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**EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2026 WORLD CUP FAN ZONES**

In June 2022, the City of Los Angeles was named as one of 16 North American host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup (World Cup), which is spread out across three host countries--USA, Canada, and Mexico. The World Cup is broadly considered the world's largest sporting event by viewership. Today, Los Angeles County (County) is home to three major professional soccer teams: Angel City Football Club, Los Angeles Galaxy, and Los Angeles Football Club. The diverse melting pot that is the County ensures local teams and football clubs abroad experience a growing, thriving fanbase.

The City of Los Angeles was selected to host eight 2026 World Cup matches, including the opening match.<sup>1</sup> To increase viewing access to these World Cup matches, official and unofficial Fan Zones are taking place throughout the County. On January 13, 2026, the Board adopted a motion to facilitate the County hosting Official World Cup 2026 Fan Zones at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park (collectively, the "Official Fan Zones"). Since that time opportunities to cohost additional Fan Zones not formally associated with the 2026 World Cup ("Unofficial Fan Zones") with cities in the County or at other County sites have emerged expanding the opportunities for residents to experience the excitement of the World Cup without having to purchase tickets or travel far from home, while connecting the beauty of an international cultural sporting event to local culture.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://losangelesfwc26.com/>

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Cohosting Unofficial Fan Zones with cities in the County or hosting smaller Unofficial Fan Zones at other County properties will reduce the burden of the investment and planning on all entities while ensuring the Fan Zones are safe, well attended and meet the goals of uplifting local small business opportunity, while reflecting local culture. Furthermore, cohosting will expedite coordination with local jurisdictions and community-based organizations to ensure Fan Zones reflect the culture and character of communities.

For both the Unofficial and Official Fan Zones, the County has and will be looking to sponsors, grants, and previously allocated County funds, including without limitation, local matching funds, to assist in implementing these events.

In addition, the World Cup presents a timely and valuable opportunity to pilot transit-accessible Fan Zones in advance of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (2028 Games). With Los Angeles set to host multiple World Cup matches, the County and its partners can pilot Fan Zones, community partnerships, crowd management, transit connections, and public engagement strategies. Lessons learned from the World Cup Fan Zones will inform and strengthen the planning and implementation of fan-based celebrations for the 2028 Games.

The operation of World Cup Fan Zones, are within certain classes of project that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment because they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301, 15303 (e), 15304, 15311, and 15323 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3(b), 4, 11 and 23 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, as the recommended actions provide for operations and licensing of existing public facilities, new construction of small structures, minor alterations to land, construction or replacement of minor or temporary accessory structures, and normal operations of facilities for public gatherings.

The Fan Zones will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the Fan Zones are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the record.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

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**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this motion and in the record;
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee, to:
  - a. Execute agreements, and any amendments, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, and meet matching funding requirements to secure sponsorships for the implementation of Unofficial and Official Fan Zones at County-owned or managed properties, or within cities in Los Angeles County; and
  - b. Execute agreements, and any amendments, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, and meet matching funding requirements to accept any grants for the implementation of Unofficial and Official Fan Zones at County-owned or managed properties, or within cities in Los Angeles County.
3. Delegate authority to the CEO, or designee, to execute agreements, and any amendments, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, with cities in Los Angeles County or other entities to receive sponsorship funding, grants, or other funding from the County for the purpose of implementing the Unofficial and Official Fan Zones, subject to the requirements of the funding source.

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