

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, international sports competitions such as the 2022 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup, or the upcoming 2028 Olympic games in Los Angeles bring the world together, focused on healthy competition, national unity and athletic excellence; and,

WHEREAS, international and domestic competitions receive intense attention in the form of printed and broadcast media, social media and television ratings, resulting in tens of millions of people watching the events and paid advertisements; and,

WHEREAS, It is essential for major events such as these to promote inclusivity, good sportsmanship and competition, equal access for women, fair workplace and worker conditions, and especially human tolerance and inclusivity for marginalized communities such as the LGBTQ+ community; and,

WHEREAS, the recent “one love” controversy with respect to the LGBTQ+ community and FIFA 2022 World Cup tournament, and the now well known workers rights violations highlight the need to support non-negotiables that are a-political, such as basic human rights that include workers rights; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced a public shift towards greater inclusivity and awareness via a collaboration with the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 IOC report was a first step, it specified the need for embedded respect for all people, an articulation of that respect including roles and responsibilities, further identification and addressing of human rights and risks, tracking the progress and communication thereof, and a focus on the wider sports ecosystem; and,

WHEREAS, female rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and workers rights are human rights, it is necessary for the City of Los Angeles to call on more inclusivity from FIFA, the IOC, especially as Los Angeles gets ready to host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby calls upon FIFA, the IOC and other international sports and major event organizers to codify human rights within their bylaws, require and promote the fair treatment of workers, women, LGBTQ+ community members and all marginalized people as a condition for participating nations and cities wherever international sporting events are held.

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