

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 02/21/2025 08:33 AM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: I applaud the City's commitment to wanting to build world class venues for the Olympics, however ignoring CEQA requirements to construct these venues puts the health and safety of the citizens of the Los Angeles area at risk. In order to rebuild after the wildfires, the city council has rightly streamlined building requirements to ensure residents are able to rebuild quickly. While the Olympics are a worldwide event; they not an emergency. The city asked that the Olympics be held here and should have known the time it would take. As a result, the CEQA requirements should remain in place.

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Name: Cindy Clark

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 06:13 AM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: The measure is too broadly written and i oppose it..Instead of authorizing an ordinance to be written, the Council should request a report from the Planning Dept. that will more clearly define the specific projects that would be expedited under such a measure and the unintended short and long-term consequences on communities. I have great concerns as to how a project might potentially be reclassified or classified as an Olympics-related project seeking to bypass regulations meant to safeguard communities. (PS i thought this was a “No Build Olympics”?)

Communication from Public

Name: J. Ross, West LA
Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 08:55 AM
Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose - The measure is too broadly written Instead of authorizing an ordinance the Council should request a report back from the Planning Dept. that will more clearly define the specific projects that would be expedited under such a measure and the unintended short and long-term consequences on communities. There are great concerns as to how a project might potentially be reclassified or classified as an Olympics-related project seeking to bypass regulations meant to safeguard communities. This measure creates a giant loophole that would allow a wide range of projects to be presented as "Olympics-related" and expedited without public scrutiny. It is a blank check for new construction with zero planning – an Olympics "Builder's Remedy." There is no reason why the City cannot fashion an expedited review process for specifically identified projects that meet defined criteria. A high-rise hotel could be built almost anywhere a developer desired. A media center, sports training facility, billboards, changes in traffic lane use (installation of bus and/or bike lanes without review), the McCourt Dodger Stadium Gondola (now being legally challenged), etc. all could be built if they might somehow claim to be associated to the games, with guests coming to or traveling to events. The projects could be built on private property or on public land. In the case of the Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area, users there fear that private sporting facilities will be built and will permanently remain – removing that open space from public access forever. And, we have long been told we were hosting a "no build" Olympic games. Note also that the contract that the City signed with the private LA28 - OLYMPICS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE gives LA28 full control over the games as the language in it states that while the actions of LA28 are subject to approval of the LA City Council it goes further to state that the Council's approval shall not be reasonably withheld. That topic/discussion is for another time but serves to highlight why the Council File motion is especially dangerous. It would hand over full development authority to the LA28 Committee and any businesses, sponsors, participants, countries able to claim a relationship to the games. The motion covers both temporary and permanent projects and installations. It does not address whether so-called temporary installations are to be removed, and if so, at whose cost.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Silver

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 09:02 AM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE this motion, which would create OVERLY BROAD exemptions for anything "related" to the Olympics.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Hubbard

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 10:37 AM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: Esteemed Council Members, Please oppose this motion as it is written at this time. The proposed Council motion in its current form seeks to allow any Olympic and Paralympic-related permanent or temporary developments / projects to be constructed without regard to CEQA, any existing specific plans, conditional use permits, Site Plan Review requirements, height limits, or setbacks, permitting almost any type of development that **claims** a link to the Olympics the right to ignore and override any existing land use regulations. The measure is too broadly written. Instead of authorizing an ordinance to be written, the Council should request a report back from the Planning Dept. that will more clearly define the **specific** projects that would be expedited under such a measure and the unintended short and long-term consequences on communities. There are great concerns as to how a project might potentially be reclassified or classified as an Olympics-related project seeking to bypass regulations meant to safeguard communities. This measure creates a giant loophole that would allow a wide range of projects to be presented as “Olympics-related” and expedited without public scrutiny. It is a blank check for new construction with zero planning – an Olympics “Builder’s Remedy.” There is no reason why the City cannot fashion an expedited review process for specifically identified projects that meet defined criteria.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 11:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the measure. It's too broadly written, needs to be clearly defined. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 04:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The measure is too broadly written and should be opposed. Instead of authorizing an ordinance to be written, the Council should request a report back from the Planning Dept. that will more clearly define the specific projects that would be expedited under such a measure and the unintended short and long-term consequences on communities. There are great concerns as to how a project might potentially be reclassified or classified as an Olympics-related project seeking to bypass regulations meant to safeguard communities. This measure creates a giant loophole that would allow a wide range of projects to be presented as “Olympics-related” and expedited without public scrutiny. It is a blank check for new construction with zero planning – an Olympics “Builder’s Remedy.” There is no reason why the City cannot fashion an expedited review process for specifically identified projects that meet defined criteria. The city can do better than this.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Kelson

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 04:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion should be a NO VOTE. The Olympics is in 2028. There is plenty of time to be transparent and identify locations and proposed use so that the public is informed.

Communication from Public

Name: Phyllis Ling

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 05:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Development of the Dodger Stadium parking lots should be excluded from these exemptions when/if Dodger Stadium is named as an official venue for the Olympic/Paralympic Games. Whether folks support development there or not, development on that site must not bypass CEQA or the regular City Planning approvals process and regulations. There are major environmental considerations given the location in Elysian Park. There is also the ugly history of the land to consider. The City must not give Frank McCourt a blank check to build whatever he wants on that land. Some may point to the 25% mandate for affordable housing on the property that was stipulated by Metro in their "conditions of approval" for the gondola project, but those conditions apply to ZET, the new nonprofit that was "gifted" the project from Frank McCourt's LLC. ZET is responsible for building and operating the project. ZET does not own or control that land, so that condition is unenforceable and meant to lull people into complacency, with dreams of community benefits that will never materialize. This is just one of the many reasons why City Council should not approve this ill-conceived and overly broad proposal to exempt Olympics-related projects from CEQA and all manner of City Planning regulations. It's probably not even legal. Let's get real, the City would be lucky to fix the street lights, relight the 6th Street Bridge, remove graffiti, and temporarily house the unhoused by 2028. There should be a finite list of projects to complete in the next 3 years, and they should be listed in this motion. The fact that they aren't says a lot. Residents shouldn't have to speculate about the projects that could be proposed to exploit these exemptions. Name them. Instead of the City Council excluding projects by a majority vote, City Council should have to identify and vote on projects to include in these exemptions. Ideally, these would only be temporary installations or a very limited number of permanent projects that have a very high likelihood of being completed in time for the Games and that truly provide a public benefit.

Communication from Public

Name: Marie Phelps

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 08:48 PM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed the proposed Council motion 15-0989-S47. I request the Council request a report back from the Planning Dept that will more clearly define the specific projects that would be expedited under this measure and the unintended short and long-term consequences on communities. The ability for some to create projects to be presented as "Olympics-related" and expedited without public scrutiny would be damaging to many communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Duncan

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 09:12 PM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Ladera Heights, I am writing to express my strong opposition to LA City Council File 15-0989-S47. This motion, if passed, would create a massive loophole allowing virtually any development claiming an Olympic or Paralympic connection to bypass essential land use regulations, including CEQA review, specific plans, conditional use permits, height limits, and other critical community safeguards. As currently written, LA City Council File 15-0989-S47 grants unchecked authority to developers and the private LA28 Organizing Committee, allowing them to override zoning and land use regulations without public oversight. The City must balance the short-term benefits of the Olympic Games with the need to protect the community and ensure that land use policies are consistent with broader community goals. As such, I support the position of the Ladera Heights Civic Association in its letter dated February 26, 2025.

Communication from Public

Name: MELODY L GOODMAN

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 09:14 PM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed Council motion referenced above, as written, seeks to allow any Olympic and Paralympic-related permanent or temporary developments / projects to be constructed without regard to CEQA, any existing specific plans, conditional use permits, Site Plan Review requirements, height limits, setbacks, etc. It would permit almost any type of development that claims a link to the Olympics the right to ignore and override any existing land use regulations. The measure is too broadly written and MUST be opposed. Instead of authorizing an ordinance to be written, the Council should request a report back from the Planning Dept. that will more clearly define the specific projects that would be expedited under such a measure and the unintended short and long-term consequences on communities. There are great concerns as to how a project might potentially be reclassified or classified as an Olympics-related project seeking to bypass regulations meant to safeguard communities. Don't forget you represent us. You owe it to your constituencies to ensure proper environmental and other reviews and that proper building and safety codes are followed. Furthermore, the need to put in place strict measures that block fraudulent builds claiming to be Olympics-related, from ever seeing the light of day, are critically needed without delay. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Russell

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 11:16 PM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed Council motion in Council File 1-099-S47 is too broadly written and I oppose it. It would allow ANY Olympic and Paralympic-related permanent or temporary developments/projects to be constructed without regard to CEQA, any specific plans, conditional use permits, Site Plan Review requirements, height limits, setbacks, etc. It would permit almost any type of development that claims a link to the Olympics to have the right to ignore and override any existing land use regulations. The measure creates a giant loophole that would allow a wide-range of projects to be presented as "Olympics-related" and expedited without public scrutiny. I have great concern that projects even might potentially be reclassified or classified as "Olympic-related" just to seek bypassing regulations meant to safeguard communities. It is a blank check for new constructions with zero planning. Instead of authorizing an ordinance to be written, the Council should request a report back from the Planning Department that will more clearly define the specific projects that would be expedited under such a measure and the unintended short- and long-term consequences on communities. Perhaps, the City could also fashion an expedited review process for specifically identified projects that meet defined criteria to assist in fast-tracking the appropriate projects. I support the Olympics being held in Los Angeles, but this ordinance as currently proposed can have a negative impact on the City long after the Olympics are over. We have long been told we were hosting a "no build" Olympics game. While there is always work to put on such a global event as the Olympics, let's ensure that the City doesn't create havoc by not ensuring clear and appropriate guidelines that bring positive results are in place.

Communication from Public

Name: Desobry Bowens

Date Submitted: 02/26/2025 11:39 PM

Council File No: 15-0989-S47

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Mayor and Councilmember Park, The Ladera Heights Civic Association (“LHCA”) is writing to express its strong opposition to LA City Council File 15-0989-S47 as currently written. This motion, if passed, would create a massive loophole allowing virtually any development claiming an Olympic or Paralympic connection to bypass essential land use regulations, including CEQA review, specific plans, conditional use permits, height limits, and other critical community safeguards. LHCA is a civic association representing the owners and renters of those properties located in that portion of the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles within USPS Zip Codes 90056, and 90302, commonly known as Ladera, Ladera Heights, and the Heights at Ladera in the City of Inglewood (collectively, the “Ladera Community”). LHCA represents over 3,000 homes, and its residents all have the potential to be affected by Council File 15-0989-S47. As a Section 501(c)(4) organization, LHCA is a not-for-profit entity that has proudly existed since 1955 for the exclusive purpose of promoting the social welfare of the Ladera Community. It is a duty that we do not take lightly. CEQA exists to ensure that development projects undergo proper environmental review, mitigating their impacts on air quality, traffic, noise, and local ecosystems. Abating CEQA protections in the name of Olympic-related construction would set a dangerous precedent—one that prioritizes private development interests over the well-being of Angelenos. The Olympics should not serve as an excuse to dismantle decades of environmental and community protections. While I support a well-organized Olympic Games, this measure is far too broad and lacks necessary safeguards. It grants unchecked authority to developers and the private LA28 Organizing Committee, allowing them to override zoning and land use regulations without public oversight. This could lead to irreversible environmental and infrastructural consequences, particularly if temporary structures transition into permanent developments without due process. Instead of rushing to approve an ordinance with such sweeping implications, the Council should require the Planning Department to report back with a detailed framework that: 1. Clearly defines which projects would qualify for expedited review under this measure. 2. Ensures full CEQA compliance, with no blanket exemptions for Olympic-related

projects. 3. Assesses potential impacts on local communities, infrastructure, and public spaces. 4. Mandates the removal of temporary installations after the Games and clarifies financial responsibility. Without these safeguards, this motion serves as an unchecked “Builder’s Remedy” that undermines long-standing environmental protections and hands over land use control to private interests. The City must uphold its commitment to responsible urban planning and community engagement—values that should not be sacrificed in the name of short-term Olympic development. I urge you, on behalf of the members of LHCA, to oppose this measure in its current form and ensure that any future consideration of Olympic-related projects maintains full transparency, public oversight, and adherence to environmental laws. Respectfully, Desobry E. Bowens President Ladera Heights Civic Association Desobry@Laderaheights.org