



# National Basketball Association

May 16, 2019

LA Clippers  
1212 S. Flower St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
Attention: Gillian Zucker

Re: NBA Scheduling Process

Dear Ms. Zucker:

I understand that the LA Clippers organization is seeking information regarding the annual scheduling process undertaken by the National Basketball Association ("NBA") to avoid conflicts between NBA games and National Football League ("NFL") or National Hockey League ("NHL") games occurring in close geographic proximity. A summary of the NBA's scheduling process is outlined below.

The NBA begins its scheduling process approximately one year in advance of the upcoming season. At the start of the process, each NBA team submits information to the league office detailing (i) all available arena dates for games to be played during such season (including a list of dates unavailable because of contractual commitments for other events), and (ii) any priority requests for dates. Each team may also request that the league tentatively block certain other dates for potential major arena events that are not yet contracted, or dates where major events at nearby venues are anticipated. This collaborative process is used to prepare a preliminary schedule for the upcoming NBA season.

Thereafter, when the NFL schedule is released (typically in April of each year), the NBA will discuss with each team any local market impact of that schedule on the team's preliminary NBA scheduling submission and any scheduling changes that may be sensible to eliminate or minimize such impact. When the NHL publishes its season schedule in mid-June, each NBA team that plays in an arena where NHL games are also played will update its scheduling submission to account for NHL games. In recent years, the NBA has issued its final regular season schedule in August.

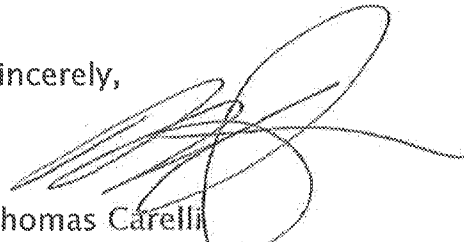
Currently, three NBA teams share parking with NFL teams that play their home games in stadiums located in close proximity to NBA arenas: the New Orleans Pelicans, the Golden State Warriors, and the Philadelphia 76ers. (There are no

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similar situations involving NHL teams, although many NBA and NHL teams share an arena.) Over the past 10 years, there have been no regular season NBA games scheduled on the same day as an NFL game played in these markets.

The NBA intends to continue to utilize the above-described scheduling process going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Carelli', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Carelli  
Senior Vice President - NBA Game  
Schedule Management