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### **MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA CALLS FOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH USC**

#### ***Villaraigosa Declares Coliseum No Longer an Option for NFL***

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa made the following statement regarding the University of Southern California’s future at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum:

“Over the last two years, the City has made every effort to bring an NFL team to the LA Coliseum, and I applaud the Coliseum Commission, Councilman Bernard Parks, Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, and others for their tireless work carrying the ball forward.

“While I remain committed to bringing a professional team to Los Angeles, it is time to read the scoreboard: the Coliseum is no longer a viable option for the NFL.

“The Coliseum is and should remain the home of the USC Trojans. I am committed to seeking a long-term agreement with USC that protects the public interest, preserves jobs and benefits the entire community of South Los Angeles.”

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