



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Paul Tagliabue
Commissioner

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The Honorable George Pataki
Governor
Executive Chamber State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable Michael Bloomberg
Mayor
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Governor Pataki & Mayor Bloomberg:

I received your joint March 26 letter regarding plans to build the New York Sports and Convention Center (NYSCC) on Manhattan's far west side and your interest in hosting a Super Bowl in that facility at the earliest possible date.

At today's League meeting in Florida, Jets owner Woody Johnson updated our NFL membership on plans for the New York Sports and Convention Center. Although no formal vote will be taken on whether to award a Super Bowl to New York until a formal application is received, I am pleased to report that the proposal was well received by NFL owners.

Our current Super Bowl schedule is set through February 2008. The selection of sites for Super Bowls in 2009 and subsequent years will be discussed at a League meeting later this year. If an application were submitted to host a Super Bowl in New York, I believe a decision could be made by Spring 2005.

According to NFL policy, a team must play two seasons in a new stadium prior to hosting a Super Bowl. Therefore, since the Jets plan to play their first game in the NYSCC in 2009, they would not be eligible to host a Super Bowl until February 2011.

However, the NFL would consider a waiver to that policy in compelling circumstances. One such circumstance might be the needs of a 2012 Olympic Games in New York, which would require substantial alterations to the stadium.

We wish you continued success in your planning for the Sports and Convention Center. As New York City is the home of the NFL, we are excited about the showcase potential the NYSCC would offer our sport.

We look forward to working with you and the Jets to bring the plan to fruition.

Sincerely,

PAUL TAGLIABUE

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