

In 2028, the City will host the 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympics Games ("The Games"). In efforts to make sports more accessible and affordable to children across the City, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) launched the PlayLA youth sports program in November 2021, a one of a kind, free to low cost subsidized youth initiative. PlayLA is made possible through a \$160,000,000 contribution from the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organizing Committee and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The City will have discretion on how to use these funds to promote access to adaptive and non adaptive sports, clinics and classes. Although The Games are years away, the City is focused on delivering services and programming for Angelenos today.

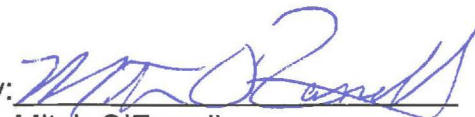
The adaptive sports program represents a key component of the PlayLA program, ensuring every child aged 5 to 17 years an opportunity to participate in low-cost, or no-cost, quality sports programming in their neighborhood. The City's Department on Disability houses the citywide ADA Compliance Officer, and will play a key role, assisting the RAP in developing its citywide adaptive sports programs..


In the program year of 2022-23, RAP's current Adaptive Sports Division will offer 10 sports for youth with physical disabilities including: sitting volleyball, para equestrian, adaptive swimming, para surfing, wheelchair basketball, adaptive skateboarding, goalball, adaptive athletics, wheelchair tennis and para canoe. Additionally, five sports are being considered for future inclusion including judo, archery, boccia, tee ball, and climbing. The City should work to increase adaptive sports access and service availability citywide, while also identifying opportunities to expand physical access of sports and recreation programs at these, and all sites and facilities. The City should also focus on expanding access to adaptive sports and services to a greater population including transitional age youth and adults.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Department on Disability, develop a citywide adaptive sports program, including recommendations for physical accessibility infrastructure improvements to its existing or emerging facilities, with a focus on the expansion of services to transitional age youth (18 - 24), adults, and older adults, including equipment, staffing, training or other particular needs.

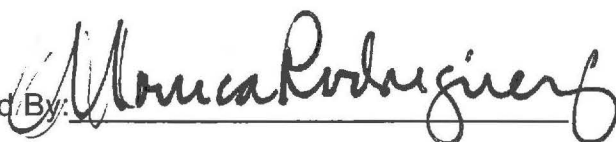
I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department on Disability, work with adaptive sports and accessibility advocate partners locally and throughout the nation, and to report to Council with recommendations on the improvement of service delivery for Adaptive Sports Citywide.

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