

## MOTION

Vincent Edward "Vin" Scully (born November 29, 1927) is an American sportscaster, best known as the play-by-play announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers major league baseball team. He has been with the team since its days in Brooklyn. His 66 seasons with the Dodgers (1950–present) are the longest time any broadcaster has been with a single team in professional sports history, and he is second by one year to only Tommy Lasorda in terms of number of years with the Dodgers organization in any capacity.

Scully currently calls most Dodger home games (and selected road games). He is known for his dulcet voice, lyrically descriptive style, and signature introduction to Dodger games: "It's time for Dodger baseball! Hi, everybody, and a very pleasant good (day/evening) to you, wherever you may be."

Scully accompanied the Dodgers from Brooklyn to their new location in Los Angeles beginning with the 1958 season, and quickly became popular in Southern California. During the Dodgers' first four seasons in Los Angeles, the fans had difficulty following the action in the very large Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and it soon became common for them to bring transistor radios to the games to hear Scully and partner Jerry Doggett describe the action. This practice continued even after the team moved to the much smaller Dodger Stadium for the 1962 baseball season. Radio and television engineers often had difficulty compensating for the sound of Scully's play-by-play reverberating through the stands at Dodger home games.

In 1964, the New York Yankees offered Scully the opportunity to succeed Mel Allen as their lead play-by-play announcer. Scully chose to remain with the Dodgers, however, and his popularity in Los Angeles had become such that in 1976 Dodger fans voted him the "most memorable personality" in the history of the franchise.

The Dodgers announced on August 28, 2015 that Scully would be back for the 2016 season, his 67th with the Dodgers. At a press conference August 29, Scully said 2016 would probably be his final year.

In light of Vin Scully's remarkable and unprecedented career with the Los Angeles Dodgers, it is appropriate that the name of a portion of Elysian Park Avenue from Sunset Boulevard to Dodger Stadium Way be legally changed to "Vin Scully Avenue."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer be directed to begin the process of changing the name of Elysian Park Avenue from Sunset Boulevard to Dodger Stadium Way to "Vin Scully Avenue."

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