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RULE 16
FOR WED'S 10/19

The World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) are an Olympic-style multisport athletic event open to active and retired law enforcement and fire service professionals from around the world. The WPFG, which were first held in 1967, have been held every two years since 1985. The WPFG have been hosted by cities across the globe, and have drawn thousands of participants and spectators from around the world to their host cities. The 2017 WPFG were initially due to be held in Montreal, Canada. However, due to an ongoing labor dispute unrelated to the WPFG, Montreal has decided not to host them. If the games do not find a new host city soon, they will be cancelled altogether.

The WPFG represents a significant economic opportunity for the host city. The games draw nearly as many people as do the summer Olympics, with the vast majority of attendees staying in local hotels and providing significant economic boost to the host city during the games. The 2015 Games in Fairfax County, Virginia resulted in an approximately \$83 million impact to the local economy, with hotels, restaurants and other businesses benefiting from an increased number of customers. In an effort to find a new host, the organizers of the WPFG have reached out to the City of Los Angeles and asked the City to host the 2017 Games.


This represents a unique opportunity for the City of Los Angeles. Our City is a major tourist destination, has a significant amount of sporting facilities, and could easily host the 2017 WPFG. If the City decides to step in and host the 2017 WPFG, the local economy would be positively impacted, and thousands of new visitors would be drawn to the City, many of whom will come before the Games begin or stay afterwards to see the sights. The City should not let this opportunity pass it by.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City of Los Angeles commit to hosting the 2017 World Police and Fire Games.


I FURTHER MOVE, that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Police Department (LAPD), Fire Department (LAFD), Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and other relevant City Departments and outside organizations to report on the actions necessary to host the 2017 World Police and Fire Games, as well as on the funding and staffing needs of City Departments to effectively host this event.

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