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GOP Won't Shift From San Diego

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The Republican party is going ahead with plans to hold its national convention in San Diego in August despite a recommendation from the party's convention coordinator that it consider changing the site, Mayor Pete Wilson said yesterday.

"I have been informed today by Dick Herman, chairman of the GOP National Committee's arrangements committee for the Republican convention, that he and his staff are proceeding with plans for the convention to be held here as scheduled," the Republican mayor said.

Wilson said he had not seen a copy of the letter sent to Herman by Robert Knowles, the convention coordinator, but said Herman confirmed having received it.

In the letter, Knowles expressed concern that rising construction costs and labor disputes at the San Diego Sports Arena might jeopardize the convention's scheduled opening August 21.

However, spokesman for labor groups and the main contractor on the Sports Arena denied they were involved in any such serious disputes.

Wilson also said he had

not been advised by anyone "that they felt that any problems existed which would necessitate transfer of the convention from San Diego."

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See NYTimes 21 Apr,
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Miami Beach."