

Communication from Public

Name: Annie Chuong

Date Submitted: 02/10/2025 07:17 PM

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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.

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Name: NICHOLAS MORENO

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Name: Sophat Phea

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this motion. We should not bypass rules for one event one summer. We will be left with scars across the city that don't have use after the games. The whole point of games in LA was that we already had the infrastructure. Do not sell us out to developers who will build build build without regard to the future!!!