



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: April 7, 2015

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO FOR LEGAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO ASSIST IN REVIEWING STADIUM FINANCING OPTIONS AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCIAL ISSUES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

The San Diego Chargers are an important part of the San Diego region. The Chargers have expressed to the leaders and citizens of San Diego County that Qualcomm Stadium is inadequate for the team to continue to use as its home field. Consequently, team ownership has started the process of considering locations outside of San Diego County. Should the Chargers leave San Diego County, the continued viability of Qualcomm Stadium will be in doubt. Consequently, San Diego State Aztec football, the Poinsettia Bowl and Holiday Bowl, as well as other events at Qualcomm Stadium, will be in jeopardy.

The Mayor of San Diego has convened a Citizen's Stadium Advisory Group comprised of local civic and business leaders to review the existing stadium site and other locations for a possible new stadium. The Advisory Group has recommended that a future stadium be developed at the current stadium location. The Advisory Group is continuing to meet and prepare additional recommendations.

On May 16, 2006 (13), this Board appointed the two of us to an ad hoc subcommittee to act as the Board's contact for inquiries into stadium issues. The Mayor has asked that we work with the City to evaluate the Citizens' Stadium Advisory Group's recommendations and other possible ideas relating to a new stadium. Today, in support of our work as a subcommittee, we are seeking your approval of a Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the County of San Diego and the City of San Diego to share attorneys and related professional fees for the retention of experts to help both entities review and understand the options provided by the Advisory Group and any other possible proposed options for the financing of a new stadium and related development, improvement and financial issues.

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Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR RON ROBERTS AND SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB

1. Approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego for the joint retention of expert consultants to advise on stadium financing options and related development, improvement and financial issues.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign on behalf of the County the memorandum of understanding between the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego for the joint retention of expert consultants to advise on stadium financing options and related development, improvement and financial issues.
3. Authorize County Counsel to sign an agreement(s) for expert consultants to jointly advise the County of San Diego and the City of San Diego on stadium financing options and related development, improvement and financial issues.
4. Establish appropriations of \$250,000 in the office of County Counsel for one-time legal expenses in Services and Supplies based on available General Fund balance. **(4 VOTES)**

Fiscal Impact

Funding to support today's recommendations is not included in the Department of County Counsel's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operational Plan. If approved, this action will result in a one-time appropriation increase of \$250,000. The funding source is General Fund available fund balance.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

The San Diego Chargers are an important part of the San Diego region. Similarly, San Diego State University Aztec football, the Poinsettia Bowl and Holiday Bowl, and many other events hosted at Qualcomm Stadium are important to San Diego residents. Losing the Chargers, and putting at risk these other events, would hurt the region.

The Mayor of San Diego has convened a Citizens' Stadium Advisory Group comprised of local civic and business leaders to review the existing stadium site and other locations for a possible new stadium. The Advisory Group has recommended that a future stadium be located at the current stadium location. The Advisory Group is continuing to meet and prepare additional recommendations.

Because the Chargers, San Diego State University Aztec football, the bowls and other events are of regional significance, the County and the City should work together in evaluating the future of Qualcomm Stadium, including the potential for a replacement. Today's action seeks your approval of a Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the County of San Diego and

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the City of San Diego to share attorney and related expert fees for the retention of experts to help both entities review and understand the options provided by the Citizen’s Stadium Advisory Group and any other possible options for the financing of a new stadium and related development, improvement and financial issues.

We urge your support.

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

RON ROBERTS
Supervisor, Fourth District

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR THE JOINT RETENTION OF EXPERT CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE ON STADIUM FINANCING OPTIONS AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCIAL ISSUES.

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REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
December 9, 1997 (3); June 20, 2006 (14); September 26, 2006 (16)

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
On December 9, 1997 (32), this Board decided that its policy would be to have an election before County resources may be used to support the development or renovation of any Professional Sports Facility.

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
This action does not trigger an election under that policy because the retention of outside legal and related experts is not for the redevelopment of Qualcomm or a new stadium. Rather, the use of these experts is for the limited purpose of only providing advice to the County and City of issues that may arise in response to the Task Force, the City, and the Subcommittee’s discussions with the Chargers or other parties concerning any possibilities and alternatives associated with a stadium.

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Supervisor Ron Roberts and Supervisor Dianne Jacob

OTHER CONCURRENCES(S): N/A

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