



# South Jersey Ice & Athletic Center

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## Statement on \$2.7 Billion Bader Field M.O.U.

**Atlantic City, March 25th, 2023**– The South Jersey Ice & Athletic Center (SJAC) is a NJ nonprofit organization, and a true reflection of the current Atlantic City Ice Rink community. The SJAC Board of Directors include representatives from the following organizations: the Vice President of the Atlantic City Sharks Youth Hockey organization, the Vice President of the Atlantic City Figure Skating Club, Alumni and Head Coach of Stockton University's Ice Hockey team, the Cape May Kraken Youth Ice Hockey organization, and Director of the Old Man Hockey League (OMHL). In addition to that, our Advisory Boards include representation from the Egg Harbor Township Ice Hockey Club, the Mainland Regional Ice Hockey Club, Director of the Atlantic City Adult Men's League, the Egg Harbor Township Street Hockey & Mays Landing Street Hockey clubs, and many, many more.

As a result of the recent execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DEEM Enterprises LLC and the City of Atlantic City, the SJAC finds it necessary to ask the following questions:

- What are the long-term plans for our ice rink, the only one within a 45 mile radius in all of South Jersey?
- Will the \$15 Million dollar "Civic Center" include an ice rink? According to a recent radio interview by an Atlantic City Councilman, it will not. Is this acceptable?
- If the \$15 million dollar Civic Center does include an ice rink, where will this be located? Who will own it? Who will operate it?
- Will these plans fulfill the true potential of the children & families of our ice rink community and of our Greater Atlantic City area?

The SJAC strongly encourages and supports a \$2.7 Billion (with-a-B) dollar, or \$3 Billion dollar investment into our region. We also strongly encourage DEEM Enterprises to

### **DO THE RIGHT THING**

and through the use of a NJ Community Benefit Agreement, work with the South Jersey Ice & Athletic Center, (a specialized YMCA), to rebuild our ice rink bigger and better than ever- for the families of South Jersey!

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