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LA CHARGERS GENERAL MANAGER, JOE HORTIZ, TO SPEAK AT 48TH CIF-SS/FORD PRESS CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON

LOS ALAMITOS, CA - Los Angeles Chargers General Manager, Joe Hortiz, will be the keynote speaker at the 48th CIF Southern Section-Ford Football Championship Press Conference and Luncheon, presented by the Los Angeles Chargers on Monday, November 25.

The luncheon will be held at the Long Beach Marriott beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will feature the 28 remaining finals teams in 11-person football along with the Division 1 8-person champions and runner up and two finalist teams in 8-person Division 2.

In his first season as Chargers General Manager, Joe Hortiz has utilized nearly every tool at his disposal to infuse the Bolts with top-tier talent. Through calculated trades, thoughtful drafting and creative salary cap management, the result is a Chargers team that is squarely in the thick of the AFC Playoff hunt.

A 26-year veteran of the Baltimore Ravens front office and two-time Super Bowl champion, Hortiz's first draft class includes one of the NFL's best linemen halfway through the season in first-round pick Joe Alt, explosive second-round wideout Ladd McConkey and a pair of starting fifth round cornerbacks in Tarheeb Still and Cam Hart. Hortiz also added impact players through free agency and shrewd trade acquisitions the likes of running back and NFL Comeback Player of the Year candidate J.K. Dobbins and defensive back Elijah Molden, who currently leads the team in interceptions after being acquired from the Titans in September.

In year one, Hortiz's steady hand and ability to construct a roster combined with the culture and football savvy of Head Coach Jim Harbaugh has Chargers fans everywhere saying, "Who has it better than us?"

"It's exciting to have Joe Hortiz from the LA Chargers joining us this year as our keynote speaker," stated CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Mike West. "He will be very inspirational and valuable source for out athletes to engage with and learn from."

This event is only open to the teams, sponsors, and accredited media. Those interested media members must RSVP via <u>CLICK HERE TO RSVP</u> no later than 2:00 P.M. Saturday, November 23. The Long Beach Marriott is located at 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA.

