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PROPOSED PROJECT: 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 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- Determine**, 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;
- Approve and Recommend** that the City Council adopt the proposed Zoning Code Amendment Ordinance pursuant to Section 13B.1.3.D.3. of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC);
- Adopt** the Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission's report on the subject; and
- Adopt** the attached Findings.

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PROJECT ANALYSIS

Project Summary

The City of Los Angeles will host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Games), which are scheduled to commence on July 14, 2028, and conclude with the Paralympics on August 27, 2028. With fewer than 1,000 days until the opening ceremonies, the Games are expected to be the largest event in the world attracting an estimated 15 million spectators, 5 billion viewers, and welcoming approximately 23,000 accredited media personnel. Preparations for an event of this magnitude require significant efforts well in advance of the opening ceremonies.

To ensure the successful and timely delivery of necessary infrastructure and operational needs of the Games, the City Council instructed the Department of City Planning (DCP) to develop an ordinance that would exempt certain Games-related projects from otherwise required planning entitlements, zoning regulations and conditions.

In response to the Council directive, and upon collaboration with various named departments, DCP has prepared a proposed Ordinance that would provide exemptions from planning and zoning requirements for projects essential to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Specifically, the proposed Ordinance achieves this by adding a new Subdivision 40 to Subsection 12.22 A of Article 2 of Chapter 1 and a new parallel Division 1.7 to Article 1 of Chapter 1A, both of which outline the rules and regulations whereby certain Games-related projects are exempt from planning and zoning requirements of the Zoning Code.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 149, the proposed Ordinance sunsets six months after the conclusion of the Games on February 27, 2029 and all temporary facilities must be completely removed and the area restored to a clean and safe condition by that date. The proposed Ordinance does not directly grant or authorize building permits or any certificate of occupancy. Once the planning and zoning exemption has been granted to an eligible project, the project may then proceed to the Department of Building Safety, and other relevant departments, to begin the building permit process.

Background

Council Motion- Council File 15-0989-S47

On December 13, 2024, the City Council introduced a Motion, Council File [\(CF\) 15-0989-S47](#), directing the Department of City Planning (DCP), in coordination with the other relevant departments, to prepare an ordinance to expedite the development of facilities required for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Motion proposed exempting both 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, Project 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 Games facilities.

On February 11, 2025, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee approved amended instructions related to ineligible projects, definitions of temporary and permanent infrastructure, fast tracking projects with qualifying criteria, as well as a notification process for the impacted Council office(s), and directed the DCP in coordination with other relevant departments to prepare a report with recommendations, including an accompanying draft ordinance.

On February 28, 2025, the full City Council considered the PLUM Committee Report and adopted the Motion along with five amending motions to further clarify the parameters, projects, and processes of the Ordinance as well as the resources needed to implement the regulations.

In the final Motion, the City Council directed the Department of City Planning (DCP), in coordination with the City Attorney, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Contract Administration, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the Office of Major Events and other City departments, to prepare a report with recommendations to the Council along with an accompanying draft ordinance. The ordinance would exempt Olympic and Paralympic projects from City Planning approvals, zoning regulations, and conditions that could delay or impede the rapid deployment and or use of essential facilities for the 2028 Games (Council File No. 15-0989-S47). As part of the final Motion, the City Council added instructions for DCP to “prepare a report with recommendations, including budgetary/fiscal impacts, and an accompanying draft ordinance that will not be considered until the report is prepared and considered.”

Report-Back and Conceptual Ordinance

On September 24, 2025, in response to the City Council Motion, the DCP transmitted a report-back¹. This report was accompanied by a conceptual ordinance and transmitted to the City Council for review and further policy direction.

The report outlined DCP's initial recommendations for the proposed Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance. Developed in consultation with multiple departments, these recommendations were intended to confirm and solicit additional policy guidance from Council. It also provided an overview of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It categorized anticipated project types, identified key policy considerations, and discussed the rationale for defining Olympic and Paralympic projects, as well as temporary and permanent projects. The report-back also included a conceptual draft ordinance (as Appendix B) for review by Council.

On September 30, 2025, the PLUM Committee considered the DCP report and its recommendations as outlined in the conceptual draft ordinance outlining the proposed applicability, eligibility, and procedural pathways for the exemption. Following the presentation, the PLUM Committee approved several of the recommendations contained in the report and directed the DCP to prepare a formal proposed draft ordinance for transmittal to the full City Council for consideration and adoption. The PLUM Committee's approval came with specific amendments to DCP's recommendations, which modified the list of ineligible projects listed in the conceptual draft ordinance.

On October 7, 2025, the City Council adopted the PLUM Committee's recommendations on consent, officially advancing the draft ordinance.

Overview of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Olympic Games will commence on July 14, 2028 and extend until July 30, 2028, followed by a two-week transition leading into the start of the Paralympics Games which will be held from August 14, 2028 to August 27, 2028. To provide perspective on the scope and complexity of the Games, the Organizing Committee, known as LA28, describes the Olympics/Paralympics as

¹ The September 24, 2025, report back is available through the CF-15-0989-S47 records or can be accessed using this url https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0989-S47_misc_9-24-25.pdf

“the operational equivalent of seven Super Bowls a day for 30 days,” highlighting the logistical and operational complexity of executing the Games successfully.

The Games will feature an extensive sports program, comprising 36 Olympic and 23 Paralympic Sports hosted across more than 40 competition venues in the Southern California region, and two sporting events to take place in Oklahoma². There are 15 official competition venues, as confirmed by LA28 and through the City Council’s approved Venue Plan (as detailed in CF 15-0989-S44), that are situated within the City of Los Angeles limits, with a number that remain subject to potential future changes³. Olympic and Paralympic venues fall into three categories: (1) competition venues, which host official sporting events, and non-competition venues, (2) operational infrastructure, which support Games operations, and (3) activation zones, which are non-venue sites sanctioned by the City or another government agency where the public can watch and participate in Olympic-related activities.

A key part of the City’s successful bid to host the 2028 Games was the City’s ability to not require the construction of new stadiums, arenas, and other large-scale competition facilities, and, as such, the Games have been called or referenced as a “no-build” Games. The Games will instead utilize the expansive roster of existing stadiums and arenas in the Los Angeles area, many of which were used during the 1984 Games – along with newer regional venues such as the Crypto.com Arena, BMO Stadium, the Galen Center, Intuit Dome, Peacock Theater, and SoFi Stadium. Nevertheless, while permanent venues are available, it is anticipated that some new and mainly temporary construction will be required to accommodate the large influx of visitors, athletes, and media personnel at the competition venues, non-competition venues, and activation zones. The Games’ supporting operations will include temporary and/or permanent support structures and uses such as, but not limited to, seating stages, restrooms, food concessions, wayfinding signage, shade structures, training facilities, storage areas, security installations, media and telecommunications installations, fan zones for viewing and cultural programming, and international houses or hospitality houses for Olympic nations to host events. The proposed Ordinance is designed to help streamline the approval of such projects in the lead up to the Games given the importance of these world games locally and to the State of California.

State and Local Provisions

State Regulations – Assembly Bill 149

On September 17, 2025, California Assembly Bill 149 (AB) 149 was signed into law, amending the Environmental Quality Division of the Public Resources Code (PRC) and thereby broadening the statutory exemption available under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The bill broadened the CEQA exemption for activities related to the bidding, hosting, staging, funding, and carrying out the Olympic Games to include, specifically, the Paralympic Games, and also extended the exemption that previously covered non-construction impacts to cover all temporary facility impacts for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. AB 149 also added a new section to Public Resource Code Section 30612.5, which exempts temporary development within the Coastal Zone associated with the Games from the requirement to obtain a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) in coordination with the California Coastal Commission and LA28.

² Official 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Plan is available on the LA28 website here: <https://la28.org/en/games-plan.html>

³ Amendments to the City’s Venue Plan can be found in CF15-0989-S44 here: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0989-S44>

Under AB 149, temporary facilities must be completely removed and the area restored to a clean and safe condition within six months after the conclusion of the Games. The proposed Ordinance comports with this six-month period with a specific date of removal of temporary facilities and restoration to original condition by February 27, 2029, after which the provisions of the proposed Ordinance would be null and void and any unpermitted construction or operations would be subject to the existing provisions of the City's Code, including Code Enforcement.

Mayor's Executive Directive 16

On October 17, 2025 – exactly 1,000 days before the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games – Mayor Karen Bass issued Executive Directive No. 16 (ED 16), Building a “Games for All”⁴. The directive articulated the City’s overall vision for the Games and mandated several immediate actions, including cross-departmental cooperation, prioritization of preparation, streamlined permitting, and the acceleration of key projects. Importantly, the directive also required that the DCP schedule the proposed Ordinance to the City Planning Commission (CPC) and transmit the recommendations of the Commission to the City’s Council File Management System (CFMS) for City Council consideration within 50 business days of the Executive Directive.

Following the issuance of the Mayor’s Executive Directive, the DCP released an initial draft of the proposed Ordinance on November 6, 2025, for public review and feedback inclusive of the modifications made by the PLUM Committee (**Exhibit B**). The November 2025 release also included minor text adjustments and revisions to key areas, particularly regarding applicability, relationship with other zoning provisions, and the planning and zoning exemption which remain in the revised Ordinance. The revised proposed Ordinance, dated December 30, 2025 is the version that is before the CPC and to which this recommendation report is applicable.

Proposed Ordinance

The revised proposed Ordinance, included herein as **Exhibit A**, amends the Zoning Code by adding a new Subdivision to Section 12.22 of Chapter I and a new parallel Division to Article 1 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in order to outline the exemption of Olympic and Paralympic Projects to ensure the successful and timely delivery of the Games.

The Ordinance was developed in key collaboration with the LADBS, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the Mayor’s Office of Major Events (OME), and the Office of the City Attorney.

Under the proposed Ordinance, an eligible project would receive relief from planning and zoning requirements. This regulatory relief would be available for projects on private property under the DCP’s zoning authority beginning on the effective date of the Ordinance, continuing through the Games and sunsetting six months after the conclusion of the Games. All temporary projects would be required to be dismantled within six months after the conclusion of the Games, by February 27, 2029. The following provides an overview for the various sections of the proposed Ordinance.

Intent

The intent provisions clarify that the intent of the Subdivision in Chapter I and the Section in Chapter 1A 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.

⁴ Executive Directive NO. 16, Building a “Games for All”. City of Los Angeles, Office of Mayor Karen Bass, Issue Date: October 17, 2025. <https://mayor.lacity.gov/ExecutiveDirectives>

Applicability

The applicability provisions declare that the new provisions are strictly temporary, and have a sunset date that dictates the provisions shall have no further force and effect after February 27, 2029. Upon the conclusion of the sunset date, LADBS would be immediately empowered to enforce all applicable provisions of the Zoning Code or the conditions of any applicable entitlement grant, against any non-compliant structures or land uses that have not been removed or reverted to their previously entitled status, ensuring a complete return to standard City regulations.

To qualify for the streamlining, a project must meet specific applicability requirements starting with the requirement that the project must be an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project as defined in the Ordinance. All eligible projects must be determined to be essential to the coordination and execution of the 2028 Games. The zoning exemption applies to applicants of new construction, additions, alterations or repairs, grading, on-site signage, retaining/fence walls, swimming pools, use of land, and change of use permits. The applicability requirements also outline project types that are not eligible for the streamlining, including large-scale cable-guided transportation projects or aerial mobility projects, LA Metro 28 by 28 Light Rail projects, previously disapproved projects, hotel uses, modifications to projects containing restricted affordable units, demolition of housing, demolition or permanent and substantial alterations of a designated historic resource, and alteration of a designated historic resource without the proper planning clearance. Furthermore, the applicability requirements clarify that Olympic and Paralympic Projects are not exempt from Measure HLA, required mobility improvements, or Special Event Permitting requirements pursuant to LAMC 41.20.

Relationship to Zoning Provisions

Specific language is also included regarding the relationship to other zoning provisions in the Zoning Code.

Definitions

The proposed Ordinance defines four key terms to classify projects seeking the exemption. The following definitions aim to narrow the potential pool of projects to those intended to serve the City's goals of preparing for the Games. They are as follows:

- **Olympic and/or Paralympic Project** is defined as “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. This overarching category is then categorized into two types based on duration.”
- **Temporary Project** is defined as “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 a set February 27, 2029.”
- **Permanent Project** is defined as “an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project built or implemented for the Games and intended to remain after the conclusion of the Games.”
- **Games** is defined as “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.”

Eligibility

The eligibility provisions specify that Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects seeking planning and zoning exemption must either be a Temporary Project located at an approved competition venue in the City's Official Venue Plan for the 2028 Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, or a Temporary Project at a noncompetition venue cleared by three City Liaisons identified in the Games Agreement: the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the Mayor's Office of Major Events (OME). By including the City Liaisons, the Ordinance seeks to provide further safeguards to determine consensus within City government that a proposed project is truly necessary for the staging of the Games.

With regards to Permanent Projects, the proposed Ordinance requires that eligibility for the planning and zoning exemption must be granted via a City Council Resolution process. This provides a discretionary process with public notice, comments, and vote by City Council. This permanent pathway could be utilized by projects that have previously received temporary relief, as well as those making an initial request for permanent relief.

Planning and Zoning Exemption

This section of the proposed Ordinance outlines the exemption granted by the ordinance. The Ordinance provides comprehensive planning and zoning relief by exempting eligible Games-related projects on private lots from standard planning and zoning regulations. As part of the exemption any existing conditions tied to a prior planning entitlement approval would also be suspended for the duration of the relief.

This relief provided by the proposed Ordinance is strictly temporary, lasting only the duration of the Ordinance's provisions or the term of a temporary permit per LAMC Section 91.106.1.3, under the authority of LADBS, whichever period is longer, unless permanent relief is granted through the Process for Permanent Projects as described in the proposed Ordinance.

While the proposed Ordinance would waive planning and zoning review, it does not waive building permit requirements. Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects must apply and obtain all necessary City permits and pay applicable fees, ensuring that both Temporary and Permanent Projects meet structural and fire and life safety requirements. Additionally, any project that is ineligible for the planning and zoning exemption may still pursue any necessary discretionary entitlements, reviews, and approvals through the standard DCP processes.

In addition, this section of the Ordinance grants provisions for temporary signage to be displayed and operational from January 1, 2028 to October 27, 2028. Such temporary signage will be necessary to support official Games operations, wayfinding, public information, and authorized sponsorship and branding that will be integral to the financial success and delivery of the Games. All signs shall be reverted to their pre-project entitlement status and/or site condition by October 27, 2028. Additional provisions detail luminance and operational standards.

Process for a Temporary Project

The process for a Temporary Project is an administrative process that provides the most direct and expedited route to the exemption. If a Temporary Project meets the applicability requirements, falls within the definition of a Temporary Project, and is located within an approved venue (as defined in the City's Official Venue Plan) or is administratively cleared by the City Liaisons (as identified in the Games Agreement which include the CAO, CLA, and OME) if outside of an approved venue, it can proceed directly to LADBS for permitting. Applicants seeking the relief will be required to submit a formal application to determine applicability and eligibility. Applications for a Temporary Project must be submitted by August 27, 2028. Upon permit filing, LADBS must notify the affected Council Office(s) in which the project is located, and a project summary must be posted for a minimum of five calendar days before a permit can be issued. All Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects must be transmitted to the Council File Management System (CFMS) for public record upon permit clearance.

Process for a Permanent Project

Permanent Projects seeking permanent planning and zoning relief must be approved through a City Council Resolution process that involves a public hearing and the adoption of specified findings for projects intending to remain after the Games. Any Permanent Project seeking permanent relief must still meet the applicability requirements in the proposed Ordinance. An application must be submitted and City Council Resolution adopted before February 27, 2029.

The process requires that the Council make specific findings, including that the project meets the definition of an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project, that the project is in substantial conformance with findings from any applicable previous entitlements, 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, and that the project will be beneficial to the community and will have a lasting benefit beyond the Games. If all of these findings are made, the Council may adopt a resolution granting the Permanent Project eligibility for the Ordinance's streamlining provisions. A City Council Resolution granting permanent relief for a Permanent Project shall be sent to the CFMS for public record.

Since the November 2025 proposed Ordinance, minor changes were made to correct typographical errors and reflect additional feedback from relevant named Departments, namely LADBS. The following bullets provide a summary of the changes:

- Minor text edits to address typographical and numbering errors to ensure readability.
- Removing text from Subsection (c) of Section 12.22 A.40 and Subsection 3 of Division 1.7, respectively related to the exemption from Coastal Development Permits given that planning and identification of all temporary events and temporary development in the Coastal Zone shall be coordinated between the California Coastal Commission and LA 28, pursuant to PRC 30612.5 (c) rather than at the local level.

Designated Historic Resources

Several competition venues are designated as historic resources, including the 1932 Pool and the LA Memorial Coliseum in Exposition Park. To protect and safeguard the City's historic resources, the proposed Ordinance specifies that certain projects are ineligible for exemption. These ineligible projects include any project involving Demolition (as defined in Sec. 13B.8., Historic Preservation) or permanent and substantial alterations of a designated historic resource. In addition, any alteration of a designated historic resource performed without the appropriate planning clearance, pursuant to Div. 13B.8. (Historic Preservation), is ineligible. The provisions of the Ordinance require an administrative review and clearance from the Office of Historic Resources (OHR) before any project involving a designated historic resource can be granted the exemption and move forward with permitting.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The proposed Ordinance is a direct response to City Council instruction in an effort to prepare for the Games and based on the public feedback and interdepartmental coordination, staff recommends that the CPC approve the proposed 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance (proposed Ordinance) and determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(7) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15272.

The proposed Ordinance is an important step in preparing the City to effectively host the 2028 Games. It will support the deployment of essential facilities and uses needed for the successful delivery of the Games. Additionally, the proposed Ordinance is expected to improve public access and expand mobility options during the Games, as much of the supporting infrastructure will prioritize the user and fan experience. Overall, this effort will strengthen the City's capacity to serve as a successful host and help generate economic benefits for all Angelenos.

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.

Framework Element - Economic Development (Chapter 7)
Objective 7.6: Improve the provision of governmental services, expedite the administrative processing of development applications, and minimize public and private development application cost.
Policy 7.4.1: Develop and maintain a streamlined development review process to assure the City's competitiveness within the Southern California region.
Policy 7.4.2: Maximize opportunities for "by-right" development.
Policy 7.4.5: 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.

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 income⁵. 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.

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

Framework Element - Infrastructure and Public Services

Goal 9J Every neighborhood has the necessary level of fire protection service, emergency medical service (EMS) and infrastructure.

Goal 9I Every neighborhood in the City has the necessary police services, facilities, equipment, and manpower required to provide the public safety needs of that neighborhood.

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.

Framework Element

Goal 90 - 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.

Objective 9.35 Create an integrated information telecommunications infrastructure system, using existing and privately and publicly-owned networks and systems as a base for growth.

Objective 9.36 Stimulate economic growth and development through the expanded and improved delivery of advanced telecommunications services.

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.

Framework Element - Resource Conservation and Management
Goal 4 – Protect important cultural and historical sites and resources for historical, cultural, research, and community educational purposes.
Policy 4.1: continue to protect historic and cultural sites and/or resources potentially affected by proposed land development, demolition or property modification activities
Framework Element - Land Use
Objective 3.17 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 Paralympics 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.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Participation/Outreach

Public comment and feedback for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance ([CF 15-0989-S47](#)) were provided during the adoption process of the original motions at various PLUM Committee and Council Meetings, including City Council meetings on December 13, 2024, February 28, 2025, and October 7, 2025, and PLUM meetings on February 11, 2025 and September 30, 2025. Several comments, including from Certified Neighborhood Councils, were submitted to the Council File highlighting both opposition and support for the ordinance.

On November 6, 2025 the Department of City Planning released an e-blast with the proposed Ordinance to various interested parties including to Certified Neighborhood Councils/Alliances and Council Offices. An update to the proposed land use webpage on the City Planning Website was also added for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Zoning Exemption Ordinance and included a fact sheet (in both English and Spanish), and the Report Back from September 2025. The e-blast was sent out to 9,615 email addresses.

An email address dedicated to the proposed Ordinance was also established to receive public comments and written comments were solicited to inform the Staff Recommendation Report starting on November 6. Staff received several communications to this email inbox regarding the proposed Ordinance. A summary of submitted comments in both the Council File and email inbox is included in the next section.

The required public hearing to receive public testimony for the proposed Ordinance will be held during the City Planning Commission (CPC) meeting on January 8, 2026, before consideration by the CPC.

Summary of Public Comments

The proposed Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance, which aims to expedite the development of projects critical to preparations for the 2028 Games, has generated a wide range of public sentiment, with a majority of the submitted correspondence in opposition.

Proponents of the Ordinance have emphasized that the streamlining provisions are essential to facilitate the permitting and development process for projects necessary for the successful execution of the Games. Opponents have highlighted concerns regarding certain projects causing disruption and weakening of neighborhood character. Additionally, opponents cite that the Games was proposed as a “No Build” Olympics with enough existing infrastructure and the City ample time to permit projects through the regular permitting process, calling into question the need for an expedited process. Opponents have also expressed concerns regarding a perceived lack of transparency, insufficient public input, and the possibility that some projects under the scope of the proposed ordinance would not be Games-related.

To date, 11 Certified Neighborhood Councils have submitted Community Impact Statements (CIS) to the Council File (CF 15-0989-S47). All but two of these Neighborhood Councils opposed the Ordinance. The main concerns were that the Ordinance could lead to a lack of transparency, public input, and community engagement as certain Games related projects would not be subject to planning and zoning review.

Despite opposing comments, some stakeholders view the Ordinance as a necessary tool that can help avoid the administrative delays and ensure that essential infrastructure for the Games

can be delivered on schedule. The North Westwood and Rampart Village Neighborhood Councils voiced their support for the Ordinance, stressing that the anticipated high demand on City agencies and staff could jeopardize Los Angeles's ability to deliver a world-class Olympics on time. They argued that the City must grant exemptions from City Planning approvals and zoning regulations to accelerate the development of critical venues, transportation systems, and other necessary facilities. This expedited approach is viewed as essential for ensuring the timely, successful, and sustainable delivery of the required infrastructure, meeting international expectations, and hosting an accessible event for a global audience. Overall, while public concerns have been raised about transparency and community impacts, the Ordinance is seen by proponents as an important regulatory mechanism that can help the City meet its commitments and better prepare to host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Correspondence

Public comments received involved individualized concerns regarding the overall ordinance, including comments on the Council Motions, the conceptual draft ordinance, and the proposed draft Ordinance. Several of the public comments expressed concerns about transparency, the potential to disregard established zoning practices, and the possibility that the Ordinance could allow certain projects such as the Gondola at Dodger Stadium or ariel transportation projects to proceed without planning review. Many of these initial comments were taken into consideration by the Council in February 2025 when the Motions were before them for consideration prior to providing final instructions to the DCP. Additionally, below are a list of issues and opportunities that have been highlighted in comments received. Comments to the conceptual draft and comments to the initial proposed ordinance were similar, consisting of comments regarding transparency, as well as concerns regarding specific projects such as the Conceptual Dodger Stadium Gondola Project and Air Taxis.

Concerns

- **Transparency and Public Input.** Public comments were received expressing concerns related to transparency, public input, and community engagement. The overarching concern centered on the assumption that the ordinance could create a comprehensive blanket exemption for all Games-related projects, potentially granting relief from planning and zoning regulations to projects whose connection or actual relevance to the Games may be limited or unclear.
- **Gondola.** Many public comments were submitted with concerns regarding the conceptual Gondola or Dodger Stadium Gondola project. In response, the amended Council instructions adopted on February 28, 2025 specifically directed the DCP to ensure that the proposed planning and zoning exemption does not apply to any large-scale, permanent cable-guided transportation projects or their associated infrastructure to prohibit any gondola or gondola-like projects from being eligible for the exemption. The current Proposed Ordinance incorporates these directions in its provisions that explicitly state that such projects are ineligible for the planning and zoning relief under the Proposed Ordinance.
- **Air Taxis.** There were a small number of comments with concerns regarding Air Taxis. The conceptual draft ordinance released on October 24, 2025, included provisions that added aerial mobility projects to the list of ineligible project types, and the current Proposed Ordinance retains these provisions. These provisions make any "aerial mobility project" ineligible for the streamlining provided by the proposed Ordinance. Any Air Taxi or similar aerial mobility project, such as a landing pad for an Air Taxi, must apply via the standard planning entitlement and permitting process.

EXHIBIT A

REVISED PROPOSED ORDINANCE (JANUARY 2026)

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 existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals and all planning and zoning regulations are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this Subdivision or the temporary permit per LAMC Section 91.106.1.3. (Temporary Permit), whichever is greater, 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 permit application with the Department of Building and Safety.
- (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 existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals and all planning and zoning regulations are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this *Section* or the temporary permit per *Chapter IX. (Building Regulations)*, Sec. 91.106.1.3. (*Temporary Permit*) of this Code, whichever is greater, 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 permit application with the Department of Building and Safety.
- 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 *prcject* 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 *prcject* 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 Prcject*), above, seeking Permanent Project status shall pursue City Council Resolution as outlined below.

a. Review Process

A *prcject* seeking eligibility through City Council Resolution must meet all the applicability requirements in Subsection B. (Applicability), above. *Prjects* 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 *prcject'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, 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. “½” instead of “one-half”, and 1½ instead of “one and ½”).

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.

EXHIBIT B

INITIAL PROPOSED ORDINANCE (NOVEMBER 8, 2025)

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 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.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill149 temporary construction or installation of physical facilities, structures, or venues, located within the Coastal Zone, shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Div. 13B.9. (Coastal Development) provided that such development is removed and the site restored to a clean and safe condition no later than December 31, 2028.

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.
 - (i) 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 a dwelling 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 districts/dwelling under Chapter 1A.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (iv) 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 existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals and all planning and zoning regulations are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this Subdivision or the temporary permit per LAMC Section 91.106.1.3. (Temporary Permit), whichever is greater, 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 permit application with the Department of Building and Safety.
- (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 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 City Planning Department.
- (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. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 149 temporary construction or installation of physical facilities, structures, or venues, located within the *Coastal Zone*, shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to *Div. 13B.9. (Coastal Development)* provided that such development is removed and the site restored to a clean and safe condition no later than December 31, 2028.
3. 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 in a *Residential Use District* (Div. 5B.3.), *Residential-Mixed Use District* (Div. 5B.4.) that have a *dwelling*, or lots adjoining these districts that have a dwelling, or residential lots zoned under Chapter I that have 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 districts/dwelling or zone/residential building under Chapter I.
- 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 existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals and all planning and zoning regulations are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this *Section* or the temporary permit per *Chapter IX. (Building Regulations)*, Sec. 91.106.1.3. (*Temporary Permit*) of this Code, whichever is greater, 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 permit application with the Department of Building and Safety.

- 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 *prcject* 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 *prcject* 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 Prcject*), 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 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, 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. “½” instead of “one-half”, and 1½ instead of “one and ½”).
- 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.

EXHIBIT C

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION AND JUSTIFICATION (ENV-2025-6190-SE)

COUNTY CLERK'S USE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 395
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS Citywide Zoning Code Amendment		SCH NUMBER 2025120661
LEAD CITY AGENCY City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)		CASE NUMBER ENV-2025-6190-SE
PROJECT TITLE 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance		COUNCIL DISTRICT All
PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map) Citywide		<input type="checkbox"/> Map attached.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Zoning Code Amendment to Chapter I and Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to exempt certain Games related projects from planning and zoning requirements of the Zoning Code in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.		
NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER: N/A		
CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above) Diego E. Janacula Cortez	(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER 213-978-1657	EXT.
EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)		
STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S) Public Resources Code Section(s) Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15272 - Olympic Games; and Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(7)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33) CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b)) _____		

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional page(s) attached
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<input type="checkbox"/> None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.
<input type="checkbox"/> The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.

If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

CITY STAFF USE ONLY:

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE
Diego Janacula CortezDigitally signed by Diego E. Janacula Cortez
Date: 2025.12.15 16:33:01 -08'00'STAFF TITLE
City Planner

ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED

JUSTIFICATION FOR CEQA EXEMPTION

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance (Ordinance), ENV-2025-6190-SE, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(7) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15272 – *Olympic Games*.

PRC Section 21080(b)(7) reads:

- (7)(A) Activities or approvals for the bidding, hosting or staging of, and funding of, an Olympic Games and a Paralympic Games under the authority of the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee, except for the construction of facilities necessary for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games.
- (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the division does not apply to the construction of temporary facilities for the 2028 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. For purposes of this subparagraph, "temporary facility" means a facility that will be completely removed and the area restored to a clean and safe condition within six months after the end of the 2028 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.
- (C) Any confirmed changes to the locations of the competition venues of the 2028 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games venue plan, pursuant to the host city contract and games agreement with the City of Los Angeles, shall be noticed publicly on the organizing committee's official internet website and shall be noticed in a newspaper or other medium of general circulation in the local jurisdiction notifying the public of the change in location of the venue.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15272 reads:

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 under the authority of the International Olympic Committee, except for the construction of facilities necessary for such Olympic Games. If the facilities are required by the International Olympic Committee as a condition of being awarded the Olympic Games, the lead agency need not discuss the "no project" alternative in an EIR with respect to those 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.¹

¹ AB 149 also added a new section to Public Resource Code Section 30612.5, which exempts all Games-related temporary development in the Coastal Zone from the requirements to obtain a local coastal development permit under the Coastal Act. The coastal exemption remains in effect until December 31, 2028.

The Ordinance is exempt under PRC Section 21080(b)(7) because the City of Los Angeles will be hosting the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games starting on July 14 and concluding on July 30, 2028, and the Paralympic Games starting on August 15, 2028, and concluding on August 27, 2028. The Ordinance amends the Zoning Code to establish exemptions from existing requirements for certain temporary and permanent projects necessary to carry out the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. The project amends the City's processes and will facilitate development of facilities to host the Olympics but does not require or involve any particular construction project. Any permanent physical development or construction of facilities needed for the Games would remain subject to CEQA review unless separately exempt under other provisions of the CEQA Guidelines. The Ordinance does not change the zoning or land use designation of any properties. Instead, it establishes clear definitions, procedures, and administrative pathways that are intended to facilitate the supporting activities needed for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Because the Ordinance would allow the City to streamline administrative procedures to facilitate the hosting/staging and carrying out of the Games under the authority of the International Olympic Committee, as such it qualifies for the statutory exemption under CEQA pursuant to PRC Section 21080(b)(7) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15272. For this reason, the Department of City Planning concludes that CEQA does not apply and that no further environmental review is required for the adoption of the Proposed Ordinance.