

CV resident Dick Semerdjian installed as new chairman of the San Diego International Sports Council

The San Diego International Sports Council announced recently the installation of Carmel Valley resident Dick Semerdjian as the organization's new chairman.



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Semerdjian, becomes the 37th chairman in the Sports Council's 47 years of operation.

Semerdjian is taking over the Sports Council chairmanship duties as Doug Barnhart, a well-known contractor and member of the Del Mar Fair board, completed his term.

Semerdjian, who has been a member of the San Diego International Sports Council since 1996, is a partner in San Diego law firm of Schwartz, Semerdjian, Haile, Ballard and Cauley LLP, where he was recently honored by the *San Diego Daily*

Transcript as one of the Top 10 attorneys in San Diego County. He specializes his trial practice in the areas of business, labor and employment and civil litigation.

"2007 will certainly be an exciting year for the San Diego International Sports Council," said Semerdjian. "Our primary goal is keeping the Chargers in San Diego County. In addition, we will continue to support and work with the San Diego Padres and the collegiate athletic programs, as well as bring numerous international and regional sporting events to San Diego, which will bring increased financial benefits to our local economy."

Semerdjian will be supported in his chairmanship with officers Dave Stecher, vice chairman; Mary Curran, treasurer; Chuck Lemoine, secretary, and Doug Barnhart, past chairman.

The mission of the Sports Council is to promote San Diego/Tijuana

as the preferred region for sporting events and activities that benefit the community both socially and economically. In short, economic development through sports.

The San Diego International Sports Council's has been the driving force behind many local sports successes including Super Bowl XXII, XXXII and XXXVII, The San Diego Slam, Action Sports World Tour, The X Games, America's Cup, MLB All Star Game and Foot Locker Cross Country Championships to name a few.

Semerdjian is active in professional and community organizations. He is a board member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Tort and Insurance Practice Section, vice chairman of the ABA Business Litigation Committee and Board of Governors of the San Diego County Bar Association. Locally, he is on the

board of directors of the Torrey Pines High School Foundation, vice president of Solana Beach Little League, legal counsel for Torrey Pines Pop Warner and on the board of the Solana Beach Surf Competitive Baseball Club. He is married to Peggy Semerdjian, and has three children:

Alyssa and Tyler (both students at Torrey Pines High School) and Trevor (a student at Carmel Valley Middle School).

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