

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This is my public comment for 2/21/2025. Allowing any project related to the MAGA Olympics to skip the approval process is ridiculous. I thought this was a "no build" Olympics. Just what is going to skip the approval process? Right now, the city needs to be focusing on rebuilding communities and residential areas after the fires. The city doesn't have the time or money to prepare for this frivolous sporting event that is going to cause a massive disruption to the daily lives of the residents of the city, expand the police state, and give a literal fascist (Donald Trump) a stage to promote his ideals and hate, all on LA taxpayer dollars while he thinks he's a king and works to implement policies that will harm Trans people, undocumented immigrants, and so many more people. Restore call-in comment

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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!