

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Phyllis Ling

**Date Submitted:** 02/10/2025 02:33 PM

**Council File No:** 15-0989-S47

**Comments for Public Posting:** The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games were awarded over SEVEN YEARS AGO and promoted as “NO-BUILD” games. The lack of progress by the games organizers, both in the private and public sector, should not be used as an excuse to weaken regulations that protect our communities from exploitative and damaging developments. The proposal raises several concerns: 1. What is the process for determining whether a project is essential for the "no-build" Olympics? 2. What criteria would be used to determine which projects qualify for these wide-ranging exemptions? 3. What other “major events” would qualify projects for these exemptions? This proposal introduces many opportunities for abuse. Major, permanent, development projects that would dramatically alter our neighborhoods, such as the LAART Dodger Stadium gondola boondoggle, could be forced on our communities without essential planning review and community engagement at the city-level. Our local electeds have to stop bending to the will of billionaire developers. Our communities are not for sale.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert Reyes Villagómez

**Date Submitted:** 02/10/2025 03:55 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in CD 1 and Traci Park does not speak for me as the motion's verbiage suggests. As a member of "the public", I disagree that expediting the building of temporary/permanent training facilities, venues, security perimeters, media centers and fan zones are in my interest. We the citizens of Los Angeles will have to live with the essential pieces of sustainable urban planning and infrastructure investment that would be the result of the Olympics. We have just had whole neighborhoods wiped off the map by fires. We have had a homelessness crisis for decades. CEQA is a vital tool to ensure that YOUR CONSTITUENTS are not exposed to unnecessary environmental pollution that comes from construction and development. This does not even include the thousands of people who fly from across the world into our city. As a global community, we are pushing past 2 Celsius increased global warming and I urge you to not endorse the destruction of our world. I did not vote to have the Olympics, and if afforded the opportunity I would have voted no. Los Angeles has too many crises to host an event for the world's wealthy and be a stage for nationalistic interests. Our city is not a playground for the wealthy. This motion is shameful to use the guise of affordable housing and then speak to only the development for GAMES and exempt themselves from accountability. I urge you to uphold that Los Angeles residents have a right to quality environment and reject this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tany Ling

**Date Submitted:** 02/10/2025 04:49 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To Councilmembers Park and Nazarian, This is supposed to be a NO BUILD Olympics since the LA region has scores of sporting venues at the ready. Why then are you proposing exemptions, fast tracking, and minimal oversight for new projects? Please tell us who these new projects will benefit because it's surely not us everyday folks. The 2-week long Olympic games and Paralympics, exceptional in their own right, are not good reasons to give cover to developers who want to build without scrutiny. Oversight and standards exist to protect all parties involved, including the City, taxpayers, residents, and the developers. Do not vote to relax the protections we rely on. Do not allow billionaire developers to sneak in unwanted and unnecessary projects like a gondola faux-transportation ride under the umbrella of Olympics welfare. There exist smarter alternatives. This is an opportunity for LA City Council to show that it stands for the people. Tany Ling, Los Angeles resident

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**Name:** Matthew S

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Juan Lamata

**Date Submitted:** 02/10/2025 06:15 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging the Council to vote NO on Item 7, an absurd motion to exempt ANY Olympics-related development from ALL City Planning approval processes. LA's Olympics organizers promised a "no-build" Olympics. The idea that city officials are now turning around and saying that not only do we need to build, but that we need to exempt these building projects from our primary oversight mechanisms is a shameful bait-and-switch. The motion lists temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, media centers, and transit infrastructure as possible examples of the type of building projects that should be exempt. These projects are significant construction projects that may have long-term impacts on their neighborhoods and the city. It is unacceptable to exempt them from regular planning processes.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this motion as it violates due process for the people of the city, and further perpetuates environmental harm by bypassing CEQA and environmental testing requirements. This motion only favors predatory developers, which is the opposite of the "no build games" as the olympics have been advertised. This motion will open the doors to gentrification, building the gondola, and creating luxury housing that no one will be able to afford. I oppose expediting predatory developments and omitting public participation

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Casey Wong

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**Comments for Public Posting:** After the damage post fires, we need to focus on rebuilding LA with long-lasting, affordable and sustainable development NOT bulldozing through regular planning processes for a tourist attraction like the Olympics. The motion lists temporary and permanent venues, training facilities, media centers, and transit infrastructure as possible examples of the type of building projects that should be exempt. These projects are significant construction projects that may have long-term impacts on their neighborhoods and the city. It is unacceptable to exempt them from regular planning processes. The 2028 Olympics were designated for LA back in 2017 — an unprecedented 11 years before the Olympics. Angelenos shouldn't have to pay the price for LA28 organizers' incompetence with hastily designed projects with unvetted environmental and social impacts. LA's Olympics organizers promised a "no-build" Olympics. The idea that city officials are now turning around and saying that not only do we need to build, but that we need to exempt these building projects from our primary oversight mechanisms is a shameful bait-and-switch.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games were awarded over seven years ago and promoted as “no-build” games. The lack of progress by the games organizers should not be used as an excuse to weaken city regulations and bypass our communities for projects that could dramatically altar our neighborhoods. This proposal seems like it is written to cater to developers like that of the horrible LA ART gondola to Dodger Stadium. At a time when our city desperately needs resources to recover from the devastating Eaton and Palisades fires, we should invest in the people’s real needs for funding aid, affordable housing, and real transit, instead of corporatized mass entertainment. Stop the corruption and put people over profit. Our communities are not for sale. I will also say that these deregulation attempts are very similar to the reaction to the fires around town. Just like how local government claim that fast tracking and erasing all of the eco friendly safety measures will help rebuild houses faster, only to make it more dangerous when the next fires come. It's the same thing here. Deregulation is not the answer. Lastly, as a Dodgers fan, this gondola is allegedly for us the fans, even though nobody came to us and asked for it. Any real Dodger fan knows that Frank McCourt is a scumbag and cannot be trusted. Nor should any billionaire. In closing, no public landed should be privatized. To a billionaire. To anybody. And especially not to this scumbag.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Antony-Morr

**Date Submitted:** 02/10/2025 08:17 PM

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projects.

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**Name:** Patrick Chen

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Chinatown Los Angeles, I am opposed to The City of Los Angeles lifting permitting and planning regulations that exist to PROTECT our communities from ill conceived and dangerously ill planned developments. The PLUM committee must reject this proposal that would give billionaire developers even more unfettered access to our city's precious land and homes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle

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**Name:** Christina Dirkes  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Developments for what was sold to us as a "No-build Olympics" will drive up rebuilding costs for recovering Angelenos. The "Olympics exemption" will be exploited and abused. I'm calling for the Olympics in LA to be canceled to actually support and help Angelenos because this is not it. We cannot do both. Help the people of LA.

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**Name:** Ray W C

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**Name:** Kris Chan

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projects. We should be focused on solving the housing crisis and working to keep homes affordable, not pander to the rich elite who don't care about Los Angeles residents.

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