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The City of Los Angeles is preparing to host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which will bring unprecedented international attention, economic opportunity, and mobility challenges. Ensuring efficient and diversified modes of transportation - particularly those that reduce congestion on City streets and freeways - will be critical to successfully managing the influx of visitors, athletes, and dignitaries.

Helicopter operations are already an essential part of the Los Angeles Fire Department's emergency response and public safety network. However, the City also possesses numerous helipads that, with proper regulation and oversight, could serve as valuable infrastructure to support private, commercial, and emergency uses alike. Expanding controlled access to these facilities could enhance economic development, encourage public-private partnerships, and stimulate the emerging urban air mobility sector, all while maintaining the City's high safety and environmental standards.

Opening select helipads for private use - particularly during major international events like the 2028 Olympics - could provide additional transportation options for critical personnel, media, and logistics operations, helping alleviate surface traffic while fostering innovation in next-generation air transit.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety and the Department of City Planning, with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles World Airports, and the City Attorney, to report back within 90 days on the steps necessary to allow or expand private access to existing helicopter pads across the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report should include an inventory of existing helipads, their ownership, and operational status; zoning, safety, and environmental considerations related to shared or private use; identification of locations that could support expanded helicopter access for economic development and major event logistics, including the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; recommendations for updating permitting and regulatory frameworks to support public-private collaboration while maintaining public safety; and strategies to ensure community engagement and minimize potential impacts on residential neighborhoods.

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