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Los Angeles was one of 16 North American host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup (World Cup), broadly considered the world's largest sporting event by viewership. Eight matches took place in Los Angeles, including the U.S. team's opening match. In order to provide County residents opportunities to experience the excitement of the World Cup without having to purchase tickets or travel far from home, the County hosted two official World Cup Fan Zones, at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park. The Board adopted motions in January 2026 and May 2026 to facilitate planning and implementation of these Fan Zones, which authorized the County to execute contracts, including sole source contracts, to implement the World Cup Fan Zones at the above referenced sites.

The County 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

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(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 purpose of this grant funding is to support safety and security operations for the two official World Cup Fan Zones hosted by the County.

The Host Committee issued a Subrecipient Award Notification Letter dated May 15, 2026, selecting the County of Los Angeles as a subrecipient under the LAWCSSGP in the amount of $500,000, covering the period of July 4, 2025, through July 31, 2026. The Notification Letter states that the award is issued on a conditional basis, pending execution of a formal grant agreement, and that no costs may be reimbursed until the agreement is fully executed and all pre-award requirements are met, unless otherwise expressly authorized in writing. The grant agreement was fully executed on July 20, 2026.

A portion of this grant funding is intended to be used to reimburse the vendor that was responsible for certain safety and security services at the two official County-hosted World Cup Fan Zones located at Whittier Narrows in Supervisorial District 1 and Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park in Supervisorial District 2. In order to facilitate receipt of the grant funding, the County needs to execute an additional contract with the vendor, Community Arts Resources, for $174,976.10, that incorporates the required federal grant terms and conditions. A waiver of Board Policy 5.300 is necessary to ensure

timely execution of this contract and payment to the vendor for equipment and services already provided to support safety and security operations at the Fan Zones.

The execution of contracts for safety and security operations at the World Cup Fan Zones 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. Waiving the Board of Supervisors (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.

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.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

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1. Find that the World Cup Fan Zone safety and security operations to 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. Waive Board of Supervisors Policy 5.300 for contracts related to the official World Cup Fan Zones hosted by the County at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park; and,
4. Provide delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute any agreements or amendments, and all documents, certificates, and assurances required by the grantor, for the purpose of disbursing the LAWCSSGP funds in compliance with the federal grant requirements for services that supported the safety and security operations for the two official World Cup Fan Zones hosted by the County, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel and review by the Auditor-Controller.

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