

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Olympic movement, founded in 1894 by Pierre de Coubertin, is a global symbol of the pursuit of excellence, unity, and peace through sport, committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, fairness, and respect; and

WHEREAS, the core values of the Olympic movement include friendship, respect, and excellence are intended to ensure that athletes of all nations compete on a level playing field, free from corruption, exploitation, and injustice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has long been a proud advocate for the Olympic Games, having hosted the 1932 and 1984 Summer Olympics, and now preparing to host the 2028 Summer Olympics, reinforcing its commitment to these ideals; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles community and its leaders are committed to ensuring that the Olympic Games remain a force for good and leave a legacy of sportsmanship, and human dignity for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Casey Wasserman, Chair of the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games, is a prominent leader and influential figure in the sports and entertainment industry and holds a position of significant responsibility in guiding the success and integrity of the 2028 Games; and

WHEREAS, recent reports have indicated that Mr. Wasserman's name has been associated with materials released in connection with the Jeffrey Epstein investigation, raising public concern and questions that warrant clarity and transparency; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Epstein was responsible for heinous crimes involving the exploitation of vulnerable individuals, conduct that stands in stark contrast to the Olympic movement's commitment to moral leadership, accountability and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles, as a host city of the 2028 Games, bears a special responsibility to promote the highest ethical standards among those in leadership roles connected to the Games, fostering a culture of transparency and trust; and

WHEREAS, while the City Council recognizes the importance of due process and individual rights, it is also essential that leadership of the 2028 Games reflect and reinforce public trust and confidence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council reaffirms its commitment to the core values of the Olympic movement, including excellence, respect, integrity, accountability and transparency in leadership as the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games belong to the people of Los Angeles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council expresses concern regarding the potential conflict between the Olympic movement's values and Casey Wasserman's association with the

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Epstein files, and calls for a thorough and transparent review of his involvement in the ongoing investigations into these matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council urges the LA 28 Organizing Committee, and the International Olympic Committee, to ensure that all leadership roles are held by individuals who consistently reflect the Olympic movement's commitment to integrity, accountability, and respect for all people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council pledges to work collaboratively with community leaders, sports organizations, and stakeholders to ensure that the 2028 Games in Los Angeles serve as a global model of fairness, justice, and honor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the LA28 Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, and all relevant parties involved in the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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