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The 1984 Summer Olympic Games was truly unique: it was the first to be privately funded; instead of building new facilities, venues were adapted, rehabilitated and dressed up for events; the City generated substantial revenues that continue to provide equipment, coaching, instruction and facility upgrades for LA's youths, and due to significant and innovative planning, the City's roadways were congestion free.

An all-out push to control traffic during the Games reduced the number of cars on the freeways by nearly three percent and overall traffic by about 5 percent. And although it was short-lived, many of the strategies inaugurated during the Games have helped inform traffic control plans and transportation planning throughout the region. Shifting trips to and from work to off-peak hours, encouraging car-pooling and van-pooling, and promoting bus travel, among other strategies, all contributed to a remarkable success.

But Los Angeles has grown significantly in population and infrastructure since the Games – according to predictions based on demographic trends from previous census data, the City's population has grown roughly 25 percent since 1984 and could grow another 25 percent by 2024. While bringing the Games to Los Angeles is a tremendous opportunity for the City and its residents, it is critical that we work to duplicate and exceed the traffic planning to make the games a success, and to ensure the continued health and safety of our communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, Department of Transportation and Department of Planning to report back on the development of a comprehensive congestion, transportation and traffic mitigation plan City-wide and around the specific venue selections related to the 2024 Olympic Games.

I FURTHER MOVE that in order to provide sufficient time for the LA2024 Bid Committee and members of the Council to engage the public, the study and communication of a comprehensive congestion, transportation and traffic mitigation strategy and plan should begin immediately.

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