

Communication from Public

Name: Friends of Griffith Park / Gerry Hans
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Council File No: 15-0989-S47
Comments for Public Posting: Please accept the following comment letter addressed to Los Angeles City Council requesting further review of the Ordinance proposed in CF 15-0989-S47. With respect, Friends of Griffith Park



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Los Angeles City Council

Re: Oppose Exemption Ordinance, CF 15-0989-S47, as written

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

The above referenced Council File raises unreconciled questions. For transparency, Friends of Griffith Park joins other public commenters requesting a clearer understanding of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance approved by PLUM Committee with a 3 to 1 vote. Now is the time for a closer look, not later.

We expect a State-mandated CEQA exemption would allow for essential temporary Olympics projects to proceed, however, this Ordinance attempts to extend the exemption to permanent projects.

If a temporary project will, post-Olympics, become a permanent, it seems that CEQA needs to apply upfront to that project. Even if it is not known whether a temporary project will become permanent post Olympics, it follows that CEQA needs to apply upfront.

To apply CEQA subsequent to a temporary project being constructed doesn't make sense. In many instances, the lesser environmental adverse impact after something is already built – a building, parking structure, road, stage, or bleachers – is to leave it alone! The baseline by which adverse impacts are gauged would have already been reset.

The Ordinance attempts unsuccessfully to be a loophole around CEQA with respect to permanent projects. The Ordinance also, without justification, exempts the Ordinance itself with a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE).

The remedy for this troubling Ordinance is to discard it of any possibility of an exempted temporary project transitioning to a permanent project, short of full CEQA determinations upfront.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hans
President

About Friends of Griffith Park:

Friends of Griffith Park is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable group that promotes the enlightened stewardship of Griffith Park so it can survive and thrive well beyond the 21st century. FoGP is committed to ensuring that Griffith Park, a public park and Los Angeles' largest Historic-Cultural Monument, remain open, natural, and free to all citizens of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Ann Dorsey

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to oppose this ordinance to avoid CEQA review of temporary and permanent Olympics projects, especially since some of them that are supposed to only be temporary could become permanent. Digital displays such as digital billboards and "wayfinding" kiosks will have numerous negative impacts (visual blight, safety and privacy issues, conflicts with other display contracts/agreements), even if they are temporary, so there needs to be an opportunity for community input on them. Thank you