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The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (2028 Games), beginning in Los Angeles on July 14, 2028, will bring global attention to the City of Los Angeles. Many elements and activities of the 2028 Games will require building and developments, including but not limited to the buildout or improvements to temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites and fan zones, and associated structures. The successful and timely delivery of infrastructure necessary for the execution of the 2028 Games requires a streamlined and efficient development service permitting process.

The City of Los Angeles has the obligation to meet global expectations for infrastructure, security, transportation, and services during the 2028 Games and is committed to supporting this momentous occasion in a manner that facilitates the rapid development of the key structures and systems necessary for the Games. Without action by the Council, certain elements of the 2028 Games could face significant delays due to compliance with existing City Planning approvals and zoning regulations, including but not limited to Conditional Use Permits (CUPs), Site Plan Review, height restrictions, setbacks, and specific plan limitations.

It is in the best interest of the City and its residents to expedite the creation of the necessary infrastructure to host the 2028 Games while ensuring that these developments are in alignment with the overall vision of a sustainable, accessible, and world-class event.

The City Planning Department has been tasked with expediting the development of housing projects, particularly affordable housing projects, to address the homelessness crisis. This has been an important priority. The Department is already overwhelmed with its current workload and does not have the capacity to absorb the additional workload that may arise from the 2028 Games infrastructure without significant delays that could jeopardize the timely delivery of the Games' key venues and activities.

The City cannot afford any delays in the approval process for the 2028 Games infrastructure, and these approvals must be expedited to ensure that Los Angeles is fully prepared to host the 2028 Games on time. The City therefore should grant exemptions for all Olympic and Paralympic temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites and fan zones, and associated structures from the requirements of City Planning approvals, zoning regulations, and permitting processes, 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 that could delay or impede the rapid construction and deployment of essential facilities.

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This approach is consistent with actions taken by the City of Los Angeles during the 1984 Olympic Games, where similar exemptions were granted to ensure the swift construction of the necessary infrastructure and venues. This ordinance should utilize the CEQA exemptions provided in state law for Olympic-related infrastructure, ensuring that the City can effectively expedite the environmental review process and avoid unnecessary delays while complying with state requirements for environmental protection.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles City Council authorize and direct the City Planning Department, in coordination with the City Attorney, the Department of Building and Safety, and other relevant departments, to draft an ordinance to exempt Olympic and Paralympic temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites and fan zones, and associated structures from the requirements of City Planning approvals, 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 that could delay or impede the rapid deployment and or use of essential facilities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department utilize the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Statutory Exemption Section 15272 - Olympic Games - "CEQA does not apply to activities or approvals necessary to the bidding for, hosting or staging of, and funding or carrying out of, Olympic Games."

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles City Council direct the Department of Building and Safety to establish a dedicated unit to manage and expedite all development services related to Olympic and Paralympic Games projects and projects related to other major events. This unit shall coordinate all development-related services for 2028 Games projects, ensuring priority handling of all 2028 Games-related applications and projects to minimize delays and streamline the approval and construction process, providing a single point of contact, collaborating with other City departments, agencies, and external stakeholders to ensure that Olympic projects meet all requirements, tracking progress on 2028 Games related projects and reporting to the City Council and Mayor's office on an ongoing basis to ensure that timelines are being met.

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