

**Statement from Tom Benson:**  
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There have been numerous media reports this week regarding the future of the New Orleans Saints franchise.

No one who has been quoted in these recent stories about the Saints’ future was authorized to speak on my behalf.

I would like to make it clear that no decisions have been made regarding our future plans and none will be made until after the 2005 season is concluded.

There are many factors that will affect the future location of our team. However, that is also true of many other New Orleans-based companies that are faced with deciding their future homes. The next few months should provide all of us with a clearer picture which will help us make those decisions.

Meanwhile, all of us in the organization are focused on making the playoffs and seeing that our remaining games in Baton Rouge and San Antonio are as successful as possible – both on and off the field.