

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and Members of the Ad Hoc Committee, I am writing to provide public comment on Item 4, the LA28 Annual Report, for the meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2025. The LA28 report fails to address the severe and escalating harms already being felt across our city. We are on a dangerous path that prioritizes corporate and Olympic interests over the people of Los Angeles. Our concerns are urgent and specific: * **National Special Security Event (NSSE):** The designation of the Games as an NSSE will unleash a militarized police state in our communities, normalizing a massive and oppressive security presence that will disproportionately target Black and brown communities, activists, and unhoused residents. * **Economic Assault & Displacement:** We face a coordinated assault from the Trump administration's policies, amplified by the Olympics. This is exacerbating a housing crisis marked by pre-Games evictions, rent hikes, and sweeps. The fact that Airbnb, a primary driver of housing loss, is an LA28 sponsor is a blatant conflict of interest and a direct attack on Angelenos' right to housing. We demand you save our services, not sell them off. * **Olympic Exemption Ordinance (CF 15-0989-S47):** This ordinance, which waives core city laws for the IOC, is an undemocratic surrender of our city's sovereignty. It must be repealed. * **Street Vendors:** The ongoing displacement of street vendors in places like MacArthur Park is a preview of the "cleansing" to come. The Olympics are not supporting our communities; they are dismantling them. This committee and the City Council face a fundamental choice: How far are you willing to go to protect the people of Los Angeles, and how far are you willing to go to protect the interests of the IOC and the Trump administration? The only acceptable answer is to prioritize your constituents. The only way to do that is to cancel the 2028 Olympics. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Christian Stevens Reseda, CA.