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**CITY, BALL CLUBS INK DEAL TO BRING THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS AND CHICAGO WHITE SOX TO GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

GLENDALE, AZ – With the approval of several formal agreements by the Glendale City Council today, the city of Glendale, Arizona outlined project details that will bring the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox together to create a Cactus League spring training experience like no other.

The site of the project is located at 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of the Loop 101 between Camelback Road and Glendale Avenue and reaches across both Glendale and Phoenix city borders. The two-team facility would be the new spring training home to the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox and the entire project is proposed to include a state-of-the-art training facility, restaurant and retail development, 4-star hotel and 18-hole golf course.

Located just across the Loop 101 from Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District, this project will complement the existing amenities in the area, providing additional venues and entertainment options to an area already expected to generate a regional economic impact of more than \$1 billion over the course of two years.

This unprecedented project partners two of the state's largest cities in an effort to benefit an entire region. It will provide baseball fans, residents and tourists a full array of activities and create economic and tourism opportunities that will make the region's newest sports and entertainment district like no other in the country.

Based on a 2006 Economic Impact Study conducted by Economic Research Associates (ERA), it is estimated that the arrival of the L.A. Dodgers and Chicago White Sox will have a substantial economic impact for Glendale and the region of as much as \$19 million per year.

Details of the project are as follows:

- The 12,000 seat stadium, with 3,000 lawn seats will cost approximately \$80 million to build.
- The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority will provide 2/3 of the funding needed to construct the facility.

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- A private developer will create a one-of-a-kind destination with commercial, office, retail and dining development, which will include a 4-star hotel property and proposed 18-hole golf course. Sales tax revenue from this development will cover the remaining 1/3 of the funding of the facility.
- The facility will have two Major League practice fields per team, four Minor League practice fields per team and a 42,000 square foot team clubhouse.
- The site will include workout fields and parking to accommodate 5,000 vehicles.

“The city of Glendale is excited to welcome both the Dodgers and White Sox to our community,” stated Mayor Elaine Scruggs. “This project represents many partners, including the city of Phoenix and the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority, and demonstrates regional cooperation at its best. The members of our community and fans of both these teams will benefit for years to come from this new facility and surrounding development.”

“With today’s vote, we are one step closer to creating a world-class Spring Training facility for the Dodgers and the White Sox,” said Dodger Owner Frank McCourt. “In working through this process, we have developed a good working relationship with all parties involved and are confident that this unique partnership will bring passionate baseball fans from around the world to the state of Arizona.”

“On behalf of the Chicago White Sox, I am excited about the opportunity to conduct spring training at the new stadium to be constructed by Glendale,” stated Chicago White Sox Owner Jerry Reinsdorf. “All of the Glendale City Council and staff have worked hard to get us to this point. More hard work will be required before the stadium opens, but I am confident that the partnership will succeed and flourish.”

For more information about Glendale and the new facility, visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

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