

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Paloma Bustos with the Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Loyola Law School. I am writing in opposition to Item 9. Much of the planning around the Olympics has focused on policing and enforcement. We are concerned that this approach can lead to more criminalization of communities already heavily impacted by policing, including immigrants, unhoused people, workers, youth, and trafficking survivors. We urge the City to invest in a public health approach instead of expanding funding for more policing. That means investing in prevention, early support, and trusted community-based organizations. These organizations can provide worker education, outreach, legal help, housing support, and services for communities at risk of trafficking and exploitation. If Los Angeles is serious about preventing harm during the Olympics, funding should go toward prevention and community-based support, not more policing. So, we urge the City to invest in prevention and community-based responses.