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INGLEWOOD: AN EMERGING MECCA FOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
INGLEWOOD IS BEING RENEWED

NEW IUSD STATE ADMINISTRATOR
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SENIOR CENTER - The Senior Center has only 18 weeks of construction remaining. Painting and priming of the interior walls on the 1st and 2nd floors continue as does plumbing and electrical work throughout the building. The project remains on schedule for completion in November of 2017.
LOCUST STREET PARKING STRUCTURE REMODEL - Parking structure #2 located at Queen and Locust will be closed the day after Labor Day until remodeling is completed in Mid-December. Flyers will be created and distributed by City staff to be posted on Market Street stores. Here is a rendering of the remodeled structure:
HOLLYWOOD PARK DEVELOPMENT (STADIUM) - The excavation of the bowl is complete and the pouring of the foundations for the columns that will support the canopy continues. The developer continues to move forward with the preliminary work on the proposed hotel site in anticipation of at least one and possibly two hotels along with the retail component. Project opening day is estimated to be Summer of 2020.

CALTRANS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT (ATP) - In 2014, the City was awarded a $486,000 grant from Caltrans to prepare an Active Transportation Plan and Safe Routes to School Plan in conjunction with the Inglewood Unified School District (IIUSD). Workshops for each school in the district have been completed. City Staff is coordinating with IIUSD Administration to plan for International Walk to School Day on October 4, 2017, and other educational events for youth in Fall 2017.

DANIEL FREEMAN HOSPITAL SITE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: The ShopOff Group, who has entitlement to build 310 condominiums of various residential design types on the old Daniel Freeman Hospital site, has completed its sale to a new developer, Harridge Development Group. The new owner intends to reduce the density of the project to approximately 225 units. The residential product type would be all detached and the maximum height would be no more than three stories. The original design allowed for up to four stories. Demolition of the existing structures could commence as early as the third quarter of 2017. On May 30, 2017, a tree removal permit was issued for removal of all trees onsite except for the 29 protected trees to remain, including the Moreton Bay Fig. The removal of trees began on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, when approximately 50 trees were removed. Tree removal will continue until all
trees planned for removal are removed.

**CENTER PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**: On January 31, 2017, City Council awarded a contract to C.E.M Construction Corporation for the renovation of Center Park. A pre-construction meeting was held on February 7th. Notice to proceed was issued on March 13, 2017. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, renovation of the existing restroom, and installation of security cameras, a walking path along the perimeter of the park, exercise stations, playground equipment/surfacing, and landscaping. Phase One work includes rehabilitation of the restroom. The restroom construction is nearing completion. Remaining tasks include painting and installation of restroom fixtures. All turf has been removed. Layout and excavation for the walking path, electrical posts and lines, and water and irrigation system connections are in progress. The wood fiber has been removed from the playground and site preparation is complete for installation of new playgroundsurfacing and the new 3-5 year-old play structure. Structural plans have been submitted to the Building and Safety Division for review and approval. Work completion: 38%. The project is scheduled for completion October 2017.

**MANCHESTER MEDIAN PROJECT**: This project has been completed. The improvements include the installation of drought tolerant plants, replacement of dead, diseased and or missing trees and installation of a dripline irrigation system. Work completion: 100%. (Attachment No. 3)

**DARBY/ROGERS PARK COURTS RENOVATION**: The City of Inglewood was awarded a grant ($91,300) by the Los Angeles Lakers Youth Foundation (LALYF) to renovate the outdoor basketball courts at both Rogers and Darby Park. The courts at Darby will be refreshed and Rogers will receive a completely new court - including standards, goals surfacing and painting. Construction at both parks is underway. Demolition of the existing concrete pad, excavation of the foundation, and soil testing for the court at Rogers Park has been completed. Work at Darby Park is nearing completion. Remaining tasks at Darby include painting of the courts and installation of the rims. Overall work completion is 45%. This project is scheduled for completion September 2017.

**DARBY PARK WALKWAY RESURFACING PROJECT**: An agreement with R.E. Schultz Construction Incorporated for the Darby Park Resurfacing Project was approved by the City Council on April 20, 2017. A pre-construction meeting was held on April 27, 2017. Construction started on May 22, 2017. The project is being initiated in phases. Application of asphalt and the rubberized top coat has been installed over approximately 75% of the area. Project completion: September 2017.

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Fred Roggin Interviews Mayor Butts Regarding Clippers ENA
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Inglewood City Council reapproves negotiating agreement to bring Clippers arena to the city

The Inglewood City Council unanimously voted Friday morning to re-approve a deal that could bring a new arena to the city for the Los Angeles Clippers.

The special council hearing was held to address possible problems in a June meeting in which the city approved an exclusive negotiating agreement with Murphy's Bowl LLC, a Clippers-controlled company. On Wednesday, the owners of the Forum concert and sports arena filed a claim for damages against Inglewood for entering into the agreement, saying that the city misled them into terminating a lease for property included in the agreement.

The agreement included the possibility of Inglewood using eminent domain to acquire private property for the project.

More than 40 Inglewood residents attended the hearing to protest the agreement, many carrying signs with slogans such as "Inglewood is NOT for sale" and "No Displacement." Many residents said they were concerned about the effect that a new stadium would have on affordable housing and already rising rents.
"Adding the Clippers stadium is adding more to the gentrification that is happening in the city," said resident Ricardo Ramirez, 20. "It's the working class of Inglewood that's going to pay the price. They're going to be kicked out."

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Inglewood going forward with Clippers arena plan

The Inglewood City Council cemented its support today for bringing another sports venue
to the city by voting unanimously to approve (again) a deal that would help bring a new arena for the Clippers to the city.

The Los Angeles Times reports that more than 40 Inglewood residents turned out to voice concerns that the arena would contribute to displacement in the neighborhood by spurring "already rising rents."

The agreement the city entered into with Murphy's Bowl LLC, a Clippers-controlled company, would make it possible for the city to use eminent domain to acquire land for the sports venue. But Inglewood mayor James T. Butts says residents shouldn't worry, because the land on which the arena would rise is vacant.

"To clarify, no one is being displaced with the sales of these parcels," he told residents. But some residents are unconvinced. "Just because there aren't people or buildings in the immediate area doesn't mean displacement won't be happening in the city," one resident tells the Times.

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What Happens When Two NFL Teams Come To Town? Inglewood, CA, Is About To Find Out
A few years ago, Inglewood nearly went bankrupt. But the "City of Champions" is on the upswing and faces its next wave of change as home to the new NFL stadium housing both the Rams and the Chargers. That stadium and the surrounding development it attracts could be a boon for the city, but could also bring new challenges.

Driving along West Manchester Boulevard in Inglewood, it is hard to miss the construction crews and heavy equipment making the new $2.6B stadium a reality.

Plans called for the stadium to be ready for the NFL’s 2019 season, but record rainfall in Southern California delayed construction and pushed its opening back to 2020. The Inglewood stadium will also host the Super Bowl in 2021.

Near the 80,000-seat stadium will be a 6,000-seat concert venue, a 300-room hotel and a residential project. And even as that development gets underway, developers are stepping in to buy up property and put forth proposals for other projects surrounding the stadium.

Inglewood’s stadium has the potential to have a positive economic impact on the city’s 110,000 residents, according to UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate Executive Director Tim Kawahara.

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As Inglewood Embraces Second NFL Team, San Diego Responds With Disappointment

Talk about an embarrassment of riches for LA.

Nearly a year after getting its first NFL team in about 20 years, the LA Rams, the San Diego Chargers are now set to join them.

Inglewood, the home of the $2.6B Inglewood stadium, is rejoicing.

"Who says lightning doesn't strike in the same place twice?" Inglewood Mayor James Butts told Bisnow. "It has in the City of Champions."

Mayor Butts said the city welcomes the Chargers "with open arms and looks forward to supporting both teams."

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti said having the Chargers here "will make our NFL tradition even richer, and give sports fans everywhere one more reason to be in Los Angeles."

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The Forum Not Pleased With Clippers' Deal With Inglewood

Not everyone is happy about last week’s Inglewood City Council vote approving an arena for the Clippers.

The Clippers initially held talks with the Forum to possibly build an arena in its parking lot, the LA Times reports.

"Approval of the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement would be a violation of the California Environmental Quality Act as it precommits the city without conducting any environmental review," according to a letter from an attorney for the Forum.

"Given the limited amount of time and lack of notice, the Forum reserves all rights to object to the proposed Exclusive Negotiating Agreement and arena project," it stated. Inglewood Mayor James Butts' office told Bisnow he has no comment.

The deal between Inglewood and the Clippers-controlled company, Murphy's Bowl LLC, is for 36 months with a possible six-month extension.
The team will also pay the city a nonrefundable deposit of $1.5 Million to cover associated costs.

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New trustee wants Inglewood schools out of state takeover in 4 years

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In this edited interview with KPCC, Melendez de Santa Ana says her goal is to lead the school district out of state takeover in four years.

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