



**For Immediate Release:**

**Orlando City President Rawlins Comments on New Stadium Location**

*Stadium Remains on Schedule for 2016 Season Opener, Enhanced Fan Experience, Commitment to Parramore*

**ORLANDO – August 4, 2014 – Orlando City Soccer Club** President Phil Rawlins joined Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer today to announce an updated location for the downtown soccer stadium along Church St., just one block west of the original location.

“We applaud the Mayor for finding an alternative solution that is a win for everyone involved,” said Rawlins. “The new location allows us to remain on schedule to play our matches in the new stadium starting with the home opener in 2016. Our fans will benefit from added amenities created by the new location such as more entertainment areas prior to and after the matches.

“Importantly, this is also a win for the community of Parramore. Orlando City is committed to Parramore’s future and we will serve as a role-model for service and citizenship. We have a proven track record of delivering on our promises, and we look forward to working closely with our community partners.”

***Enhanced Fan Amenities:***

The basic design of the stadium remains unchanged, with initial seating expected for approximately 19,500 fans, a dedicated supporters’ stand, club and suites, and the larger-than-life-sized lion statue overlooking all the action!

The new site will enhance the match day experience by creating:

- Additional plaza areas for future development that can be used for amenities and entertainment zones pre and post matches, including potential kids’ areas, concerts, etc.
- More space for infrastructure and improved operations.
- More room for premium amenities including year-round on-site parking for stadium guests, providing a true end-to-end first-class experience.

***Dedicated to the Past and Future of Parramore:***

Rawlins continued, “We recognize the rich tradition of the community and its deep connection to residents. Therefore, we will incorporate elements into the stadium, such as the Carver name in respect to the legendary theatre that resided



on the site many years ago, to honor the heritage and educate visitors on the history of Parramore. Also, the Orlando City Foundation will continue to expand its work within the community.”

Orlando City announced it will form a committee of Parramore leaders, including District 5 Council Woman Regina Hill and Florida State Senator Geraldine Thompson, to help stadium designers incorporate elements of the community into the structure.

The Orlando City Foundation, a 501(c)(3), is an ardent supporter of Parramore organizations like the Parramore Kidz Zone, New Image Youth Club, Summer of Dreams, Parramore Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan and others, helping to raise funds, donating equipment and volunteering time throughout the year.

Most recently, the Foundation’s free soccer clinics in Parramore have drawn hundreds of kids throughout the summer, introducing them to the game of soccer while teaching the importance of good nutrition.

For more information on Orlando City SC, 2015 MLS Season Tickets or tickets to the Club’s remaining USL Pro home games, visit [www.OrlandoCitySC.com](http://www.OrlandoCitySC.com) or call 855-ORL-CITY. Also, follow the latest Orlando City news and updates via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

#### About Orlando City Soccer Club:

Orlando City Soccer Club (OCSC) is Major League Soccer’s newest expansion team. The club will begin play in MLS in 2015, becoming the league’s 21<sup>st</sup> club. The Lions’ first team has won two USL PRO regular season titles and two postseason championships and will continue play in USL PRO in 2014 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Outside of the first squad, OCSC also has a youth club, Orlando City Youth Soccer (OCYS) and a U-23 team that participates in the PDL. For more information on the pro and youth clubs, visit [www.OrlandoCitySC.com](http://www.OrlandoCitySC.com) and [www.OrlandoCityYouth.org](http://www.OrlandoCityYouth.org).

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