

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

JUNE 30, 2026

**Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Safety and Security Grant Program and World Cup 2026 Open Street Events**

With the 2026 FIFA World Cup (World Cup) well underway, the County of Los Angeles (County) continues to support the World Cup through enhanced County services to support or host World Cup related events.

The County through its Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is performing emergency management services related to the World Cup. OEM applied for and was awarded a grant from the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Safety and Security Grant Program (LAWCSSGP), which is funded through the FIFA World Cup Grant Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and pass-through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee, LLC (Host Committee). The grant supports emergency management training and exercises, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation, and related preparedness activities in support of a safe and successful World Cup.

The Host Committee has issued a Subrecipient Award Notification Letter dated May 15, 2026, selecting the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management as

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a subrecipient under the LAWCSSGP in the amount of \$398,954.41, covering the period of July 4, 2025, through July 31, 2026. The award is issued on a conditional basis, pending execution of a formal grant agreement. No costs may be reimbursed until the agreement is fully executed and all pre-award requirements are met, unless expressly authorized in writing.

In addition, the County will be hosting two open street events adjacent to the County's Official World Cup 2026 Fan Zones at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park (collectively, "Open Street Events"). To fully implement these Open Street Events, contracts with the vendors should be executed prior to the Open Street Events on July 11 and July 4-5, respectively, and requires a waiver of Board Policy 5.300, including in order to ensure payment to the vendors for services provided in preparation for the events.

The implementation of the County's emergency management services for the World Cup is within a certain class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in State California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the recommended oversight actions would not have a significant effect on the environment. Alternatively, the County's emergency management services are not subject to CEQA because these activities are excluded from the definition of a project by CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b) and Public Resources Code section 21065.

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Waiving the BOS contract policy is also not subject to CEQA because it is excluded from the definition of a project by CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b) and Public Resources Code section 21065. Finally, the proposed actions will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees, will not take place in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the cited exemptions inapplicable based on the record.

**I, 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.

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

1. Find that the County's World Cup emergency management services be funded with the LAWCSSGP funds from the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / FEMA do not constitute projects under CEQA or, in the alternative, are exempt from CEQA for the reasons stated in this motion and in the record;
2. Find that waiving Board of Supervisors Policy 5.300 does not constitute a project under CEQA for the reasons stated in this motion and in the record;
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee, to:
  - a. Accept \$398,954.41 in FEMA grant funds for County's World Cup emergency management services under Assistance Listing Number

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97.160 (FIFA World Cup Grant Program), Federal Award

Identification Number EMW-2026-WC-05008, as distributed through Cal OES and the Host Committee with a Period of Performance of July 4, 2025 to July 31, 2026;

- b. Execute the grant agreement with the Host Committee, any subsequent amendments thereto, and all documents, certifications, and assurances required by the grantor, including any technical adjustments to the approved budget and program activities necessary to ensure compliance with FEMA and Cal OES requirements, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel and review by the Auditor-Controller;
- 4. Waive Board of Supervisors Policy 5.300 for contracts related to the Open Street Events.

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