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Recently, the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, which won a second consecutive World Cup, has started a national conversation on the issue of equal pay for female athletes. Despite winning consecutive titles and holding more World Cup titles than any other women's national team, the athletes on the team are compensated at significantly lower rates than their male counterparts on the men's national team.


This gender-based wage gap is not limited to soccer, but to nearly all sports and the athletes of U.S. Women's National Soccer Team have become staunch advocates for equal pay. Already, organizations in the City have been paving the way toward equal pay such as the LA Marathon, which equitably splits its prize awards among the women and men competing and serves as a model for how prize money should be awarded.

The City is a regular host to high-profile sporting events that require special events permits issued by the City to manage public safety and traffic congestion. The City should leverage its role to set an example and move the conversation forward on equitable pay for athletes, regardless of gender.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that would require equal compensation and prize money for any competition featuring both male and female divisions that takes place in the City of Los Angeles and requires a permit from the City.

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