

Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center Project

Draft City of Inglewood Project Objectives

Support the revitalization of the City of Inglewood, promote the City as a premiere regional sports and entertainment center recognized at the local, regional, national, and international level, and reinstate its champion identity by bringing back a NBA franchise to the City.

Develop a project that promotes the objectives and policies of the City’s General Plan related to economic development and enhances the general economic health and welfare of the City by promoting mixed-use development, stimulating new business and economic activity, and increasing property, sales, and admissions tax revenues and the opportunity for transient occupancy tax revenues.

Expand the opportunities for cultural and social growth for the City’s residents and visitors to a wide range of sporting, cultural, civic and business events, and by promoting a strong communal environment, including community and youth-oriented space, outdoor basketball courts, outdoor community gathering space, and outdoor plazas.

Transform vacant or blighted land within the City into compatible land uses within aircraft noise contours generated by operations at the Los Angeles International Airport, in compliance with FAA grants to the City.

Encourage sustainable, modern, integrated development that develops coordinated traffic event management strategies, encourages public transit opportunities to the Project Area, provides safe and adequate pedestrian circulation and reflects a high level of architectural design quality and landscape amenities, reflecting the traditions of the City.

Provide the City with a world class multi-purpose event center that promotes sports and entertainment employment and construction-related employment opportunities in the City of Inglewood.

Achieving the objectives described above in the most expeditious, environmentally conscious manner feasible

Applicant Project Objectives

Build the long-term home of the LA Clippers NBA basketball team.

- Construct a state-of-the-art multi-purpose basketball and entertainment center with a capacity of up to 18,000 seats to host LA Clippers home games beginning in the 2024-2025 NBA season.
- Consolidate LA Clippers team operations and facilities in a single location that includes practice facilities, team executive and management offices, and a sports medicine clinic.
- Design and develop the basketball and entertainment center to accommodate up to 18,500 attendees for other entertainment, cultural, sporting, business and community events when not in use for LA Clippers home games.
- Provide complementary on-site retail and dining uses to create a lively, visitor-serving environment year-round for patrons, employees, and visitors to the surrounding neighborhood and nearby sports and entertainment venues.
- Ensure adequate parking is available to meet the reasonable needs of employees and patrons.
- Develop the basketball and entertainment center with features that enhance the Project’s sense of place as a major urban sports and entertainment venue, including gathering spaces, signage, and other amenities.

Locate the Project on a site where it will be compatible with and enhance the surrounding area.

- Locate the Project on a site that can be readily assembled and that enables the development of the Project within budget and on schedule.
- Locate the Project on a site near other existing and planned venues and facilities to create a dynamic, year-round sports and entertainment destination.
- Provide high-quality pedestrian and vehicular access adequate to serve to the basketball and event center and ancillary uses.
- Locate the Project on a site served by streets and highway infrastructure adequate to reasonably accommodate local and regional automobile circulation on event days and that is reasonably accessible by existing and planned public transportation infrastructure.
- Prioritize the feasible redevelopment of vacant land for the Project.

Develop a Project that is financially viable and constructed and operated from private funding sources.

- Create a unique visitor experience that is competitive with other new major event venues, including state-of-the-art media, sound, and lighting systems, patron amenities, and other features.
- Enhance the future success of the Project by providing signage, naming rights, and sponsorship opportunities to assist in the private financing of the Project.
- Support the financial viability of the Project by developing sufficient complementary on-site uses to enhance the productive use of the site on event and non-event days, including retail, dining, and potential hotel uses.
- Provide opportunities for youth and community-oriented public benefit programs.
- Contribute to the economic well-being of the surrounding community by increasing revenues generated by property and sales taxes, admissions taxes, and potential transient occupancy taxes.

Design a Project that is consistent with smart growth, urban infill, and state-of-the-art venue design standards and principles.

- Create inviting and appropriately-scaled pedestrian environments to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and create safe and secure assembly areas for fans and visitors.
- Develop the Project to meet high-quality urban design and sustainability standards.
- Optimize the reasonably feasible use of existing and planned public transit, pedestrian, and bicycle access to conserve resources, reduce environmental impacts and improve access.
- Enhance the visual appearance and appeal of the surrounding neighborhood by providing perimeter and interior landscaping.