



March 29, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León
Senate President pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1465 (de León): **Support**

Dear Senate President pro Tempore de León and Speaker Rendon,

We write in support of SB 1465, which, in the event that Los Angeles is selected as the host city for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games (“2024 Games”), would establish an Olympic Games Trust Fund and authorize the state to support the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games in connection with certain obligations and deficits that may result from the 2024 Games.

The State of California has a long history of supporting the Olympic Movement. Our state has hosted the Olympic Games three times, most recently in 1984. The 1984 Games generated a surplus that continues to fund athletic programs for youth across Southern California through the LA84 Foundation. To strengthen the ability of California cities to successfully bid to host the Olympic Games, the state legislature has twice before passed legislation substantively similar to SB 1465.

The 2024 Games is a great opportunity to highlight our state on the international stage — for its incredible weather, wealth of sports infrastructure, economic engine of innovation, leadership on sustainability, and culture of optimism. For centuries, people have come to California to realize their dreams, and we hope that athletes from around the world will come here in 2024 to realize their Olympic dreams.

The bid being developed by the Los Angeles 2024 Exploratory Committee (“Los Angeles 2024”) reflects the values of our great state. It is fiscally responsible,

sustainable, and is focused on ensuring that the athletes competing — just like the thousands of athletes who live and train in California — have the best experience possible. Los Angeles 2024 is committed to sharing the excitement of the Olympic Games throughout California, including by exploring whether preliminary competitions can be held throughout the state, helping to unite our communities and inspire a new generation of Californians.

To successfully bring the Games back to Californian soil, we must demonstrate to the International Olympic Committee that the bid has strong support from its partners at the state level. We believe that SB 1465, just like the Olympic support legislation the state has passed twice before, will send a strong signal to the world that our state stands united in support of bringing the Olympics back home to California.

For these reasons, we support SB 1465. Thank you for sponsoring this legislation.

Sincerely,


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