

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTAL TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

<b>CITY PLANNING CASE:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CASE:</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b>
CPC-2025-6189-CA	ENV-2025-6190-SE	ALL
<b>RELATED CASE NOS.:</b>	<b>COUNCIL FILE NO:</b>	<b>PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	CF 15-0989-S47	<input type="checkbox"/> Ch. 1 as of 1/21/24 (Not subject to Processes & Procedures Ord.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ch. 1A (Subject to Processes & Procedures Ord.)
<b>PROJECT ADDRESS / LOCATION:</b>		
Citywide		
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b>	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>
City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012		
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Diego Janacua-Cortez	(213) 978-1657	<a href="mailto:diego.janacua@lacity.org">diego.janacua@lacity.org</a>
<b>ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION (IE. ENTITLEMENTS, LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS):</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>The preparation of a draft ordinance by the City Attorney will be required.</i>  Proposed Code Amendment (CA)		
<b>FINAL ENTITLEMENTS NOT ADVANCING FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: (UNAPPEALED OR NON-APPEALABLE ITEMS)</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
<b>ITEMS APPEALED:</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		

ATTACHMENTS:	REVISED:	ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:	REVISED:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of Determination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (CE) (Notice of Exemption)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Findings of Fact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption (SE) (Notice of Exemption)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Recommendation Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration (ND)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Conditions of Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> T Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone Change Map and Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Communities Project Exemption (SCPE)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> GPA Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Communities Environmental Impact Report (SCEIR)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A – Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Appendices	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing List (both Word and PDF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interested Parties List	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please include under CF 15-0989-S47.

CITY COUNCIL NOTICE TIMING:	NOTICE LIST (SELECT ALL):	NOTICE PUBLICATION:
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 days <input type="checkbox"/> 15 days <input type="checkbox"/> 24 days <input type="checkbox"/> N/A / None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: standard Brown Act notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent/Abutting <input type="checkbox"/> 100' radius <input type="checkbox"/> 300' radius <input type="checkbox"/> 500' radius <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Council <input type="checkbox"/> Interested Parties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: standard Brown Act notice	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 days <input type="checkbox"/> 15 days <input type="checkbox"/> 24 days <input type="checkbox"/> N/A / None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: standard Brown Act notice

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Yes  No  
 \*If determination states administrative costs are recovered through fees, indicate "Yes."

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Planning Commission (CPC) <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) <input type="checkbox"/> Central Area Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> East LA Area Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> North Valley Area Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> South LA Area Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> South Valley Area Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> West LA Area Planning Commission
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<input type="checkbox"/> Harbor Area Planning Commission	
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE:</b>	<b>COMMISSION VOTE:</b>
January 8, 2026	6 - 0
<b>LAST DAY TO APPEAL:</b>	<b>DATE APPEALED:</b>
N/A	N/A
<b>COUNCIL TIME TO ACT:</b>	<b>TIME TO ACT START:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 days <input type="checkbox"/> 45 days <input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 75 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days <input type="checkbox"/> N/A / None <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [enter here if applicable]	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Filing Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Received by Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> Last Day to Appeal <input type="checkbox"/> N/A / None <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [enter here if applicable]
<b>TRANSMITTED BY:</b>	<b>TRANSMITTAL DATE:</b>
Cecilia Lamas Commission Executive Assistant II	January 8, 2026



# LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## LETTER OF DETERMINATION

**MAILING DATE: JANUARY 8, 2026**

**Case No.: CPC-2025-6189-CA**  
CEQA: ENV-2025-6190-SE  
Plan Area: Citywide

Council District: ALL

**Project Site:** Citywide

**Applicant:** City of Los Angeles

At its meeting of **January 8, 2026**, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission took the actions below in conjunction with the following proposed Zoning Code Amendment Ordinance:

The proposed 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance (Proposed Ordinance) would amend Chapter I and Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). The proposed Zoning Code Amendment Ordinance would add a new Subdivision 40 to Subsection 12.22 A of Article 2 of Chapter I and a new Division 1.7 to Article 1 of Chapter 1A to exempt certain 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Games) related projects from planning and zoning requirements of the Zoning Code in preparation for the Games.

1. **Determined**, based on the independent judgement of the decision maker, after consideration of the whole administrative record that the proposed project is statutorily exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(7) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15272;
2. **Approved** and **recommended** that the City Council **adopt** the attached proposed Zoning Code Amendment Ordinance, as modified by the Technical Modification adopted on January 8, 2026, pursuant to Section 13B.1.3.D.3. of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code;
3. **Adopted** the Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission's report on the subject; and
4. **Adopted** the attached Findings.

The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lawshe  
Second: Choe  
Ayes: Johnson, Klein, Rosenstein, Zamora  
Absent: Chavez, Diaz, Saitman

**Vote: 6 – 0**

Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant II  
Los Angeles City Planning Commission

**Effective Date/Appeals:** The decision of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission is final and not appealable.

Notice: If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

Attachments: Proposed Zoning Code Amendment Ordinance (as modified by CPC on January 8, 2026), Findings

cc: Arthi Varma, Deputy Director  
Hagu Solomon-Cary, Principal City Planner  
Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner  
Maritza Przekop, Senior City Planner  
Nuri Cho, Senior City Planner  
Diego Janacua-Cortez, City Planner  
Andrew Cruz, Planning Assistant

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance adding a new Subdivision to Subsection 12.22 A of Chapter I and a new Division to Article 1 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in order to exempt certain projects from planning and zoning requirements of the Zoning Code for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Sec. 1.** A new Subdivision 40 is added to Subsection 12.22 A of Section 12.22 of Article 2 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**40. 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Exemptions.**

- (a) Intent.** The intent of this Subdivision is to establish relief from planning and zoning review in advance of and during the 2028 Olympic and/or Paralympic Games in order to successfully execute and timely deliver the Games.
- (b) Applicability.** Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects, as defined herein, are exempt from all planning and zoning regulations with the exception of the requirements of this Subdivision. This Subdivision shall have no further force and effect after February 27, 2029.

(1) The following permits are eligible under this Subdivision:

- (i) New construction
- (ii) Additions
- (iii) Alteration or repairs
- (iv) Grading
- (v) Retaining/fence walls
- (vi) Sign permits
- (vii) Swimming pools
- (viii) Change of use, and
- (ix) Use of land permits

(2) The following projects shall not be eligible under this Subdivision:

- (i) Large-scale cable-guided transportation projects or other aerial mobility projects,
  - (ii) LA Metro 28 by 28 Rail projects,
  - (iii) Previously disapproved projects,
  - (iv) Hotel Development Projects pursuant to LAMC Sec. 12.03,
  - (v) Modifications to projects containing restricted affordable units,
  - (vi) Demolition of housing,
  - (vii) For historic structures, Demolition, as defined in Sec. 13B.8. (Historic Preservation), or permanent and substantial alterations of a designated historic resource, and
  - (viii) Alteration of a designated historic resource without the proper planning clearance, pursuant to Div. 13B.8. (Historic Preservation).
- (3) Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects pursuant to this Subdivision are not exempt from:
- (i) Measure HLA required mobility improvements, and
  - (ii) Special Event Permitting requirements pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.20.

**(c) Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions**

An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project shall not be considered a project nor require any review procedures under any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District, Streetscape Plan, Redevelopment Plan, and/or other overlay of Chapter I and 1A of the LAMC.

Despite any provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC” or “Code”) or any other overlay to the contrary, the following provisions shall prevail and supersede any conflicting planning and zoning regulations.

**(d) Definitions**

- (1) **Olympic and/or Paralympic Project.** Any supporting facilities, installations, uses, and/or activities that serve athletes, officials, spectators, visitors, and/or residents at approved competition venues or non-competition venues necessary to host Olympic

and/or Paralympic events including but not limited to training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites, and fan zones.

- (2) **Temporary Project.** An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project seeking a planning and zoning exemption built or implemented solely for the Games and dismantled and/or removed after the conclusion of the Games and no later than February 27, 2029.
  - (3) **Permanent Project.** An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project built or implemented for the Games and intended to remain after the conclusion of the Games.
  - (4) **Games.** Games, 2028 Games, and/or Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, as used herein, shall mean the 2028 Olympic Games and/or Paralympic Games under the authority of the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee.
- (e) Eligibility.** Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects seeking planning and zoning exemption under Section 12.22 A.40(f) shall meet one of the following criteria:
- (1) A Temporary Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.40.(d)(2) located at an approved competition venue in the City's Official Venue Plan for the 2028 Olympic and/or Paralympic Games; or
  - (2) A Temporary Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.40.(d)(2) cleared by the following City Liaisons as defined in the Games Agreement (City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Mayor's Office of Major Events) pursuant to procedures in Subparagraph 12.22 A.40.(g)(1); or
  - (3) A Permanent Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.40.(d)(3) approved by the City Council pursuant to the procedures in Paragraph 12.22 A.40.(h).

**(f) Planning and Zoning Exemption**

- (1) Eligible Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects shall be exempt from all planning and zoning regulations in Chapter I of the LAMC.
- (2) Despite 12.22.A.40.(f)(1) above, Signs are temporary, permitted pursuant to 12.22 A.40.(g)(3), and shall be subject to the following standards:

- (i) Temporary Signs may only be displayed/operational from January 1, 2028 to October 27, 2028. All signs shall be reverted to their previous Games project entitlement status and/or site condition by October 27, 2028.
  - (ii) A Digital Display may have a nighttime luminance of no greater than 300 candelas per square meter and a daytime luminance no greater than 6,000 candelas per square meter. A device shall be installed on each sign to automatically adjust brightness levels to comply with this requirement. The displays shall automatically transition smoothly at a consistent rate from the permitted daytime brightness to the permitted nighttime brightness levels, beginning 45 minutes prior to sunset and concluding 45 minutes after sunset via ambient sensors.
  - (iii) For all residential zones with a residential building, or lots adjacent to a residential zone with a residential building, or lots adjacent to a Residential Use District (Div. 5B.3.), Residential-Mixed Use District (Div. 5B.4.) with one or more dwelling units unit under Chapter 1A, no *Digital Display* shall be arranged and illuminated in a manner that will produce a light intensity of greater than three foot candles above ambient lighting, as measured at the property line of the nearest *lot* with the aforementioned zone/residential building or Use Districts/dwelling units under Chapter 1A.
  - (iv) The hours of operation for a Digital Display shall be limited to 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily and may not produce any audible sound.
  - (v) Digital Displays must have the capability to immediately display public safety alerts, and/or emergency management messaging as directed by the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department.
- (3) Any conflicting existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this Subdivision, unless permanent relief is granted through the procedures for a Permanent Project in Section 12.22 A.40.(h).
- (g) Process for a Temporary Project.** An applicant of an eligible Temporary Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.40.(d)(2) seeking Temporary Project status is subject to the following:

(1) **Review Process**

- (i) Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects pursuant to Section 12.22 A.40.(d)(2) located within an approved competition venue shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning.
- (ii) Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects pursuant to Section 12.22 A.40.(d)(2) located outside of an approved competition venue shall file with the Department of City Planning an administrative review application that shall be cleared by the named City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Mayor's Office of Major Events.
- (iii) Applicants of Signs pursuant to Section 12.22. A.40.(f)(2) shall file with the Department of City Planning an administrative review application that shall be cleared by the named City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Mayor's Office of Major Events.

(2) **Authority.** The Department of Building and Safety and Department of City Planning shall review project applications pursuant to Applicability (Sec.12.22 A.40.(b)) and Eligibility (Sec. 12.22 A.40.(e)).

(3) **Application.** Applicants for a Temporary Project must file an application by August 27, 2028.

(4) **Notice.** Notice shall be sent to the affected Council Office by the Department of Building and Safety upon permit filing. A list of all Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects shall be transmitted upon permit clearance to the Council File Management System for public record keeping. No permits shall be issued until a summary of the project is transmitted and posted for at least 5 calendar days.

**(h) Process for a Permanent Project.** An applicant of an eligible Permanent Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.40.(d)(3) seeking Permanent Project status shall pursue a City Council Resolution as outlined below.

(1) **Review Process:** A project seeking eligibility through City Council Resolution must meet all the applicability requirements in Section 12.22 A.40.(b). Projects within the Coastal Zone are subject to Coastal Development Program requirements including coastal development procedures pursuant to Div. 13B.9. (Coastal Development).

- (2) **Authority.** The City Council shall have the authority to establish a project's eligibility for the regulatory relief provided in this Subdivision through the adoption of a Resolution upon satisfying the findings set forth in Section 12.22 A.40.(h)(6).
- (3) **Application.** Applicants for a Permanent Project shall apply and City Council Resolution shall be adopted before February 27, 2029. For Temporary Projects seeking Permanent Project relief, a building permit modification shall be filed with the Department of Building and Safety.
- (4) **Conditions.** The City Council shall have the authority to add, modify, and/or remove conditions to an existing quasi-judicial approval to make an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project permanent. Any changes to existing conditions shall be detailed within the Resolution and the applicant shall be responsible for recording and applying any changes through the appropriate bodies, including but not limited to the Department of City Planning.
- (5) **Council Procedures.**
  - (i) The Resolution shall be presented at a meeting of the City Council only if the posted agenda so provides, and shall include relevant project information such as a project description, Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN), and an address.
  - (ii) The City Council shall conduct a public hearing before taking action on the proposed Resolution. If the City Council proposes any modification to the Resolution, that proposed modification must be considered and the City Council shall either adopt or reject the proposed amendment by Resolution.
  - (iii) Before adopting the Resolution, the City Council shall make and satisfy the findings outlined in 12.22. A.40.(h)(6) and shall adopt the written findings of fact supporting the decision within the Resolution.
  - (iv) The Resolution shall be adopted by majority vote of the City Council.
  - (v) If a Permanent Project is determined to be eligible through the City Council Resolution, the Permanent Project may proceed to file a permit application with the Department of Building and Safety.

- (6) **Findings.** Despite any other provision of this Code, the City Council shall establish eligibility for the permanent regulatory relief in this Subdivision, if the City Council finds:
- (i) That the project meets the definition of an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project.
  - (ii) The project at the proposed location will be in substantial conformance with findings from applicable previous entitlements, if any.
  - (iii) That the project is or was essential to the successful delivery of the Games and its exclusion would or would have jeopardized the successful execution of the Games.
  - (iv) That the project will be beneficial to the community and will have a lasting benefit beyond the Games.
- (7) **Notice.** An adopted City Council Resolution for an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project granted permanent relief shall be transmitted to the Council File Management System for public record keeping.

**Sec. 2.** A new Division 1.7 is added to Article 1 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

### **Div. 1.7. 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Exemptions**

#### **Sec.1.7.1. Planning and Zoning Relief**

##### **A. Intent**

The intent of this *Section* is to establish relief from planning and zoning review in advance of and during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to successfully execute and timely deliver the Games.

##### **B. Applicability**

Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects, as defined herein, are exempt from all planning and zoning regulations with the exception of the requirements of this *Section*. This *Section* shall have no further force and effect after February 27, 2029.

1. Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects involving any of the following project activities listed in *Sec.14.2.15.B. (Project Activities)* are eligible under this *Section*, with the exception of the projects enumerated below:

- a. Large-scale cable-guided transportation projects or other aerial mobility projects,
  - b. LA Metro 28 by 28 Rail projects,
  - c. Previously disapproved *projects*,
  - d. *Lodging* uses,
  - e. Modifications to projects containing restricted affordable units,
  - f. Demolition of housing,
  - g. For historic structures, *Demolition*, as defined in *Sec. 13B.8. (Historic Preservation)*, or permanent and substantial alterations of a *designated historic resource*, and
  - h. Alteration of a *designated historic resource* without the proper planning clearance, pursuant to *Div. 13B.8. (Historic Preservation)*.
2. Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects pursuant to this *Section* are not exempt from:
- a. Measure HLA required Mobility Improvements and,
  - b. Special Event Permitting requirements pursuant to *LAMC Sec. 41.20*.

### **C. Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions**

1. An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project shall not be considered a *project* nor require any review procedures under any *Specific Plan, Supplemental District, Redevelopment Plan, or Special Zone*.
2. Despite any provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC” or “Code”) or any other reconciling provisions outlined in *Article 8 (Supplemental & Special Zoning)* to the contrary, the following provisions shall prevail and supersede any conflicting planning and zoning regulations in this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A).

#### **D. Definitions**

1. Olympic and/or Paralympic Project: Any supporting facilities, installations, uses, and/or activities that serve athletes, officials, spectators, visitors, and/or residents at approved competition venues or non-competition venues necessary to host Olympic and/or Paralympic events including but not limited to training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites and fan zones.
2. Temporary Project: An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project seeking planning and zoning exemption built or implemented solely for the Games and dismantled and/or removed after the conclusion of the Games and no later than February 27, 2029.
3. Permanent Project: An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project built or implemented for the Games and intended to remain after the conclusion of the Games.
4. Games: Games, 2028 Games, and/or Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, as used herein, shall mean the 2028 Olympic Games and/or Paralympic Games under the authority of the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee.

#### **E. Eligibility**

Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects seeking planning and zoning exemption under *Section 1.7.1.F (Planning and Zoning Exception)*, below, shall meet one of the following criteria:

1. A Temporary Project, pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2. (Temporary Project)*, above, located at an approved competition venue in the City's Official Venue Plan for the 2028 Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, or
2. A Temporary Project, pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2. (Temporary Project)*, above, cleared by the City Liaisons as defined in the Games Agreement (City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst and the Mayor's Office of Major Events) pursuant to procedures in *Sec.1.7.1.G.1. (Process for a Temporary Project)*, below, or
3. A Permanent Project, pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.3. (Permanent Project)*, above, approved by the City Council pursuant to the procedures in *Sec. 1.7.1.G.2. (Process for a Permanent Project)*, below.

## F. Planning and Zoning Exemption

1. Eligible Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects shall be exempt from all planning and zoning regulations in this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A).
2. Despite *Paragraph 1. of this Subsection (Planning and Zoning Exemption)* above, *signs* are temporary, permitted pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.G.3. (Process for a Temporary Project)*, below, and shall be subject to the following standards:
  - a. Temporary *signs* may only be displayed/operational from January 1, 2028 to October 27, 2028. All *signs* shall be reverted to their previous Games project entitlement status and/or site condition by October 27, 2028.
  - b. A *digital display* may have a nighttime luminance of no greater than 300 candelas per square meter and a daytime luminance no greater than 6,000 candelas per square meter. A device shall be installed on each *sign* to automatically adjust brightness levels to comply with this requirement. The displays shall automatically transition smoothly at a consistent rate from the permitted daytime brightness to the permitted nighttime brightness levels, beginning 45 minutes prior to sunset and concluding 45 minutes after sunset via ambient sensors.
  - c. For all *lots* containing one or more *dwelling units* that have an applied *Residential Use District (Div. 5B.3.) or Residential-Mixed Use District (Div. 5B.4.)*, or *lots* that are *adjoining lots* with these applied Use Districts and that contain one or more *dwelling units*, or *lots* that are *adjoining lots* that are zoned residential under Chapter I that contain a *residential building*, no *digital display* shall be arranged and illuminated in a manner that will produce a light intensity of greater than three foot candles above ambient lighting, as measured at the property line of the nearest *lot* with the aforementioned Use Districts/*dwelling units*.
  - d. The hours of operation for a *digital display* shall be limited to 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily and may not produce any audible sound.
  - e. *Digital displays* must have the capability to immediately display public safety alerts, and/or emergency management

messaging as directed by the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department.

3. Any conflicting existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this *Section*, unless permanent relief is granted through the permanent procedures in *Sec.1.7.1.G.2. (Process for a Permanent Project)*, below.

## **G. Processes**

### **1. Process for a Temporary Project.**

An applicant of an eligible Temporary Project pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2. (Definitions)* seeking Temporary Project status is subject to the following:

#### **a. Review Process**

- i. Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects, pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2.*, above, located within an approved competition venue shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning.
- ii. Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2.*, above, located outside of an approved competition venue shall file with the Department of City Planning an administrative review application that shall be cleared by the named City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Mayor's Office of Major Events.
- iii. Applicants of *signs* pursuant to *Sec.1.7.1.F.2.*, above, shall file an administrative permit application with the Department of City Planning an administrative review application that shall be cleared by the named City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Mayor's Office of Major Events.

#### **b. Authority**

The Department of Building and Safety and Department of City Planning shall review *project* applications pursuant to *Subsection B. (Applicability)*, above, and *Subsection E. (Eligibility)*, above.

**c. Application**

Applicants for a Temporary Project must file an application by August 27, 2028.

**d. Notice**

Notice shall be sent to the affected Council Office by the Department of Building and Safety upon permit filing. A list of Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects shall be transmitted upon permit clearance to the Council File Management System for public record keeping. No permits shall be issued until a summary of the *project* is transmitted and posted for at least 5 calendar days.

**2. Process for a Permanent Project**

An applicant of an eligible Permanent Project, pursuant to Sec. 1.7.1.D.3. (*Permanent Project*), above, seeking Permanent Project status shall pursue City Council Resolution as outlined below.

**a. Review Process**

A *project* seeking eligibility through City Council Resolution must meet all the applicability requirements in Subsection B. (*Applicability*), above. *Projects* within the *coastal zone* are subject to Coastal Development Program requirements, including coastal development procedures pursuant to Div. 13B.9. (*Coastal Development*).

**b. Authority**

The City Council shall have the authority to establish a *project's* eligibility for the regulatory relief provided in this Section through the adoption of a Resolution upon satisfying the findings set forth in *Subparagraph f. (Findings)*, below.

**c. Application**

Applicants for a Permanent Project shall apply and City Council Resolution shall be adopted before February 27, 2029. For Temporary Projects seeking Permanent Project relief, a building permit modification shall be filed with the Department of Building and Safety.

**d. Conditions**

The City Council shall have the authority to add, modify, and/or remove conditions to an existing quasi-judicial approval to make an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project permanent. Any changes to existing conditions shall be detailed within the Resolution and the applicant shall be responsible for recording and applying any changes through the appropriate bodies, including but not limited to the City Planning Department.

**e. Council Procedures**

- i. The Resolution shall be presented at a meeting of the City Council if the posted agenda so provides, and shall include relevant *project* information such as a *project* description, Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN), and an address.
- ii. The City Council shall conduct a public hearing before taking action on the proposed Resolution. If the City Council proposes any modification to the Resolution, that proposed modification must be considered and the City Council shall either adopt or reject the proposed amendment by Resolution.
- iii. Before adopting the Resolution, the City Council shall make and satisfy the findings outlined in *Subparagraph f. (Findings)*, below, and shall adopt the written findings of fact supporting the decision within the Resolution.
- iv. The Resolution shall be adopted by majority vote of the City Council.
- v. If a Permanent Project is determined to be eligible through the City Council Resolution, the Permanent Project may proceed to file a permit application with the Department of Building and Safety.

**f. Findings**

Despite any other provision of this Code, the City Council shall establish eligibility for the permanent regulatory relief in this *Section (Planning and Zoning Relief)*, if the City Council finds:

- i. That the *project* meets the definition of an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project.
- ii. The *project* at the proposed location will be in substantial conformance with findings from applicable previous entitlements, if any.
- iii. That the *project* is or was essential to the successful delivery of the Games and its exclusion would or would have jeopardized the successful execution of the Games.
- iv. That the *project* will be beneficial to the community and will have a lasting benefit beyond the Games.

**g. Notice**

An adopted City Council Resolution for an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project granted permanent relief shall be transmitted to the Council File Management System for public record keeping.

**Sec. 3. STYLE AND FORMATTING CORRECTIONS.** City Planning prior to publishing the Code shall ensure all of the following style and formatting corrections are made in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code consultation with the City Attorney's Office:

A. All numbering of chapters, articles, parts, divisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sub-subparagraphs, and sub-sub-subparagraphs shall match the existing numbering format, style, and hierarchy in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (e.g., all numbering ends with a period, except sub-sub-subparagraphs which are punctuated with a parenthetical).

B. Formatting and typeface style for all headings shall match the existing formatting and typeface style in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including the following, paragraph breaks after subsection headers, no periods at the end of headers, headers of divisions and sections in all caps, and headers of subsections or any lower ordinal in title case with the first letter of each word capitalized.

C. All internal citations to the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall match the formatting and style of the existing Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including adding periods at the end of the citation number, including the title that matches the cited section in parenthesis after the period (e.g., "Sec. 5A.2.2. (Use

Applicability))” or “Paragraph 2. (No Net Loss of Dwelling Units)”), and citations to Chapters of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall use Roman numerals for the chapter number and include “of this Code” after the parenthetical of the title of the Chapter (e.g., “Chapter I (General Provisions and Zoning) of this Code”).

D. All internal citations within Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code referring to content modified by this ordinance shall be updated to reflect the latest titles and Section references.

E. All internal citations within Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall be updated to the correct citation where the cited Section number does not exist, but the Section name is stated clearly (e.g. correct “Sec.13.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)” to “Sec. 13A.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)” because Sec. 13.2.10. does not exist).

F. All citations stating “section” shall be updated to “Sec.” and those stating “division” shall be updated to “Div.” This does not apply to citations internal to the Division or Section being referenced, in which case the full term of Section or Division shall be used (e.g. “The intent of this Section (Roof Materials) is to...”).

G. All citations to state law shall be updated to first state the name of the statute, followed by the referenced citation and the title of the referenced citation if available (e.g. California Government Code, Title 7. (Planning and Land Use)).

H. Words and phrases that are included in the Glossary in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall not be capitalized unless they are proper nouns, mapped areas under Article 1 of Chapter 1A, district names, or zone string components. Any glossary terms used in Chapter 1A shall be indicated by underline in the published Code and linked to the Glossary term in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

I. Consistent with Sec. 11.01. (Definitions and Interpretation), which states that, “the singular number includes the plural, and the plural, the singular,” singular or plural versions of existing glossary terms may be added into the Glossary in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code as needed to ensure exact matches in the use of the term in the text of the LAMC and its entry in the Glossary, which is a requirement of the New Interactive Web-based Zoning Code in order to allow the definition to appear in the pop-up of a term when the site-user clicks on the term. Terms added shall include a glossary entry redirecting to the originally defined term (e.g. Applicable Story: See *applicable stories*).

J. All fonts and/or typeface and spacing and layout (including indentations) of text, headings, graphs and tables, and colors shall match that of the existing published Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

K. All numbers shall be written in accordance with the following protocol:

a. Numbers one through nine shall be written out, unless within a table.

b. Numbers written as the first word of sentence shall be written out (e.g. “One hundred percent of all affordable housing...”).

c. Fractions and numbers including fractions shall be displayed as numerals (e.g. “ $\frac{1}{2}$ ” instead of “one-half”, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  instead of “one and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ”).

d. Ordinance numbers shall be written so that “Ordinance number” is abbreviated and includes a comma after 3 digits, and includes the effective or operative dates (e.g. “...as established by Ord. No. 176,445 (effective 3/9/05)...”).

e. FAR numbers and ratios remain per drafting standard.

i. Example: “... a FAR of 2.5:1 shall be...”,

f. Zoning District numbers remain as a number.

i. Example: “...those lots with a Density District 6 or more restrictive...”

L. All instances of the percentage symbol (%) shall be updated to “percent” or “percentage” as appropriate unless the percentage is shown within a table, in which case the percentage symbol (%) shall be used.

M. All instances of reference to an Ordinance number intended to refer to the ordinance being published shall be updated to include the Ordinance number issued prior to publication.

**Sec. 4. SEVERABILITY.** If any portion, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this article is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this article. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this article and each portion or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase herein, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

**Sec. 5. URGENCY.** This ordinance shall become effective upon publication, in accordance with Charter Section 253. Adoption of the Ordinance with urgency is imperative for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety in preparation for the Olympic and Paralympic Games which are expected to attract over 10 million people to the City of Los Angeles. The immediate effect of the Ordinance will facilitate the orderly delivery of Games-related facilities, installations, uses, and/or activities for the direct benefit of athletes, officials, spectators, visitors, and/or residents at approved competition and non-competition venues.

**Sec. 6. EXPIRATION.** Div. 1.7. (2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Exemptions) of Chapter 1A of the LAMC shall have no further force and effect after February 27, 2029, and shall be removed from the LAMC.

**Sec. 7.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

## FINDINGS

### *General Plan/Charter Findings*

#### City Charter Section 556 (General Plan)

In accordance with City Charter Section 556, the proposed 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan. As outlined below, the proposed Ordinance would support and further accomplish the goals, objectives and policies of the General Plan.

<b>Framework Element - Economic Development (Chapter 7)</b>
<p><b>Objective 7.6:</b> Improve the provision of governmental services, expedite the administrative processing of development applications, and minimize public and private development application cost.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Policy 7.4.1:</b> Develop and maintain a streamlined development review process to assure the City's competitiveness within the Southern California region.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Policy 7.4.2:</b> Maximize opportunities for "by-right" development.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Policy 7.4.5:</b> Reform municipal service delivery through combining the services provided by the various departments (planning, building and safety, water and power, etc.) at decentralized locations throughout the City.</p>

The General Plan Framework encourages the improvement of government services including the expediting of processing applications for public and private development. The proposed 2028 Olympics and Paralympics Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance advances this objective by streamlining review procedures for qualifying public and private projects that are directly related to the preparation and execution of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Under the proposed Ordinance, eligible projects would be granted relief from all planning and zoning regulations, with the exception of certain project types identified within the Ordinance. These exemptions would allow qualifying projects to bypass discretionary reviews that would otherwise jeopardize the timely delivery of the necessary facilities, infrastructure, temporary installations or uses that are required for the Games. Given the large number of temporary projects across multiple locations in the City, and the time-sensitive nature of the Games, subjecting each project to traditional planning and zoning reviews could result in significant administrative delays, extensive hearing processes, and procedural bottlenecks that could pose a substantial risk to the City's ability to host the Games.

To address such challenges, the proposed Ordinance establishes clear eligibility requirements and procedures by which qualifying applicants may be granted a planning and zoning exemption. The procedures detailed in the Ordinance are designed to move project applications more quickly and efficiently through the early development stages of a project when City Planning review is required. By streamlining this phase of the development process, the project can more rapidly advance to subsequent phases, such as building permitting through LADBS, depending on the project's complexity. The planning and zoning exemption does not preclude a project from all development review, only from planning and zoning review. If a project does not

qualify under the requirements of the Ordinance, it may still pursue entitlements and clearances through the appropriate City Planning processes.

This expedited pathway reduces administrative timelines and helps lower overall development costs associated with compliance, hearings, and review periods. In doing so, the proposed Ordinance is in alignment with the Framework Economic Development strategy that emphasizes economic activity by improving governmental efficiency, reducing unnecessary barriers to development, the reformation of municipal services, and strengthening the City's competitiveness across the region.

### Framework Element - Economic Development (Chapter 7)

**Objective 7.8:** Maintain and improve municipal service levels throughout the City to support current residents' quality of life and enable Los Angeles to be competitive when attracting desirable new development.

**Policy 7.8.1:** Place the highest priority on attracting new development projects to Los Angeles which have the potential to generate a net fiscal surplus for the City.

**Policy 7.8.2:** Implement proactive policies to attract development that enhances the City's fiscal balance, such as providing financial incentives and permitting assistance.

The General Plan Framework encourages development that will benefit the City including projects that will generate a net fiscal surplus for the City and attract new development to enhance the City's fiscal balance. The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games are estimated to generate about approximately \$18 billion in economic activity including, including \$700 million in substantial tax revenue for local and state governments. About 25% of the total economic activity is expected to flow through small and micro businesses. The Games are also estimated to generate over 90,000 jobs, generating over \$5 billion in labor income<sup>5</sup>. The economic output of the Games is one of the most significant and forthcoming opportunities for the City to produce a substantial economy that will drive billions of dollars into the local economy, support local business, and create jobs. The Games will rely primarily on using existing competition venues rather than building new ones, thereby reducing the risk of significant public debt after the Games. The Games will also be largely privately funded through sponsorships, ticket sales, and licensing agreements. The 1984 Games serve as a strong precedent for hosting the Games. The 1984 Games were a major success for the City of Los Angeles, largely due to the reliance on existing facilities and private funding, an approach similar to the upcoming 2028 Games. The 1984 Games had a gross economic impact estimated between \$2-3 billion, including approximately \$100-150 million in local and state tax revenue. The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOCC) also generated a net surplus of over \$232.5 million, much of which was reinvested through the LA84 Foundation to support youth development and sports programs. The 2028 Games have an opportunity to generate substantial fiscal benefits to the City. The proposed Ordinance would facilitate the timely deployment of new development through temporary and permanent infrastructure and uses, while supporting the Framework Element's objectives around economic development and fiscal stability. By providing relief from planning and zoning the proposed Ordinance would enable critical investments to proceed more efficiently in advancement of the Games. The proposed Ordinance positions the City to maximize economic, fiscal, and community benefits supporting the City's overall fiscal stability.

<sup>5</sup> Executive Directive NO. 16, Building a "Games for All". City of Los Angeles, Office of Mayor Karen Bass, Issue Date: October 17, 2025. <https://umayor.lacity.gov/ExecutiveDirectives>

<b>Framework Element - Infrastructure and Public Services</b>
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<p><b>Goal 9J</b> Every neighborhood has the necessary level of fire protection service, emergency medical service (EMS) and infrastructure.</p>
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<p><b>Goal 9I</b> Every neighborhood in the City has the necessary police services, facilities, equipment, and manpower required to provide the public safety needs of that neighborhood.</p>
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The arrival of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to the City of Los Angeles is expected to place an extraordinary demand on public safety personnel, emergency response services, and utilities infrastructure. Temporary and/or permanent enhancements to these essential services related to these areas will be required to adequately manage the significant influx of spectators, media, athletes and operational staff that will arrive throughout the City. To ensure these essential services are adequate, it will be necessary to deploy additional facilities and infrastructure that can provide for public safety needs.

The proposed Ordinance is designed to streamline and expedite the approval of such facilities and uses, allowing these important public safety projects to move more efficiently through the permitting process. These projects may include, but are not limited to, security perimeters, command posts, first-aid and medical response stations, temporary power and utility installations, cooling and hydration stations, broadcast and media centers, enhanced signage capable of displaying emergency notifications, and other infrastructure that will be necessary to safeguard the public welfare before and during the Games.

The proposed Ordinance enables the City to deploy these critical resources more quickly than would be possible under traditional planning entitlement review processes, and ensures the City can be in a state of readiness to address the logistical and operational challenges of hosting an event of this magnitude. The regulatory relief from planning and zoning in the Ordinance allows the City to facilitate the timely implementation and deployment of essential infrastructure and services required to achieve the needed public safety, emergency response, and utilities needed for the 2028 Games. In doing so, the proposed Ordinance is in alignment with the General Plan Framework's policies on Infrastructure and Public Services, and advances its goals around public safety, emergency preparedness, utility and public service delivery.

<b>Framework Element</b>
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<p><b>Goal 90</b> - A networked, integrated telecommunications system that capitalizes on the region's potential as an information - telecommunications hub and is capable of providing advanced information services, which are produced by public and private providers located within the City, to all members of the public.</p>
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<p><b>Objective 9.35</b> Create an integrated information telecommunications infrastructure system, using existing and privately and publicly-owned networks and systems as a base for growth.</p>
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<p><b>Objective 9.36</b> Stimulate economic growth and development through the expanded and improved delivery of advanced telecommunications services.</p>
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The proposed Ordinance advances the General Plan's Framework goals and objectives around telecommunications by facilitating the rapid deployment of telecommunications projects

essential to the hosting of the 2028 Games. The Games will require a highly interconnected network of telecommunications that are capable of supporting real-time (live) broadcasting (on both television and online platforms), data transmission, transportation management, and public information systems. Through the planning and zoning relief, temporary and permanent telecommunications installations and uses can more quickly and effectively be deployed, allowing for the creation of a more fully networked and integrated telecommunications system that can benefit both public and private providers and enhance overall citywide connectivity.

The planning and zoning relief granted by the proposed Ordinance supports Objective 9.35 by enabling the rapid installation of temporary, and possible permanent telecommunications, facilities and structures that are necessary for the Games. These telecommunication related projects may include, but are not limited to, broadcast centers or compounds, communication hubs, wireless communications towers or centers, and expanded related infrastructure for data transmission such as fiber optic upgrades, television towers, and transmission equipment. By granting planning and zoning relief to these structures, the proposed Ordinance allows for potential projects of the 2028 Games to integrate new telecommunications systems across the City, especially near competition venues, with existing public and private networks already established, thereby enhancing the overall telecommunications system capacity across the City and potentially accelerating upgrades that could remain beneficial long after the Games.

Similarly, the proposed Ordinance advances Objective 9.36 by facilitating the delivery of telecommunications services that can stimulate economic growth for the City. The combination of new telecommunications facilities and services across the City, as a result of the Games, will help to upgrade existing fiber optic networks, expand wireless coverage, enhance broadband access and broadband capabilities in the lead up to the Games. The new telecommunications infrastructure will help to support thousands of jobs, media and digital media activity, private investments, and leave a strong foundation of advanced telecommunications across the City. These improvements boost the City's overall economic competitiveness and better position the City to be a leading telecommunications hub during and beyond the Games.

<b>Framework Element - Resource Conservation and Management</b>
<b>Goal 4</b> - Protect important cultural and historical sites and resources for historical, cultural, research, and community educational purposes.
<b>Policy 4.1:</b> continue to protect historic and cultural sites and/or resources potentially affected by proposed land development, demolition or property modification activities
<b>Framework Element - Land Use</b>
<b>Objective 3.17</b> Maintain significant historic and architectural districts while allowing for the development of economically viable uses.

The proposed Ordinance is in alignment with the City's commitment to protect its cultural and historic heritage, and is consistent with the Framework Element's goals and policies around historic and cultural sites. The proposed Ordinance includes provisions that protect historic structures from demolition and/or permanent and substantial alterations. The proposed Ordinance does allow for alterations to designated historic resources but only through a proper planning clearance pursuant to Div 13B.8. of Chapter 1A, which requires additional review and approval by the Department of City Planning's Office of Historic Resources (OHR). These

additional provisions ensure that the necessary temporary or permanent Games infrastructure can move forward without compromising significant cultural assets. Additionally, the proposed Ordinance also aligns with the Framework Element - Land Use that emphasizes protection of historic and architectural districts while still supporting economically viable uses. The proposed Ordinance achieves this by retaining historic preservation protections, and also creating a pathway for historic sites to meet the logical needs of the 2028 Games.

#### City Charter Section 558 and LAMC Chapter 1A Section 13B.1.3.1 (Zoning Code Amendment)

In accordance with City Charter Section 558(b)(2) and Section 13.B.1.3.E.1.b. of Chapter 1A of the LAMC, the adoption of the proposed 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance provisions would be in conformity with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice. The proposed Ordinance would allow the City to streamline approvals for Games-related projects to advance the planning, coordination, and construction of temporary and permanent projects that are critical to the infrastructure needed to deliver the Games. The proposed Ordinance also outlines specific regulations to protect the public from any undesired projects or impacts. Signage regulations, for example, require development standards that are intended to guide signage placement and protect residential neighborhoods from light pollution. The ordinance explicitly excludes certain projects from receiving the planning and zoning exemption.

Without a planning and zoning exemption being granted to eligible projects through the proposed Ordinance, the Olympic and Paralympic Games may be put in jeopardy as several of these projects would be essential to the Games. The proposed Ordinance establishes a process for granting a planning and zoning exemption. Conversely, the Ordinance would prohibit specific project types deemed not in the public interest from receiving such an exemption. The provisions of the proposed Ordinance are in alignment with the provisions of the City Charter and align with public necessity and general welfare.

#### *CEQA Findings*

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed Code Amendment, the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance (Project), (ENV-2025-6190-SE) is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(7) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15272, which exempt activities necessary for the bidding, hosting, staging, and funding of Olympic and Paralympic Games. As amended by AB 149 (2025), PRC Section 21080(b)(7) established that the construction of temporary facilities for the 2028 Games is exempt from CEQA, provided that such facilities are removed and the sites restored within six months after the Games conclude.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15272 exempts activities and approvals necessary to host or stage the Olympic and Paralympic Games under the authority of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), except for the construction of permanent facilities. Guideline Section 15272 was promulgated prior to Assembly Bill (AB) 149, adopted in 2025, which amended Section 21080(b)(7) to broaden the CEQA exemption to the construction of temporary facilities, requiring their removal within six months after the end of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The proposed Ordinance qualifies for the statutory exemption because it amends the Zoning Code to establish administrative processes, definitions, and exemptions that will enhance the City's ability to host and carry out the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The proposed Ordinance would add new code sections to Chapter I and Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to achieve this, including establishing new definitions for "Olympic

and/or Paralympic Project", "Temporary Project", "Permanent Project", and "Games" to eliminate any ambiguity when determining if a project is Games-related, and specifies the type of eligible permit types that would qualify for the exemption. The proposed Ordinance does not authorize or require any specific project or construction of a project, does not alter the underlying zoning or general plan land use designations, and does not exempt permanent development that may be needed for the Games from CEQA, as those projects require CEQA review for discretionary actions outside of the parameters of this Ordinance. Through the planning and zoning exemption the proposed Ordinance streamlines projects that are necessary for the hosting and staging of the Games under the IOC authority. The proposed Ordinance falls within the PRC Section 21080(b)(7) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15272. As such, CEQA does not apply, and no further environmental review is required.