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To: Municipal Facilities Committee

From: Municipal Facilities Group, Office of the City Administrative Officer

Real Estate Division, Department of General Services

Subject: **2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES JOINT INTER-AGENCY
OPERATIONS CENTER AND LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
STAGING LOCATIONS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Note and File this report relative to the ongoing evaluation of potential locations for a Joint Inter-agency Operations Center (JIOC) and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) staging areas in support of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games for consideration by the Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC);
2. Instruct the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Department of General Services (GSD), and Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to report to the MFC with a recommended JIOC location and associated funding estimates following completion of the cost analysis of the capital improvement requirements; and,
3. Instruct the CAO and GSD, with LAPD, to continue evaluating and securing sufficient staging locations within each LAPD geographic bureau, and report to the MFC as locations and lease costs are confirmed.

SUMMARY

At its meeting on July 30, 2026, the MFC instructed the CAO and GSD to identify suitable locations for the JIOC and LAPD staging sites, and to report back with recommendations and cost analyses in connection with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (2028 Olympics). This joint report provides an update on potential site locations for the JIOC and staging areas in support of the LAPD security deployment and operations for the 2028 Olympics.

The security needs in support of the 2028 Olympics are anticipated to extend for 105 days, from June 4, 2028 through September 16, 2028. LAPD reports that the 2028 Olympics will include the deployment of approximately 7,600 officers for security services at eight principal venues throughout four geographic bureaus (Central, South, Valley, and West). The eight Olympic venues identified in LAPD's report are shown in the table below:

2028 Olympic Venues			
Central Bureau	South Bureau	Valley Bureau	West Bureau
Dodger Stadium	Exposition Sports Park	Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area	Venice Beach
Downtown LA Sports Park		NBC Universal	UCLA Athletic Village
			Riviera Country Club

The CAO and GSD evaluated the City's existing facilities, City-owned properties, temporary structure alternatives, and other sites that could potentially accommodate the operational requirements. Several City departments, including Los Angeles World Airports, Recreation and Parks (RAP), Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and Department of Water and Power (DWP) were also contacted to identify the feasibility of utilizing any available space. In addition, staff contacted outside agencies such as California Highway Patrol (CHP), Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and local universities within the City that are in close proximity to City venues for the 2028 Olympics.

Staff have also identified potential staging locations throughout the four LAPD geographic bureaus. The list of potential staging locations will be an ongoing effort until sufficient locations are finalized and agreements for City use are secured. Additional coordination is necessary to confirm the costs associated with operational needs such as security, restrooms, utilities, and other capital expenses and/or leasing costs for non-City-owned staging locations. Further, staff will be meeting with the appropriate Council Office to ensure site availability.

Based on the preliminary review, several viable options for the JIOC have been identified. These sites vary considerably with respect to capital costs, infrastructure requirements, parking, operational impacts, and potential long-term City use, and require further analysis before a single JIOC location can be recommended. Due to the limited timeframe, lack of identified funding, and anticipated capital investment required to establish the JIOC, staff is prioritizing existing City-owned and City-controlled properties that can meet operational requirements.

DISCUSSION

As stated in a July 27, 2026, report from the LAPD to the MFC, the 2028 Olympics will represent the largest security and public safety operation in the City's history, designated as a National Special Security Event. The report identified the need for a centralized JIOC to coordinate public safety activities among LAPD, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), LADOT, Emergency Management Department (EMD), federal and State agencies, and other public safety partners.

JOINT INTERAGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The JIOC is expected to accommodate approximately 200 personnel per shift and approximately 350 to 400 personnel during shift changes. LAPD identified a facility requirement of approximately 25,000 to 40,000 square feet, together with command and briefing areas, agency liaison space, communications infrastructure, redundant Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning, heavy electrical service, secure telecommunications, perimeter security, standoff distance, support facilities and parking.

CENTRAL AVENUE

The City-leased property at 450–590 South Central Avenue consists of approximately 9.43 acres and includes an existing warehouse facility and paved yard areas. The site is currently occupied by the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) Livability Services Division. The existing lease through November 2039, with an option to extend through November 2044, allows for substitution of other City departments, which creates a potential opportunity to co-locate the JIOC within the facility without requiring the City to acquire a separate property.

A site visit and preliminary facility review were conducted by the CAO, GSD, BOE, LAPD, LAFD, EMD, and LADOT. The existing warehouse offers sufficient overall building area; however, improvements would be required to create the JIOC operational areas, communications systems, security improvements, staff support spaces, and associated infrastructure. BOE's preliminary cost estimates range from approximately \$17 million to \$25 million, with a significant portion of the costs are attributable to infrastructure improvements necessary to support heating, ventilation, and air conditioning and information technology requirements. BOE will further evaluate the preliminary estimates to identify opportunities to reduce costs and develop a more practical approach that addresses the short-term operational needs of the JIOC. Additional parking would need to be secured to meet JIOC parking requirements, as the existing parking at Central Avenue is currently utilized by LASAN.

GRIFFITH PARK (SPRUNG STRUCTURE)

Griffith Park is being considered as a potential site for the development of a Sprung Structure. Identification of a suitable location within Griffith Park may also be challenging due to the limited availability of flat areas that are not currently used for recreational purposes. A temporary or sprung structure on City-owned property would require significant site preparation, electrical service, water, sewer, communications, paving, drainage, security, and other infrastructure. Preliminary costs for the sprung structure are estimated to range from approximately \$18 million to \$20 million. These estimates do not include costs associated with demobilization, storage, or potential post-Games reuse of the structure.

RAP has also expressed concern that placement of the JIOC within Griffith Park could impact existing park and venue operations and further constrain already limited parking. LAPD would need to coordinate with RAP to identify a location that minimizes impacts to recreational uses, venue operations, parking, and access. Any use of park property would ultimately be subject to the discretion of RAP and approval by its Board of Commissioners.

LOS ANGELES MALL - FORMER CVS AND PARKER CENTER LOT

The Los Angeles Mall (Mall) provides an opportunity to utilize and optimize existing City-owned property for the JIOC. The Mall is centrally located in the Civic Center and provides convenient access to multiple freeways and major transportation corridors, which would support the deployment and coordination of LAPD and other participating agencies throughout the City.

The former CVS space and North Mall dining area provide approximately 27,500 square feet of existing space, with additional retail and office space anticipated to become available prior to the 2028 Olympics. In addition, the CAO and GSD have conducted an analysis of converting the Parker Center site to a public parking lot that will generate annual revenue of approximately \$1.7 million. The proximity of the Parker Center site also provides an opportunity to address JIOC parking requirements while advancing a proposal to redevelop the property for public and employee parking and generate on-going revenue.

The City has previously evaluated portions of the Mall in connection with the planned relocation of other City departments. As a result, various site and facility assessments have already been completed, allowing the City to leverage prior planning efforts and potentially reduce the time and cost necessary to evaluate the property for a JIOC.

Utilizing an existing City-owned facility would also allow capital investments necessary to support the JIOC to remain within a City asset and potentially provide continued value after the 2028 Olympics, rather than committing substantial resources to a temporary facility or other improvements with more limited post-game use.

The Mall is also being utilized to support existing LAPD operations. On April 16, 2026, the MFC approved additional space for LAPD's Security Services Division within the Mall area, providing an opportunity to further consolidate LAPD functions within the Civic Center and leverage security and facility investments.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

EMD, CAO, and GSD staff discussed the feasibility of utilizing the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for use as the JIOC. Under this scenario, EMD requests that necessary operational improvements would be made for an alternate EOC at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center.

The JIOC will provide incident and event-level public safety coordination, whereas the EOC supports broader Citywide emergency coordination for resources, crisis communications, public information, recovery, consequence management, and emergencies occurring outside the Olympic public safety mission. Maintaining both functions is necessary as normal City emergencies and service demands will continue throughout the 2028 Olympics operational period.

GSD and CAO continue to evaluate both existing-building and temporary-structure alternatives. An existing building may reduce some site-development requirements but may require substantial improvements for occupant load, restrooms, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, fire/life-safety, electrical service, communications, security, and interior configuration. A sprung structure may allow the JIOC to be constructed on a City-owned site but may require significant site preparation, electrical service, water, sewer, communications, paving, drainage, security, and other infrastructure. BOE is assisting with evaluating these requirements including a rough order of magnitude estimate for each site.

LAPD STAGING LOCATIONS

LAPD identified a need for approximately seven to eight law enforcement staging locations distributed throughout its four geographic bureaus. Staging locations are necessary to efficiently deploy up to 7,600 law enforcement officers per day to the eight Olympic venues and related assignments, as deploying this volume of personnel from a single centralized location is not operationally feasible. Approximately 500 to 1,000 officers are anticipated to report through an individual staging site daily. The Ahmanson Recruit Training Center and the Police Academy in Elysian Park were reviewed and considered a last resort if no other viable options were available. The table below provides staging areas that have either been confirmed or are in the process of being confirmed.

CENTRAL BUREAU - STAGING LOCATIONS				
Site Name	Address	Parking Spaces	Sq Ft	LAPD Bureau
Griffith Park Merry-Go-Round*	4730 Crystal Springs Dr, Griffith Park, CA 90027	275+	198,367	Central
Parker Center Lot	150 N Los Angeles St, LA, CA 90012	330-370	129,591	Central
North Marianna Lot	1925 N Marianna Ave, El Sereno, CA 90063	450	156,443	Central

SOUTH BUREAU - STAGING LOCATIONS				
Site Name	Address	Parking Spaces	Sq Ft	LAPD Bureau
Marlton Square	Martin Luther King Jr Blvd/Marlton Ave, Los Angeles, CA	100 (marked) 400 (unmarked)	31,608 (paved) 130,000 (unpaved)	South
60th and Western Lot	5975 S Western Ave, South LA, CA 90047	350-375	121,477	South

VALLEY BUREAU - STAGING LOCATIONS				
Site Name	Address	Parking Spaces	Sq Ft	LAPD Bureau
Discovery Cube LA	11800 Foothill Blvd, Sylmar, CA 91342	200 - 300	TBD	Valley
Pierce College*	6201 Winnetka Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367	TBD	TBD	Valley
LA Valley College*	5800 Fulton Ave, Valley Glen, CA 91401	TBD	TBD	Valley

WEST BUREAU - STAGING LOCATIONS				
Site Name	Address	Parking Spaces	Sq Ft	LAPD Bureau
West LA Municipal Building Lots*	11343 Iowa Ave, Sawtelle, CA 90025	150 (City) 180 (County)	48,750 (City) 58,500 (County)	West
Loyola Marymount University	1 LMU Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90045	600	TBD	West

Locations designated with an asterisk (*) are subject to final confirmation.

The property search will remain ongoing as responses are received and additional potential sites are identified. Several City departments were contacted regarding use of their facilities including LADOT, Community Investment Department, RAP, DWP, LAFD, and Library. Staff also reached out to the Los Angeles Community College District, LAUSD, private universities, CHP, Caltrans, and private property owners. Ongoing discussions will provide additional options and will be reported in a subsequent report.

Funding requirements for site-specific infrastructure including fencing, portable restrooms, and generators will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The LAPD is responsible for evaluating each location and coordinating the necessary funding, consistent with the standard practice that such procurement needs are addressed by the requesting operating department.

These preliminary site evaluations require further analysis before a single JIOC location can be recommended. Each alternative presents different advantages and constraints related to site control, duration of use, infrastructure requirements, parking, technology needs, cost, and potential post-Games use. Similarly, the identification and evaluation of staging locations remains ongoing, and the final number and locations have not yet been determined. LAPD has indicated that establishing an operational JIOC requires approximately 18 to 24 months from site selection through operational readiness. Further, funding for the JIOC and staging locations is not currently provided in the City Budget and would need to be identified before implementation can proceed. Given the limited timeframe and significant anticipated costs, staff recommends prioritizing and optimizing existing City-owned and City-controlled properties that can meet operational requirements before advancing more costly JIOC alternatives. This approach may reduce implementation time and avoid unnecessary costs while allowing capital investments to provide continued value to City-owned assets after the 2028 Olympics.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no immediate General Fund impact resulting from the recommendations contained in this report. Funding for the selected Joint Inter-agency Operations Center and staging locations has not been identified and will need to be requested through the annual budget process or another identified funding source.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that funding requirements for the Joint Inter-agency Operations Center and staging areas in support of the Los Angeles Police Department will be identified and submitted to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.