

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion lays bare the intentions of developers, power players, and Olympic boosters who have dragged the boondoggle here to Los Angeles and we should all oppose it. The Olympics are always used as an excuse to build things communities don't want. Well connected slumlords will use this ordinance to evict people from their homes, at a time when rents are surging thanks to unbridled price gouging by disaster capitalists in the wake of the fires. The public was sold these Games as a "no-build" Olympics. We were told we have the infrastructure necessary to host, yet this motion asserts that "many elements and activities of the 2028 Games will require building and developments". Her solution is to enact the Olympic State of Exception and exempt every tangentially Olympic related development from all sorts of city planning codes, reviews, and restrictions. She goes on to blame homelessness for the City Planning Department's inability to permit and oversee building for the Games. We don't want every fail-son in the city with access to capital evicting our neighbors so they can build ADU Airbnbs next to Olympic fan zones and venues. So this motion enables infinite Olympic development without oversight for the "no-build" Games we were promised. This motion will be abused, that's why it was written. There is another interesting thing happening to consider here. Almost two months after this motion was submitted by Council-member Park, she has stepped down as Chair of the Ad-hoc LA28 Committee to become Chair of the fire recovery committee. Along with Gavin Newsom she is championing a blanket removal of regulations to enable rebuilding. She's found a tidier way to enable the development her campaign fundraisers demand, without all the hubbub of an historically over-budget mega-event that causes economic strife and human pain wherever it goes. If you combine this motion with plans like the Festival Trail, venues, events, viewing centers, and fan zones will stretch throughout the city. We can expect the abuse of this deregulation to encroach on the lives of Angelenos from every neighborhood and displace Angelenos from every council district. The right choice for Los Angeles, in the wake of the fires, is still to cancel these Olympics, but the least you can do is stop this brazen attempt to enable harmful development throughout the city. We know what this motion is about and we know you're all going to approve it, but

we're obliged to put in the public record that you shouldn't. Please be brave and prove us wrong.