

# Play Fair At Farmers Field

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## Media Advisory For Immediate Release

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## Community to Release Health Report Detailing Impacts of the Proposed Downtown Los Angeles Football Stadium and Convention Center Project

**What:** **Press Conference** - Community residents and partners will release a Health Impact Assessment Report compiled by public health experts that details the potential community health impacts of the proposed AEG downtown Los Angeles Stadium and Convention Center modification project.

**When:** **Thursday, July 12th at 10:00 AM**

**Where:** Corner of Francisco St. and Olympic Blvd. (across the street from JW Marriott at LA LIVE)

Community residents, organizations and physicians will release a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) that includes detailed analysis of how the proposed Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) Football Stadium and related Convention Center modification project will impact community health of residents living in surrounding communities. The report, written by Human Impact Partners, also offers recommendations on how to mitigate and address the negative impacts of the project.

The full report will be released at a press conference on a site across the street from LA LIVE. The site once held a residential apartment complex for dozens of low-to-moderate income community members. However, it was destroyed to provide a parking lot for Staples Center and LA LIVE. The HIA provides research, data, and community input that support what the site itself illustrates: the impact of AEG's projects on housing displacement.

From the outset, surrounding communities have raised numerous concerns about the potential impacts of the proposed project. These concerns only grew when AEG released a 10,000-page Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that failed to sufficiently analyze the impacts of increased air pollution and traffic while altogether ignoring the project's impact on housing in Downtown, Pico-Union and South LA. The final EIR must address these issues, and the HIA includes the data and analysis necessary to facilitate the process.

The Coalition entered mediation with AEG in good faith to discuss local residents' concerns and present proposed mitigation measures. However, thus far, AEG has not engaged in serious discussions around most of the mitigation measures, including neighborhood protection plans for Pico-Union, South Los Angeles, and South Park, which could address impacts described in the HIA.

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