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Los Angeles is an Olympic City, having hosted the two Summer Olympiads in 1932 and in 1984 with great success. We Angelenos congratulate the people of the City of London on the 2012 Olympic Games, as the capital of the United Kingdom has been showcased for the third time. Mayor Boris Johnson is to be especially commended for his outstanding role, along with Lord Sebastian Coe, Chairman of the London Olympics, and all the townships that contributed to a successful Olympic Games.

Looking to the future, Los Angeles should continue the tradition by again hosting the Olympic Games in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games (SCCOG) should perform an analysis to look at the appropriate time to submit a bid for consideration. While the next opportunity to bid on the Summer Games would be for 2024, that would mean the Summer Olympic Games will not have been in the United States for 28 years since Atlanta in 1996.

We wish the people of Brazil well as Rio de Janeiro becomes the first city on the South American continent to carry the Olympic Torch in 2016. While other great cities of the world will be competing for consideration, perhaps from the African continent, it is the hope of Angelenos to one day host, for a third time, the Summer Games.

For both the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum served as the host venue and continues to be utilized for major sporting events today. When the City last hosted the Games of the XXIII<sup>d</sup> Olympiad in 1984, it was an amazing time not only for the athletes – many of whom called Los Angeles home – but for all Angelenos to partake in a universal event that celebrated the successes of all the athletes who competed.

The diversity we share as Angelenos, as Americans, is second to none. In addition, the City of Los Angeles boasts a world-class atmosphere that includes the experience, facilities, athletes, and climate that embody the Olympic spirit. Many believe that the major success of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles reignited the excitement of other cities in the world to host. It would also provide tremendous cultural, economic, and social benefits to the Southern California region should Los Angeles be chosen to host the Olympic Games in the future.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City of Los Angeles formally congratulate the City of London for the outstanding 2012 Summer Games in London;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City of Los Angeles commend all the athletes and coaches who participated in the Summer Games of London;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the SCCOG to examine the feasibility for the City of Los Angeles to submit a bid for consideration to again host the Olympic Games;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council support the efforts of the SCCOG to return the Olympic Games to Los Angeles at the earliest appropriate opportunity.

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