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Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Reference: City Obligations and Preparations Related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Dear Members of the LA City Council,

On behalf of the [Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative \(SJI\)](#), I am writing to highlight the importance of integrating anti-trafficking and anti-exploitation prevention into the City's discussions regarding costs, responsibilities, and Host City obligations tied to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As the City evaluates its financial obligations and negotiations with LA28, prevention efforts should be recognized as a core component of public safety, public health, labor protections, and community well-being. Large-scale international events can increase vulnerabilities to labor exploitation, wage theft, trafficking, unsafe working conditions, and other forms of harm, particularly for immigrant communities, low-wage workers, youth, and individuals already facing economic instability.

The financial burden of prevention and response should not fall solely on already under-resourced City departments, community-based organizations, or nonprofit service providers. City negotiations and agreements with LA28 should include dedicated funding and commitments for:

- anti-trafficking prevention and public awareness efforts,
- worker protections and labor rights enforcement,
- culturally responsive outreach and safe reporting mechanisms,
- community-based and survivor-informed prevention strategies,
- training for frontline systems and workers,
- and support services for individuals impacted by exploitation and trafficking.

Without dedicated prevention funding and infrastructure established before the Games, the City may later absorb significantly greater social and financial costs through emergency response systems, public health systems, victim services, homelessness services, labor enforcement systems, and the criminal legal system. Prevention and early intervention are not only critical public safety measures, but also fiscally responsible investments that can reduce long-term harm and strain on City resources.



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SJI's report, *[Preventing and Addressing Human Trafficking Related to Major Sporting Events in Los Angeles: Recommendations for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics](#)*, stresses the importance of prevention planning, survivor-informed responses, labor protections, and public education efforts ahead of mega-events such as the World Cup and Olympics. As the City continues discussions regarding its responsibilities and agreements related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, these considerations should be incorporated into planning and funding decisions from the outset to help reduce harm, strengthen community safety, and avoid placing additional strain on already under-resourced systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

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