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Chargers confirm headquarters move to Costa Mesa

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The newly rebranded Los Angeles Chargers and Costa Mesa city officials confirmed Friday the team will lease part of The Hive, 3333 S. Susan St., and 3.2 nearby acres to use as its headquarters, along with a training and practice facility while looking for a permanent location elsewhere.

"While we understand this move was a difficult decision, the city is excited to be the new home for the Chargers," Mayor Katrina Foley said.

Team spokesman Bill Johnston said the team may look to eventually move somewhere else.

"That hasn't been determined yet," he said. "This would be considered our temporary facility."

Johnston did not know what other locations the team was interested in.

Inglewood mayor James T. Butts said Thursday that Chargers owner Dean Spanos expressed an interest in a permanent headquarters for the team there.

The terms of the Chargers' in Costa Mesa were not disclosed, but they will use Building C, a two-story structure with 101,831 rentable square-footage.

The Hive is owned and managed by Steelwave, a Foster City-based real estate and investment management firm. The company did not return calls and emails asking about the Chargers lease.

The Chargers have not submitted plans to Costa Mesa officials, but the site will require tenant improvements to make it suitable for a headquarters and nearby land will be turned into training and practice fields.

Discussions have taken place between the team and city officials regarding which types of permits are needed, but none will require approval by the Planning Commission or City Council, city spokesperson Tony Doderio said.

"We're working with them and it's been a pretty smooth process so far," he said. "It's all preliminary."

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