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Inglewood approves environmental impact report for Clippers' new arena

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An aerial view rendering of the Clippers' proposed 18,500-seat arena in Inglewood. The oval design has a unique exterior of diamond-shaped metal panels inspired by the concept of a basketball swishing through a net. File photo

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Construction of an arena for the Los Angeles Clippers in Inglewood cleared a key hurdle Tuesday, July 21, with the City Council unanimously approving its environmental impact report.

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Gov. Gavin Newsom has certified that the project will not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other environmental standards, including reaching the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's gold status.

The arena “will be one of the most environmentally friendly sports venues in California,” said Chris Meany, co-founder and managing partner of Wilson Meany, which is leading its development.



Construction is expected to begin next summer. The 18,000-seat arena is scheduled to open in time for the start of the 2024-25 NBA season following the expiration of the Clippers' lease at Staples Center.

The Clippers' new arena will be just a few blocks down Prairie Avenue from the Forum. The two arenas would be separated only by the lavish SoFi Stadium complex being built by Los Angeles Rams owner Stan Kroenke.

Los Angeles Clippers owner Steve Ballmer purchased the Forum for \$400 million, ending the billionaire's legal fight with the Madison Square Garden Company and clearing the way to build the new home for his NBA team.

MSG, which bought the Forum for a reported \$23.5 million in 2012, sued the Inglewood city government, Newsom and the state Legislature in its various attempts to slow the approval process for Ballmer's privately financed arena project, which is currently undergoing environmental review. But Ballmer's purchase of the former home of the Lakers cleared all those challenges away.

The Clippers are moving ahead on their goal to open the new arena when their Staples Center lease expires in 2024. The Clippers currently share the downtown arena with the Los Angeles Lakers and the NHL's Los Angeles Kings.

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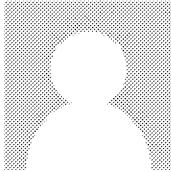
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