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Los Angeles will have the opportunity to showcase its outstanding venues and public open spaces when the City plays host to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The current venue plan would utilize the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area for competition events in BMX, skateboarding, and archery. While the use of open space for 2028 Games activities is an exciting utilization of publicly accessible areas, it could affect the public's ability to use these public spaces for long periods of time.

The Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area is an especially rare asset in the City, with 2,000 acres of publicly accessible land that includes Lake Balboa Park, Libbit Park, Woodley Park, the Woodley Park Archery Range, Woodley Creek, Bull Creek, Encino Creek, Haskell Creek, The Japanese Garden, the Sepulveda Garden Center, Balboa Tennis Center, Balboa Soccer Fields, Balboa Sports Center, Hjelte Sports Center, the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park, the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, the Encino Farmer's Market, the Pedlow Field Skate Park, the Marder, Wright, Wong, Village Green and Severn Cricket Fields, and multiple golf courses. The 2028 Games venue plan includes numerous competitions within the Recreation Area, which would require the private cordoning of sections of this public land for an indeterminate time. Because this open space would no longer be accessible to the public, Angelenos will lose this asset for however long the space will be required for 2028 Games usage.

The City is committed to hosting a world-class Games with proper venue and site management, but must balance this responsibility with the duty of ensuring public access to resources that are typically available. It is imperative that the Olympic Organizing Committee (LA28) ensure the maximum possible public accessibility at public open spaces being used for 2028 Games activities, and develop alternative options for recreation if public open spaces are otherwise utilized for 2028 Games activities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the LA28 to work with the Department of Recreation and Parks to develop a Basin LA28 Access Plan that ensures maximum public accessibility, and develops alternatives for public open spaces that can be used during the period where LA28 is utilizing the existing space.

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