existing convention center as well as exploring a non-contiguous expansion at a different location that could include a new stadium for the Chargers. I continue to believe that any proposed Chargers stadium project should be brought before voters.

The public is the most important stakeholder, and I believe that a successful project must involve public participation and transparency.

Our great city has proven time and again that when we work together we can accomplish great things, and I am confident we will rise to the challenge once again."

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