

MOTION

On July 25, 2015, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games began in Los Angeles. Approximately 6,500 athletes and 2,000 coaches representing 165 countries, along with 30,000 volunteers and an anticipated 500,000 spectators, have come to Los Angeles for the single biggest event since the 1984 Olympic Games. The 2015 Games feature competitions in aquatics, gymnastics, track and field, basketball, soccer and many other summer sports involving athletes with intellectual disabilities from around the world.

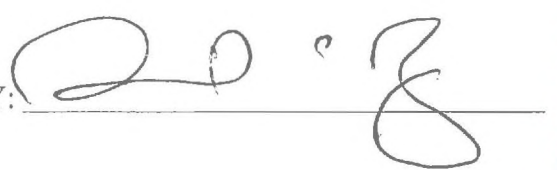
In anticipation of this exciting event, on May 13, 2014, the Council established the Ad Hoc Committee on Special Olympics to oversee and coordinate the City's various efforts for the event. Then, on February 9, 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee instructed the CAO to survey City departments and report back with that cost estimate. On April 2, 2015, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) issued a report that identified the cost of city services associated with the 2015 Special Olympic Games (C.F. 14-0273-S3).

It is important that the City support the mission of the Special Olympics, which is to use the transformative power of sports to instill confidence, improve health and inspire a sense of competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The role of City departments in assuring the success of the 2015 Special Olympic World Games cannot be overstated.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to provide transportation and traffic control services as may be necessary to ensure the efficient and effective management of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that if the above action results in a budgetary impact, the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, report on any fiscal impacts.

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