



## CONSENT CALENDAR

### City of San Bernardino Request for Council Action

**Date:** September 4, 2024

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** Rochelle Clayton, Acting City Manager;  
Kenneth Chapa, Director of Economic Development

**Department:** Economic Development

**Subject:** **San Bernardino Soccer Complex Lease Assignment  
with World Sports Arena, LLC (Ward 2)**

#### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Bernardino, California, adopt Resolution No. 2024-194, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Lease Assignment Agreement for the San Bernardino Soccer Complex, located at 2500 Pacific Street, San Bernardino, California; assigning the Lease with San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, to World Sports Arena, LLC.

#### **Executive Summary**

The recommended action will assign the San Bernardino Soccer Complex Lease from San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, to World Sports Arena, LLC. The Lease Agreement is good through September 30, 2025, and carries three (3) five-year extension options. All terms of the Lease Agreement with San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, will remain unchanged once the Lease is assigned to World Sports Arena, LLC.

#### **Background**

On October 19, 2015, the Mayor and City Council approved the lease agreement between the City of San Bernardino and San Bernardino Soccer, LLC with a good through date of September 30, 2025. Shortly after the execution of the Lease, San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, contracted Roberto Gomide to manage the day-to-day operations which included capital upgrades, field reconstruction, maintenance, promotion, and event hosting. Gomide and his team have established the facility as a premier regional soccer destination, hosting some of the most prestigious youth soccer tournaments on the West Coast.

The Lease Agreement with San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, is good through September

30, 2025, and carries three (3) five-year extension options. The Lease Agreement outlines the operation and maintenance requirements of the San Bernardino Soccer Complex, which included the establishment and funding of a capital improvement program for the long-term care of the facility.

The San Bernardino Soccer Complex is City-owned and consists of 47 acres of open green space that includes 17 full-sized soccer fields, 4 of which are lighted for night play. The facility is designed for soccer tournaments and practice, and is ideal for regional, national, and international tournaments. The San Bernardino Soccer Complex has served as the site for the USYSA Regional Championships, as well as headquarters for State and National Cups.

### **Discussion**

On October 23, 2023, the City received a request from San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, to assign the Lease between the City of San Bernardino and San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, to World Sports Arena, LLC. Pursuant to Section 25 of the Lease Agreement, the Lease may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the City of San Bernardino.

Roberto Gomide is the founder and CEO of World Sports Arena, LLC, and has managed the day-to-day operations of the San Bernardino Soccer Complex since 2015. In June of 2023, David Elmore, Managing Member of San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, passed away requiring organizational changes within San Bernardino Soccer, LLC. San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, has requested that the Lease be appropriately assigned to Roberto Gomide and World Sports Arena, LLC. The requested Lease Assignment to World Sports Arena, LLC, will not modify the terms of the San Bernardino Soccer Complex Lease Agreement.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council authorize the Lease Assignment from San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, to World Sports Arena, LLC. Roberto Gomide and his team have transformed the San Bernardino Soccer Complex into a world class soccer destination.

### **2021-2025 Strategic Targets and Goals**

This request is consistent with Key Target No. 4 Economic Growth & Development. The lease assignment aligns with the goals of the City as it assures the continuance of soccer complex operation for public enjoyment.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action of this item. All terms of the original lease will remain in effect.

### **Conclusion**

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the Lease Assignment Agreement for the San Bernardino Soccer Complex, located at 2500 Pacific Street, San Bernardino, California; assigning the Lease with San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, to World Sports Arena, LLC.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 2024-194

Attachment 2 – Exhibit A - Lease Agreement with San Bernardino Soccer, LLC

Attachment 3 – Assignment and Consent to Assignment Agreement

**Ward:**

Second Ward

**Synopsis of Previous Council Actions:**

October 1, 2015 The Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2015-229, approving a Lease Agreement with San Bernardino Soccer, LLC, for the management of the San Bernardino Soccer Complex