



August 9, 2017

Councilmember Herb Wesson
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

On behalf of LA's BEST After School Enrichment Program, I'm writing in support of the dedicated funding for youth supports included in the LA 2028 Olympic bid. LA's BEST provides an after school program to 25,000 students in 197 elementary schools across Los Angeles, including 16 in Council District 10.

Because of a partnership with the LA84 Foundation, LA's BEST is able to offer sports programming, including soccer, flag football, basketball, softball, as well as dance and drill to over 15,000 students each year. Sports programs at LA's BEST help prepare kids for life - teaching them about collaboration, sportsmanship, perseverance and leadership. Through the LA84 Foundation, the legacy of the 1984 Olympics has supported LA's BEST students for more than two decades.

The 2028 Olympics have the potential to build upon the legacy of the 1984 Olympics and improve access to sports for students in LA's BEST and across the City of Los Angeles. With dedicated funding for youth sports, the 2028 Olympics will continue building a social and human legacy that will empower the next generation.

All students, regardless of their zip code, deserve to experience the transformative power of sport. LA's BEST is proud to partner with the LA84 Foundation to provide access to sports for kids who might not otherwise have that opportunity. The 2028 Olympics will provide essential resources to support sports programming and strengthen communities across the City of Los Angeles.

I ask for your support of the LA 2028 Olympic bid when it comes before City Council on Friday, August 11. If you have any questions, please contact me at eric.gurna@lacity.org or 213-292-0808.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Gurna".

Eric Gurna
President & CEO, LA's BEST

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