

Preparing for Olympics in Los Angeles County

Our region has the opportunity to be inspired and transformed if the Olympics indeed return to Los Angeles in the summer of 2024. As with past Olympics games in LA in 1932 and 1984, significant preparation and careful planning are critical to insuring that the investment and hard work that go into hosting the games produce enduring benefits to the full diversity of our County residents. Much attention has recently been paid to the Olympics bid that the City of Los Angeles has championed to the world. The County too has a role to play in making any bid a success. That work must begin today.

As with Olympics past, one promising idea that is getting greater consideration is the notion that a massive athlete's village could be developed and later repurposed to address our region's critical affordable housing needs. This type of undertaking, particularly given the limited resources to support affordable housing or offer support for our homeless residents, must involve a dialogue with Los Angeles County staff charged with overseeing and implementing service programs and real estate project delivery.

Similarly, County owned facilities and public venues throughout the region may be host to or impacted by Olympics festivities. County departmental stakeholders must consider what they can do to rise to this opportunity to promote access and diversity in the location of Olympics events.

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In order to play that role, the County family must assemble a focused team to effectively participate in this emerging conversation.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back in 45 days with a plan that:

- Designates a proposed team of staff including representatives from the Community Development Commission and relevant County Departments including but not limited to Public Works, Regional Planning, Parks and Recreation, and Beaches and Harbors,
- Includes a review of the 2024 Los Angeles Olympics bid,
- Prepares designated staff to enter into ongoing conversations with the appropriate parties with the City of Los Angeles regarding those aspects of the City's Olympics proposal that impact County facilities, operations, service delivery, and the economic and community development interests of the County, and
- Addresses issues including, but not limited to:
 - The proposed siting of an Olympic Village and any plans for Olympics-related real estate development to address the County's critical affordable housing shortage and homelessness crisis or spur community economic development and
 - Utilization of venues throughout the County as locations for Olympics activities, with particular attention to any venues on or near County property or facilities and any efforts to insure that Olympics events positively impact the full diversity of communities throughout the region.

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