

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: January 13, 2026 Los Angeles City Council Los Angeles City Hall Sent via e-mail to LA City Councilmembers and LA City Clerk Council File Number: 15-0989-S47 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Exemptions, Planning Approvals Members of the LA City Council, United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles (UN4LA) is strongly opposed not only to the Olympics Exemption Ordinance, but to the way it has been rushed to Council for a final vote today. We urge the Council to reject this attempt to rush the Ordinance to Council without giving the public a reasonable opportunity to comment, and to postpone consideration of this item by at least a week. It appears that the City has deliberately failed to give the public timely notice that the item had been scheduled for consideration by Council, a violation of the Brown Act. On Thursday, January 8, the CPC referred the item to the Ad Hoc Committee on the 2028 Olympics and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Now it appears that PLUM, without actually meeting, referred the item directly to Council. It seems that the Council has once again decided to drastically shorten the timeline for consideration on an item in order to keep the public from engaging on it. This maneuver once again demonstrates the Council's contempt for the public and its willingness to cut citizens out of the legislative process. Furthermore, as an individual I subscribed to the council file for the Ordinance. There appears to be a suspicious contradiction with regard to when PLUM actually chose to refer the item to Council. I received a notification at 8:00 pm on Monday, January 12 that PLUM had scheduled the item for Council. But the council file shows that PLUM took this action on January 9. It appears that the City deliberately delayed notification to the public that this item had been scheduled, and possibly falsified the record of the notice in the council file. This Ordinance is blatantly illegal. In addition to the general intent and purpose of the Ordinance, UN4LA objects to the fact that it's being used to approve digital billboards, which the Council knows the general public is strongly against. We also object to the fact that the ordinance is being used to approve transit projects that would ordinarily require CEQA review. We urge the Council to, at the very least, postpone consideration of this Ordinance to give the public a realistic opportunity to express their views on it. The

manner in which the Ordinance has been rushed to Council appears to be a deliberate effort to shut the public out of the process. Sincerely, Casey Maddren, President United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles