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Comments for Public Posting: Council members should vote NO on Item #7. It's an insult to Angelenos. First, the 2028 Olympics were forced on Angelenos back in 2017 — ELEVEN years before the Olympics. Eight years later and in the wake of unprecedented wildfires that leveled entire neighborhoods, no one can say in GOOD FAITH that “it’s in the best interest of the City and its residents to expedite the creation of [Olympic] infrastructure.” Pretending there is now some urgency because the City has continued to fail to meaningfully house its residents and create affordable housing is disgusting. It reeks of procrastination or incompetence, or both, in order to pull one over on Angelenos by exempting projects that otherwise would have no business being greenlit. Second, LA28 organizers promised a “no-build” Olympics. City officials 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—all SIGNIFICANT construction projects that may have long-term impacts on their neighborhoods and the city, and are ripe for bad actors to take advantage of the proposed exemption to further their own development goals. It is unacceptable to exempt them from regular planning approval processes. The Olympics are already going to, and already have, drain LA’s resources when we have more urgent and pressing needs. We should be discussing cancelling the event, not giving wholesale exemption to any project that attaches the word “Olympics” to it.

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Name: Juni Wong

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am a resident of Council District 14 and I want the Planning Committee to REJECT this motion for approval exemptions for Olympic projects. 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. Los Angeles does NOT need the Olympics. Los Angeles does NOT need a gondola. Why are we fast tracking sports entertainment structures and hotels instead of housing the houseless and restoring vital services like food access and year-round transit to work, school, and healthcare in places like Chinatown that have been under attack by developers? Stop the corruption and put people over profit. Our communities are not for sale.

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Name: J.L. Harari

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Name: Maria Patiño Gutierrez

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Comments for Public Posting: Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE), respectfully asks your committee to Vote No on Motion 15-0989-S47 which would deeply impact the community and neighborhoods of South Los Angeles long term. 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 in order to be completed ahead of the Olympics in 2028. These projects are significant construction projects that may have long-term impacts on their neighborhoods and the city. During the unprecedented times that our community is facing, prioritizing building long term housing and community driven development should be priority of the City. In particular in areas of South Los Angeles, we are concerned that approving planning without community input specially as this community is next to so much development, will only cause more displacement. We urge you to vote no on this motion.