

Communication from Public

Name: Jess

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 09:04 AM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging the Council to vote NO on Item #5 exempting all Olympic development from city planning approval. There is no reason to rush these developments, for an Olympic Games that have been in planning since 2017. Further, these are supposed to be no-build Olympic Games - as a taxpayer who will foot the bill for any overages, I don't support additional building for these Games, and I definitely don't support exempting them from all approval. In a city where we're struggling to find solutions to the affordable housing crisis, we shouldn't be making exceptions for something as low-priority as this international publicity event.

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Name:

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Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: I am reiterating the points that many of my fellow advocates have to say about the below: 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

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Name: Rick Garvey

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Traci Park's misguided motion and you should too. 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. With the current housing crisis in Los Angeles we should be cancelling the Olympics completely and focus on housing Angelenos instead. 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. In case you forgot, (I didn't), 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 fact that Traci Park forced the closure of the only interim housing program in all of Venice and now wants us to pay to support construction for the Olympics is mind blowing to me. 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. We are already in a crisis of short term rentals replacing long term tenants and this motion will only make things worse. The Olympics are an unacceptable drain on our resources. They're wasting our time and money right now

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Name: Gina Viola

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Comments for Public Posting: You cannot be serious with this motion! Traci Park will go to the end of the earth to stop development in her district of affordable housing, yet sky is the limit to build for the Olympics??? Los Angeles has exactly ZERO business even hosting the Olympics. We are still reeling from the last time we did - just take a look at skid row. And we know that this is your plan for this upcoming Olympics along with the rest of the mega events Los Angeles wants to be known for. Until there is not a single human forced to sleep on the streets of our city we should be doing nothing else but attending to THAT. However what you are doing is creating more and more opportunities for folks to make money off of hiding poverty. 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

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Name: Ashley Brim

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote No on Item #5 - Councilmember Park's motion to allow development projects tied to the Olympics to bypass all City Planning approvals. The Olympics are famous for leaving cities that don't have the proper protections in place on the hook for bad infrastructure and cost overages when they leave town. Real estate developers eager to cash in on Olympics projects do not deserve to bypass all City Planning approval processes - that would be corrupt. I'm of the mind that given all of the devastation our community has suffered so far this year, we shouldn't be hosting anything. But if the council insists on continuing with the Olympics, please be sure that we're covered by the policies we do have in place.

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Name: Cam J

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 10:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to communicate my firm position AGAINST exempting Olympics-related development from City Planning approval processes. I do not believe there are valid reasons to bypass our usual regulatory processes, which are in place for the health, safety, and vitality of our communities. The Olympic bid was passed in 2017, so it's unthinkable to me that somehow we have run out of time to subject Olympics-related construction to the same regulatory processes as other development. This only speaks to the incompetence of the LA28 organizers, and reeks of grift. I am urging the City Council to reject this motion and keep our normal planning processes in place for Olympics construction. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Meshelski

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 10:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote no on item 5! This is irresponsible. The Olympics do not provide a direct benefit to the residents of LA, and so they do not have any reason for exemption from normal processes. People are losing their homes over this Olympics already. Please focus on keeping people housed before giving a handout to developers and others who seek to profit on tourism.

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Name: Judy Branfman

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 11:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply disturbed by this motion and strongly oppose it. We were promised a “no-build” Olympics by the LA Olympics organizers . The idea that city officials are now turning around and saying that we both need to build and that we need to exempt these building projects from our primary oversight mechanisms is a shameful bait-and-switch - one that will do nothing to help the residents of LA. 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 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!

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Name: Carter Moon

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Comments for Public Posting: It has become abundantly clear that this city needs to re-examine its commitment to the Olympics. It is beyond irresponsible to try to exempt massive construction projects that will have impacts on our city for generations. We are in a budget crisis and just lived through what will most likely be the most expensive natural disaster in US history. It is ludicrous to think we can keep ramming through infrastructure changes that may only temporarily benefit the city for the Olympics and not actually serve the needs of Angelenos. This reeks of being a handout to developers and not an actual plan to sustainably transform the city for all of our benefit. As I always remind the broader council, my council member Traci Park is a white supremacist and a segregationist. Her only concern is making our district more of a white and wealthy enclave insulated from the rest of the city. She has proven herself cravenly beholden to whoever pays her the most, particularly real estate developers like Douglas Emmett. I always encourage the rest of the council to vehemently oppose any measure she puts forward, she is not interested in representing the interests of the majority of Angelenos, including those of us in her own district who she callously ignores.

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Name: Sarah Cayer

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 12:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a non-essential project, the Olympics should not receive exemptions from the City's planning process. These processes exist to ensure that the long-term impacts of development are in the City's and its residents' best interest. We cannot allow projects to move forward without a complete understanding of their social and environmental impacts, particularly when the City has had over a decade to plan for the Olympics and promised it would be a no-build process. Forcing projects through is a betrayal of the public trust.

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Name: Julia Goldberg

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Name: Allison Riley

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote No on item 5. I oppose a waiver of planning approvals and building standards related to upcoming Olympics. There is no valid reason to exempt Olympics-related projects from our city's standard review processes. We have approval processes in place to ensure new buildings are safe, accessible, and withstand earthquakes. The 2028 Olympics were forced on LA back in 2017 — an unprecedented 11 years before the Olympics. They had plenty of time, now it's not the time to give priority to the Olympics when we have a real and expanding housing crisis. Angelenos shouldn't have to pay the price for lack of planning and incompetence with hastily designed projects with unvetted environmental and social impacts. We remember 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

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Name: Ted Trembinski

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 09:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice strong opposition of the motion to exempt any Olympics-related development from regular city planning approval processes. The Olympics is already a drain on public resources, but this set of games has been sold to Angelenos as a "no-build" event. The idea that we not only need to build but are now trying to bypass standard review processes is absurd. Angelenos should not pay the price of unchecked environmental and social impacts just because the organizers of this private event have not been able to complete their preparation in the past eight years, three years before the games. To expedite without check the building of venues, training facilities, transit infrastructure, and more will undoubtedly have long-term impacts, as these are significant and long-term construction projects. There is a reason the city has a regular planning process. This motion opens up loopholes that will be easily exploited by opportunistic developers. In the wake of a horrific tragedy, the Department of Building and Safety should be prioritizing supporting recovery and rebuilding efforts, not fast tracking developments for a sporting celebration. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Coley Nelson

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 09:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Officials, I strongly oppose the motion to exempt any Olympic-related development from all City planning processes. As a compliance professional, I know we have these planning protocols and processes for a reason — to ensure safe and quality projects while mitigating harm to surrounding community and environment. Rushing projects and forgoing planning processes could lead to negative environmental impacts and unforeseen consequences to surrounding communities. I also believe our current focus should be on recovery and rebuilding after the recent devastating fires rather than draining LA's precious resources on Olympic-related development. I fear this motion will have long term negative consequences for Angelenos.

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Name: Elijah Montez

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Comments for Public Posting: Removing the requirements for planning and zoning for a singular event such as the Olympics is incredibly shortsighted and does not serve the best interests of Los Angeles. Allowing these crucial elements of building and infrastructural review to be bypassed for a single event ignores the fact that these structures will continue to be a part of the city far beyond 2028 and their lack of planning oversight will be readily apparent into the future. Harming the existing urban fabric and communities of Los Angeles because the Olympic Committee's shortsighted preparation of this event is not a precedent that should be set. I would urge the city council to vote NO on this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Eliza Fisher

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 10:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to express dismay at Traci Park's proposal to exempt Olympics-related development from standard city planning processes. When the 2028 Olympics hosting dedication was made, LA28 promoters promised Angelenos—who had no choice in the matter—a “no build” Olympics. They have had plenty of time to get their affairs in order and public resources shouldn't be depleted in order to accommodate vanity projects. Especially now in the aftermath of the fires, the kind of building that should be fast-tracked is sustainable housing stock, and any new special building departments should be dedicated solely to that. This motion flies in the face of environmental concerns and puts us on a very slippery slope, as opportunists could try to designate their projects as Olympics-associated in order to flout regulations. I strongly condemn this proposal.

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Name: Matt

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 10:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Greetings. LA City Council should unanimously vote NO on item #5. The Olympics are not essential. A so-called No-Build Olympics should not include massive infrastructure projects, and especially should not be exempt from democratic oversight and environmental protection. Trying to rush Olympic-related projects 8 years into an 11 year prep period reeks of a student who didn't prepare for the test, and is now rushing to take advantage of this manufactured Olympic crisis to cheat on the exam. The era the Olympics were undemocratically thrust onto the populace of LA is not the pandemic, fire-recovery, and inflationary period that makes eating, breathing, and living today in Los Angeles so precarious. Do not conflate Olympic building with fire-recovery. LA has an opportunity to react positively for the working-poor and immigrant heart of the city instead of using crisis as a platform for speculation and investment to rebuild LA for elites only. After a NO vote on item #5, moving to cancel the Olympics in LA is the only sensible move towards recovery.

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Name: Abby Stratton

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 10:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We the citizens of Los Angeles were promised a "no build" olympics and now they don't want oversight on the things they've decided to build? We deserve better than this. They at thr very least need oversight! Vote no on #5, please!

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Name: Anne Wilkes

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 11:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote No on 5 Resources and energy would be better used for fire relief that for a 3 week event. Thank you.

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Name: Eryca

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 11:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on item #5. The Olympics organizers promised a “no build” Olympics, but now they are saying not only do they need to build, they should be exempt from primary oversight mechanisms? Unacceptable. The types of structures listed could have long term effects in the communities where they are built, at the very least they should be subject to the same scrutiny as any other build! The potential for abuse and corruption is endless. There is little oversight for what “associated structures” could mean and will almost definitely be exploited by hotels and housing developers, and many other opportunistic businesses. The Olympics are a drain on our resources and will leave the city with lasting damage, they should be canceled. But in lieu of that, at the very least, do not approve this outrageous exemption and loophole for unnecessary Olympics related projects. Thank you.

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Name: Andrea Antony-Morr

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Name: Katherine King

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Comments for Public Posting: 19 February 2025 To City Council 15-0989-S47 Agenda item 5, February 21, 2025 Please vote NO on the motion to uglify and make Los Angeles less safe after the Olympics. Back in 2017, we Angelenos were told that the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics would benefit our city through new and improved transportation centers and modes. No new structures would be needed. But now we see a motion (15-0989-S47) “to exempt Olympic and Paralympic temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites and fan zones, and associated structures from the requirements of City Planning approvals, zoning regulations, and conditions....” In addition to broken promises, are we now going to have to live forever with sub-standard, unaesthetic, higher-than-we-want,, cheek-by-jowl buildings and auditoria? It is unacceptable to exempt from regular planning processes significant construction projects that may have long-term environmental and social impacts on their neighborhoods and the city. Olympic sponsors have had seven years to go through standard approval processes for Olympics projects. That they now need a waiver reflects the organizers’ incompetence, for which we Angelenos shouldn’t have to pay the price. In addition, I have to ask: what does “associated structures” mean? Would it apply to hotels? To apartment buildings being converted to short-term rentals? This term needs specific clarification before this motion is considered. Lastly, I resent the motion’s positing a work overload due to housing projects, “particularly affordable housing projects,” as the excuse for exempting the Olympics from standard planning conditions, approvals and conditions. Affordable housing (which Councillor Park has mostly opposed in her own district) is an absolute necessity for the survival of our City and its people. The Olympics are merely fun. I propose two changes to the motion: eliminate “permanent” and clearly define “associated structures,” so that if the motion passes there will be no possibility of abuse. As written, the motion should be rejected. Katherine King Venice CA

19 February 2025

To City Council

15-0989-S47

Agenda item 5, February 21, 2025

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Name: Chris Tilly

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Comments for Public Posting: I write as a LA resident, homeowner, voter, and a professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. I strongly oppose a blanket exemption of all "Olympics related" projects from all City Planning approval processes. We have had years to plan for the Olympics, and still have years more. Successive City administrations and Councils have assured us that they will make sure that the investments involved in the Olympics benefit all Angelenos, and benefit us not just in 2028 but over the long run. An exemption like the one proposed would throw all that out the window and eliminate accountability. It would create a giant loophole that would allow a wide range of projects to be presented as "Olympics-related" and speedily implemented without public scrutiny. This is a bad, bad idea that violates good planning principles, democratic norms of transparency and consultation, and just plain common sense. Please vote no.

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Name: John T

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Comments for Public Posting: The city council should VOTE NO on Item #5! The Olympics are NOT essential. No valid reason exists to exempt Olympics-related projects from our city's standard review processes. Planning approval processes serve an essential purpose. Angelenos shouldn't have to pay the price for hastily designed projects with unvetted environmental and social impacts. The Olympics are already an unacceptable drain on our resources, wasting our time and money as we debate this topic. LA28 should be canceled in order to focus on rebuilding from the devastating wildfires, but at the very least, please do not approve this outrageous exemption and loophole for unnecessary Olympics-related projects.

Communication from Public

Name: NICHOLAS MORENO

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Comments for Public Posting: Here are my reasons against this motion. 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.