

# Environmental report for Clippers arena approved by Inglewood City Council



rendering of the Clippers' proposed arena in Inglewood.  
(Los Angeles Clippers)

The Clippers' plans for a billion-dollar arena complex moved closer to reality Tuesday, July 21, 2020, after Inglewood's City Council voted unanimously to approve the environmental impact report for the project.

The 28-acre Inglewood Basketball & Entertainment Complex would bring traffic and jobs to the intersection of West Century Boulevard and South Prairie Avenue, while ruling it would not contribute to gentrification of its surrounding area.

Murphy's Bowl LLC, a Clippers-controlled company is backing the privately financed project, with hopes to begin construction by mid-2021 and open the complex's anchor, an 18,000-seat arena, in time for the 2024-25 NBA season. The Clippers' lease at Staples Center, the team's home since 1999, ends in 2024.

Inglewood City Council received thanks from, the project's developer, Wilson Meany, Clippers' coach Doc Rivers, owner Steve Ballmer, president of business operations Gillian Zucker, and Hall of Fame player and team advisor Jerry West exhorted the approval.

Ballmer thanked Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts Jr., the council and city staffers and repeated the team's pledge to commit \$100 million in community benefits toward Inglewood. Later, he said the team and city were linked by what he called a "common bond."