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Rudy relays billion-$ stadium pitch to Mike

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Mayor Giuliani yesterday pushed his plan for construction of new billion-dollar ballparks — but Mayor-elect Mike Bloomberg hasn't signed on.

Giuliani said building better stadiums for the Yankees and the Mets — even though the city is making severe budget cuts — is vital for the economy following Sept. 11.

"It's a very, very, good economic deal, Giuliani said.

"It was before 9/11, and since 9/11, it's gotten even better ... This would not have an impact in the budget decisions that I'm making for this year or the mayor-elect has to make for next year or the year after," he said.

Giuliani emphasized that while he would like to see a deal done before he leaves office at the end of the month, there would be no action unless Bloomberg backs it.

During the campaign, Bloomberg said he was in favor of keeping both teams in the Big Apple — but he hinted that the private sector should foot the bulk of the bills.

Bloomberg adviser Bill Cunningham said the mayor-elect still had to study Giuliani's plans closely before taking a position.

"Mike has been informed about the nature of their discussions. It's a very complex arrangement," Cunningham said.

"We just have to absorb the information they've given us and Mike has to make a decision."

Giuliani pointed out that having two new ballparks would enhance the city's chances of hosting the 2012 Olympic games.

"Showing we're willing to build two new state-of-the-art baseball stadiums which would serve as venues, and the willingness to finally build a place where the Olympics events will be held, that's all going to be critical," he said.

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