



ISLANDERS OWNER UNVEILS PLAN TO REBUILD COLISEUM

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(11/14/07) **UNIONDALE** - New York Islanders owner Charles Wang and development partner Scott Rechler are unveiling their plans for The Lighthouse at Long Island.

It's a \$2 billion-deal to rebuild the Nassau Coliseum and the area around it. The pair will be submitting their application Wednesday to the Town of Hempstead.

Under the proposal, there would be a five-star hotel, 2,300 housing units and an ice skating rink. There would also be 1 million square feet for office space and retail stores.

Wang says he wants the plan to make the area the hockey capital of the Northeast. He says he wants people to think of Uniondale as the place not just to see the Islanders, but the NCAA hockey tournament as well.

Critics of the proposal say it will have a negative impact on their quality of life. Robert Zafonte, the president of the East Meadow Civic Association, says the plan, if approved, would cause a major increase in traffic and would not provide most of the nearby towns with any tax relief.

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