

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Olympic/Paralympic Zoning Exemption.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the recommendations contained in the Department of City Planning (DCP) report dated September 24, 2025, attached to the Council file with amendments to **delete** Recommendation Nos. 1g iii, 1g iv, and 1g ix and to **add** Recommendation Nos. 1g x and 1g xi:

- a. The draft ordinance define Olympic/Paralympic projects as follows:

"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."

- b. The draft ordinance define temporary projects as:

"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."

- c. The draft ordinance define permanent projects as:

"An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project built or implemented for the Games and intended to remain after the conclusion of the Games."

- d. The draft ordinance provide a planning and zoning exemption for temporary projects and land uses that are sanctioned projects, cleared by the Mayor's Office of Major Events, City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in consultation with other governmental agencies and/or LA28, directly tied to the successful delivery of the Games.

- e. The draft ordinance establish a specific timeframe or application window for seeking the exemption for temporary and permanent projects as follows:

Temporary projects can pursue the granting of the zoning exemption prior to and during the Games, and are expected to terminate the temporary use, remove any installation, and restore the site within six months after the conclusion of the 2028 Games.

Permanent projects can pursue the granting of the planning and zoning exemption before, during, and up to six months after the conclusion of the Games.

- f. The draft ordinance exemption remain in full force and effect six months after the conclusion of the Games, allowing projects seeking permanent planning and zoning relief to be considered for City Council resolution approval.

- g. The draft ordinance identify specific project types to be excluded from the exemption provided under the ordinance. Proposed exclusions are as follows:

- i. Large-scale cable-guided transportation projects or aerial mobility projects
- ii. LA Metro 28 by 28 Light Rail projects
- ~~iii. Measure HLA Mobility Improvements~~
- ~~iv. Off-site signage on private property outside of an approved Sign District~~
- v. Demolition of housing
- vi. Modifications of housing projects with existing covenants
- vii. Previously disapproved projects
- viii. Demolition, removal, or permanent and substantial alterations of a Designated Historic Resource
- ~~ix. Special Event Permitting requirements pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.20~~
- x. Add exclusions for Hotels as defined in LAMC 200.41 as a Permanent project
- xi. Add language to clarify that Temporary or Permanent projects that are exempted under the ordinance are not exempt from either:
 - Measure HLA Mobility Improvements that would otherwise be triggered by the project;
 - or
 - Special Event Permitting requirements pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.20.
- h. The draft ordinance establish a defined set of eligibility or qualifying criteria, utilizing objective standards, that would determine whether a project is eligible for zoning relief under Pathway 1, for administrative approval.
- i. The draft ordinance establish a City Council Resolution process by which the Council could add permanent or legacy projects to be eligible for zoning relief, under Pathway 2.
- j. The Department of City Planning (DCP) and the Department of Building and Safety, in coordination with the Office of Major Events, CLA, and CAO, establish a Council notification process for temporary permits issued through the planning and zoning exemption under the ordinance.
- k. City Planning staff continue to coordinate with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Public Works, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the Mayor's Office and other governmental agencies to determine whether any anticipated mobility, pedestrian, multimodal, or wayfinding projects for the 2028 Games are subject to planning and zoning review and would benefit from the proposed ordinance.
- l. The draft ordinance rely on the Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Olympic Games, provided under State law as the necessary CEQA clearance for the ordinance's approval, and that the ordinance's planning and zoning exemption would ensure ministerial approval of Games-related temporary projects.

2. DIRECT the DCP, in coordination with the City Attorney and other relevant departments, to refine the conceptual ordinance and prepare a proposed ordinance for consideration by the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC), and thereafter, the City Council as amended by the committee.
3. DIRECT the DCP to schedule the ordinance for its review in an October 2025 LACPC meeting.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Winnetka Neighborhood Council

Against:
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Studio City Neighborhood Council

For If Amended:
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a special meeting held on September 30, 2025, the PLUM Committee considered a DCP report and recommendations relative to the Olympic/Paralympic Zoning Exemption. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the DCP report with amendments to delete Recommendation Nos. 1g iii, 1g iv, and 1g ix and to add Recommendation Nos. 1g x and 1g xi; direct the DCP to refine the conceptual ordinance and prepare a proposed ordinance; and direct the DCP to schedule the ordinance for its review in an October 2025 LACPC meeting. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES
LEE:	YES
RAMAN:	ABSENT

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