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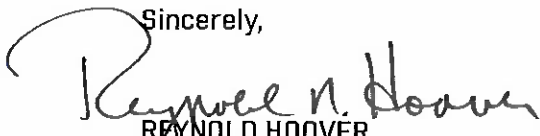
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Dear Mayor Bass, Council President Harris-Dawson, City Attorney Felstein Soto, City Administrative Officer Szabo, and Chief Legislative Analyst Tso:

Pursuant to section 6.6 of the Games Agreement made and entered by and among the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2028 [LA28], please find attached as Appendix A-B LA28's request for the City's written consent of amendments to the venue plan submitted to the City on January 18, 2017 that move the Olympic Diving competition outside of the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,


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APPENDIX A

2028 Olympic Venue Plan

I. Overview

In the summer of 2028, in addition to welcoming the world's top athletes to compete on the biggest stage in sports, the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be a celebration of the people and communities of the Los Angeles region.

When bidding to host the Games in 2017, LA28 submitted a venue plan [Bid Venue Plan] to the City of Los Angeles and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). This Bid Venue Plan included the proposed competition venues for the sports and disciplines featured in the Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 sport programs for those specific editions of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, as the 2028 sport program was not yet determined, along with proposed placements for athlete housing, media housing, broadcasting and press facilities.

Since 2017, the Los Angeles venue landscape has changed, with new professional sports stadiums built or under construction, previously assigned venues no longer available for use in 2028, and other major capital construction projects led by entities outside of LA28. Additionally, new sports have been added to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic sports program, requiring LA28 to assign additional competition venues for the Games. Finally, the new IOC policy, the Olympic Agenda 2020+5, urges organizing committees to reduce the complexity and cost of the Games, including making use of existing facilities that may be outside the region of the Host City.

These developments give LA28 an opportunity to adapt and improve its venue plan, first and foremost, by creating greater cost certainty and reducing financial risk.

On June 21, 2024, LA28 proposed several updates to the 2028 Venue Plan that collectively achieved more than \$150 million in combined cost savings and revenue increases which were unanimously approved by the City Council on March 28, 2025. Thanks to the approved updates, LA28 has been able to progress its planning with greater cost certainty and detail.

Within these proposed updates in June 2024, LA28 identified the 1932 Pool in the Exposition Park Zone as the updated venue for Diving. However, as planning progressed and became more detailed over the past year, World Aquatics – the International Federation for Diving – formally advised LA28 that the existing pool does not meet Olympic Diving standards, citing athlete safety concerns due to insufficient pool width and depth, improper orientation of the diving towers to the sun, and inadequate clearance behind the diving towers.

Following further analysis conducted by LA28, it was determined that the 1932 Pool would require a complete reconstruction in order to meet Olympic standards. Furthermore, this reconstruction cannot occur simultaneously with the LA Memorial

Coliseum track construction projects due to limited space within the surrounding footprint. Moreover, the historical nature and close proximity of these facilities adds further complexity and cost given the need to protect the building's unique character and attributes.

Beyond venue delivery risks, further operational analysis of this site and its space constraints revealed hosting Diving at 1932 Pool adds operational complexity to the overall delivery of events in the Exposition Park Zone. This competition zone is home to three multi-event competition venues in the Olympic Games Plan – the LA Memorial Coliseum [Athletics [Track and Field] and Ceremonies], Exposition Park Stadium [Flag Football and Lacrosse] and Galen Center [Badminton and Rhythmic Gymnastics] – with a combined capacity of over 90,000. The LA Memorial Coliseum will host three out of four Ceremonies, a significant undertaking for a venue that already faces operational complexities in order to host back-to-back Athletics [Track and Field] events. In order to deliver on these major events, LA28 will need to maximize the space around the Coliseum so as not to compromise on concept and delivery of Ceremonies and to ensure a smooth transition over to Athletics [Track and Field] competition. Additional congestion of this area would significantly impact the Games-time experience for athletes, spectators, stakeholders and events in the vicinity, limiting LA28's ability to fully deliver on marquee events.

For these reasons and given the strong recommendations and grave concerns raised by the International Federation, LA28 has concluded that the 1932 Pool at Exposition Park is not a viable competition venue to host Diving in 2028.

LA28 then explored other existing pools in the City of Los Angeles and after further analysis, it became clear there was no viable existing pool within the city that could meet Olympic Diving standards. LA28 then turned to the Venue City of Pasadena and the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center which meets Olympic Diving standards, including pool width, depth, as well as ample deck space behind and proper orientation of the Diving towers – addressing the athlete safety concerns previously faced with the 1932 Pool. This relocation will also ease the congested footprint at Exposition Park, enabling LA28 to fully execute on marquee Olympic and Paralympic events including Athletics, Para Athletics, Olympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and Paralympic Closing Ceremony.

In addition, the new proposed venue assignment for Diving will create more than \$17.6 million in combined cost savings and revenue increases, compared to the reconstruction plan at the 1932 Pool. This relocation will use an existing venue in the Venue City of Pasadena, aligning with LA28's goal to host a more sustainable and fiscally responsible Games, while offering an unparalleled experience to athletes and spectators from around the world.

Economic Benefits

Diving's updated venue assignment would achieve at least \$17.6 million in combined revenue increases and cost savings when compared to the costs and revenues at the 1932 Pool, primarily through increased ticketing and lower stadium overlay expenditures. Overall, these changes will improve the venue plan's cost certainty and further reduce the risk of cost overruns.

Operational Benefits

By placing Diving in an existing pool in the Venue City of Pasadena, this will facilitate more efficient venue operations for the multiple marquee events in the Exposition Park Zone, improve the field of play for athletes while also meeting Olympic Diving standards, and provide athletes, workers and attendees with an unparalleled Games experience.

Sustainability

This venue update will relocate Diving from an existing venue that would require a complete reconstruction into an existing venue that requires significantly less improvements. Additionally, the need to construct a temporary seating bowl over and around trees at the existing venue posed risks to biodiversity. By reducing construction requirements to stage the Diving competition, LA28 will continue to underline its "radical reuse" concept and will further reduce the Games' material footprint.

II. Diving Venue Move

In the Bid Venue Plan, Swimming, Diving, Artistic Swimming, and Para-Swimming were assigned to a temporary facility to be built at the Dedeaux Baseball field on USC's campus. Following USC's decision to make significant investments into their athletics facilities, including an upgraded Baseball stadium at Dedeaux Field, it became clear in 2023 that this site is no longer available for the 2028 Games.

Instead of building another entirely new temporary site for these Aquatics sports elsewhere, LA28 identified several existing or already planned temporary venues to create an unparalleled experience for the athletes and attendees, while generating significant revenue opportunities to support the Games.

However, the temporary site identified for Diving at the 1932 Pool is no longer a viable option due to operational and delivery constraints. LA28 has identified an alternative existing venue that offers significant revenue increases and cost savings at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in the Venue City of Pasadena.

III. Proposed Relocation Venue

Diving will relocate from the 1932 Pool in Exposition Park to the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in the Venue City of Pasadena. The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center meets Olympic

Diving standards, requires fewer renovations, offers additional athlete amenities and affords significant revenue increases and cost savings.

Net Estimated Change Better / [Worse]

	Diving Venue Change
Revenue Increase*	\$8.2M
Venue Infrastructure Cost Savings*	\$12M
Operational Expense*	[\$2.6M]
Net Change Better/[Worse]	\$17.6M

**Ranges informed in real time as more information becomes available. All values are based on estimates for ticketing revenue, infrastructure cost and venue operations management cost.*

These venue adjustments result in an estimated **net benefit of +\$17.6M**, driven by a projected net increase in ticketing revenue from increased overall capacity and improvements in the ticketing mix. This is partially offset by net projected increases in rent and displacement costs as required to achieve ticketing benefits and overlay reductions.

To achieve these significant financial and operational improvements in the 2028 Venue Plan noted above, LA28 seeks the City's written consent to move Diving out of a venue located in the City of Los Angeles.

APPENDIX B

Utilization of 1932 Pool

While the 1932 Pool itself will not be utilized for any Games-time aquatics needs, the 1932 Pool remains strategically important for LA28. In order to deliver the major events in the Exposition Park Zone, LA28 will need to maximize use of the space around the LA Memorial Coliseum, and the 1932 Pool provides an essential location for staging and operations of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Based on this need, LA28 intends to enter into good faith discussions with the Department of Recreation and Parks to negotiate a definitive agreement to utilize the 1932 Pool for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We understand that the City of Los Angeles, and in particular the Department of Recreation and Parks, has an interest in making improvements to the 1932 Pool and other PlayLA facilities. LA28 shares this interest in benefiting the Los Angeles community. In order to support this shared goal, LA28 proposes to undertake to widen the 50-meter 1932 Pool to bring it national and international swimming competition standards [the “Work”] in lieu of rent and other consideration and displacement reimbursements during LA28’s use and construction periods. LA28 believes the Work can begin in the winter of 2026-2027 in order to deliver the competition-level pool for use by the summer of 2027. LA28 will further make efforts to bring 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games training and test events to the 1932 Pool in the summer of 2027 should the City of Los Angeles support such use.

While any definitive agreement for LA28’s use of the 1932 Pool will be subject to mutual approval and include customary terms and conditions, LA28 looks forward to working closely with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park to finalize operational plans while creating a lasting community benefit consistent with the commitments in the Games Agreement.