

Communication from Public

Name: Barrie Levy

Date Submitted: 02/19/2025 07:32 PM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of LA, a homeowner, a regular voter, and a retired faculty member of the School of Public Policy at UCLA. I strongly oppose a proposed blanket exemption of all "Olympics related" projects from all City Planning approval processes, especially now that we know how important all reviews of construction are for preventing disasters. We have had years to plan for the Olympics, and still have years more. Successive City administrations and City Councils have assured us that the investments and development involved in preparing for the Olympics benefit all Angelenos, not just in 2028 but over the long run and for the future of our city. An exemption like the one proposed would throw all that out the window, eliminate accountability, and violate common sense requirements for building in LA. 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 violates good planning principles, democratic norms of transparency and consultation, and just plain common sense. Please vote NO on this proposed exemption.

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Name: Ian Cawley

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Comments for Public Posting: I found out about the proposed Gondola project as I was moving in to Chinatown, and it terrified me. As someone who knows about the human cost behind Dodger Stadium, and the people involved, it is shocking to me that something of a similar nature is being proposed in such close proximity. Have the politicians and city council members completely forgotten how many people were forcibly displaced? Are you just being paid to look the other way? I urge you all to reconsider. Think about the practicality of this. Think about the people whose lives will be impacted.

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Name: Robin McNulty

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Name: Kaytlen Cruz

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Communication from Public

Name: Sara

Date Submitted: 02/20/2025 09:53 AM

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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. Please don't exempt Olympics related projects.

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Name: Casey Maddren

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this motion. This idea of making temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, and associated structures exempt from "zoning regulations, and conditions, including but not limited to Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and conditions tied to such permits, Site Plan Review requirements, height restrictions, setback requirements, limitations imposed by Specific Plans, and any other planning or zoning regulations" is absurd and dangerous. This was supposed to be a "no-build" Olympics, but now it appears that the City wants to build a number of structures that could become permanent without any planning whatsoever. This motion actually exposes City Hall's complete failure to plan for the Olympics and Paralympics. If structures need to be built, the City should have already made public a list of projects that were necessary, along with budgets and needed approvals. If there are specific projects that need to be built that need an accelerated review process, the City needs to let us know what those are and explain the justification. This motion is simply a blank check for new construction with zero planning. The authors of the motion should be embarrassed for having submitted it, and the Council should reject it outright. This is just more evidence that the City of LA doesn't care about planning and will do anything to shut the public out of the planning process.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/20/2025 04:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to There is no valid reason to exempt Olympics-related projects from our city's standard review processes. 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. 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. Focus on our city which is falling apart.

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Name: Bennett Rine

Date Submitted: 02/20/2025 05:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There is no valid reason to exempt Olympics-related projects from our city's standard review processes. Angelenos shouldn't have to pay the price of projects with unvetted social and environmental impacts, especially any kind of transit infrastructure. To allow this exemption would open the door for abuse and exploitation.

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Name: Destinee Handly

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Name: Phyllis Ling

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Comments for Public Posting: Only temporary projects that can be 100% reversed should be eligible for fast-tracking through these exemptions. Temporary projects must have a firm date by which the installations are removed. In terms of criteria, no project that would require zoning change for residentially-zoned properties or properties that are already entitled for housing should be included in these exemptions. Otherwise, the City risks losing housing units that are desperately needed. Also, a property that is residentially zoned is likely adjacent to other properties that are residentially-zoned. Development adjacent to people's homes should not be eligible for the wide-ranging exemptions proposed in this ordinance. Our neighborhoods shouldn't be given away to developers in the name of the Olympics.

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Name: Jill Holden

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Comments for Public Posting: What the what?? No permits needed for the Olympic projects? No specific regard to CEQA? No time for the public to give feedback on projects just because they are for the Olympics? This seems like a recipe for disaster. You can't mean this.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/20/2025 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: No On Item #5: there should be no Olympic exemptions from the city's planning processes and oversight. We have approval processes for a reason, and exempting Olympic developments is unnecessary and potentially dangerously costly to the environment, our communities, and our recovery from the recent tragedies of wildfires and flooding. We were also promised a "no build" Olympics, so these developments are a direct violation of that promise and the sustainability goals of the LA Olympics. Our money, time, and energy should go toward developments in low-income housing, public transit, and other infrastructure that benefits the working and middle classes of our beautiful city, rather than pushing through costly projects that will benefit temporary tourists. Rushing projects through without oversight could have terrible economic and social impacts on our already challenged city. You must vote no on item 5.

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Name: Alice Pavlisko

Date Submitted: 02/20/2025 12:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in opposition of 15-0989-S47, NO ON 5. The Olympics are not essential so there is NO valid reason to exempt Olympics-related projects from our city's standard review processes. Processes exist for a reason. It was announced in 2017 that the 2028 Olympics would take place in Los Angeles. The Olympics and the City would have 11 years to prepare for the games and now that you think you've run out of time, you want to bypass review processes!?! Our city and residents shouldn't pay the price of incompetence with hastily designed projects, with unvetted environmental and social impacts. LA28 was supposed to be a no-build Olympics. And now, you're saying not only do you need to build, but you want building projects to be exempt from primary oversight mechanisms. There is no telling what impact this would have on the city and Angelenos. The focus of this city council and anyone elected to represent the people of Los Angeles, needs to focus on what's best for the CITY and the HOUSED AND UNHOUSED ANGELENOS who live here. Your focus needs to be on responsibly recovering and rebuilding after the recent fires. RESPONSIBLY, which is in direct opposition of bypassing any review process. NO LOOPHOLES for unnecessary Olympics-related projects. Prioritize the city and the people you've been elected to represent. No on 5.

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Name: Sarah Bowers

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Name: Jae

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