

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Olympics are NOT essential. There is no valid reason to exempt Olympics-related projects from our city's standard review processes. We have planning approval processes for a reason! The 2028 Olympics were forced on LA back in 2017 — an unprecedented 11 years before the Olympics. The idea that we have now allegedly run out of time to go through standard approval processes for Olympics projects is only a reflection of the LA28 organizers' incompetence. Angelenos shouldn't have to pay the price for this incompetence with hastily designed projects with unvetted environmental and social impacts. LA's Olympics organizers promised a "no-build" Olympics. The idea that city officials are now turning around and saying that not only do we need to build, but that we need to exempt these building projects from our primary oversight mechanisms is a shameful bait-and-switch. The motion lists temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, media centers, and transit infrastructure as possible examples of the type of building projects that should be exempt. These projects are significant construction projects that may have long-term impacts on their neighborhoods and the city. It is unacceptable to exempt them from regular planning processes. The potential for the abuse and exploitation of this proposed exemption is endless. The motion will create a vague exemption for Olympics-related infrastructure and "associated structures" that will be easily exploited by anyone seeking to advance their development projects by bypassing our standard planning approval processes. This exemption could be used by hotel developers, by landlords looking to deplete our rental stock by converting units into AirBnBs, by corporate sponsors looking to turn public space into "activation sites," and so many other opportunistic actors. The full motion also calls for LA's Department of Building and Safety to establish a dedicated unit to manage Olympic and Paralympic projects. DBS — like all other city and county agencies — needs to prioritize recovery and rebuilding from the recent disastrous fires, not planning a five-week party for the rich. The Olympics are an unacceptable drain on our resources. They're wasting our time and money right now as we debate this topic. You should cancel the Olympics outright, but at the very least, do not approve this outrageous exemption and loophole for unnecessary Olympics-related

projects.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on Item #7. I'm shocked to learn that it's even on the table to exempt "Olympics infrastructure" from the planning approval process. 1. This event was approved eleven years ago. Are we really supposed to believe the city is now scrambling to figure it out? 2. The Olympics are NON-essential in every way. If anything, they'll make life worse for the people who actually live here. Why would they be exempt from oversight processes that exist to hold developers and politicians accountable to the people? 3. We were promised a "no-build" Olympics. Since L.A. won't be building anything for this event, there's no reason for this to be approved. If the city will be building for the Olympics, this is a bait-and-switch. 4. This motion is so vague that any kind of development could qualify to be exempt. What stops a hotel developer from claiming their new property is "Olympic infrastructure"? How about Air BnBs? How will this even be enforced? 5. The city is currently grappling with recovery efforts for an enormous natural disaster. To allocate ANY resources to something as unpopular and frivolous as the Olympics, let alone creating a whole department to handle it, is ridiculous and a waste of taxpayer money. 6. Cancel the Olympics. Please vote NO.