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## LA CHARGERS GM TOM TELESCO TO SPEAK AT 47TH CIF-SS PRESS CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON

**LOS ALAMITOS, CA** – Los Angeles Chargers General Manager Tom Telesco will be the keynote speaker at the 47th CIF Southern Section-Ford Football Championship Press Conference and Luncheon, presented by the Los Angeles Chargers on Monday, November 20.

The luncheon will be held at the Grand in Long Beach beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will feature the 28 final teams in 11-person football as well as the Division 1 8-person championship school and the two finalists in Division 2.

“It is an honor to have Tom Telesco from the Los Angeles Chargers take the time to speak with our athletes at the CIF-Southern Section Football Luncheon,” stated CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Mike West. “We appreciate the support the Chargers organization has provided the Southern Section over the years and Mr. Telesco’s presence is just another example of that,” added West.

**This event is only open to the teams, sponsors, and accredited media. Those interested media members must RSVP via email to Ms. Taylor Martinez ([taylorm@cifss.org](mailto:taylorm@cifss.org)) with the CIF-Southern Section office no later than Noon Sunday, November 19. The Grand is located at 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach 90815**

### TOM TELESCO

Tom Telesco grew up in Hamburg, New York and attended St. Francis High School, where he graduated in 1991.

Telesco played wide receiver at John Carroll University in Ohio, and he was a starter for the school's football team in the Ohio Athletic Conference where he won the championship with the school team in 1994. He graduated in 1995 with a degree and a Bachelor of Business Management.

Telesco worked as a college summer intern for the Buffalo Bills (1991–94). In 1995, Telesco began his NFL career as a scouting assistant for the Carolina Panthers. He served in that role for two seasons before becoming an area scout in 1997.

Telesco joined the Colts as an area scout from 1998 to 2000. He served as a pro scout from 2001 to 2003 before being elevated to the team's director of pro scouting (2004–05). At the conclusion of the 2005 campaign, Telesco moved into the director of player personnel role.

Telesco's tenure with the Colts was one of the most successful eras of the franchise's history and his arrival in 1998 also coincided with the beginning and end of the Peyton Manning era. From 1998 to 2012, the Colts went 154–86 and appeared in the playoffs 12 times, winning eight division titles, while finishing second four times. Those 12 postseason appearances included a victory over Chicago in Super Bowl XLI following the 2006 season and a loss to New Orleans in Super Bowl XLIV after the 2009 season. Indianapolis' 154 wins from 1998 to 2012 were the second-most in the NFL during that span after New England's 168 wins.

On January 9, 2013, Chargers President Dean Spanos chose Tom Telesco as the team's new general manager. At 40 years old, Telesco became the youngest general manager in Chargers history and one of the youngest general managers in the NFL.



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