

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. III. C.
4/8/2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Joint Resolution with the Oklahoma City Public Property Authority committing to necessary actions required to stage canoe slalom and softball competitions during the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 in Oklahoma City.

Background:

The modern Olympic Games are a unifying global event that transcends sports and brings together people and nations from around the world. The summer Olympics, held every four years, are the most-viewed sporting event on the planet. The United States has previously hosted the summer Olympics on four occasions, with the upcoming Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 to be held in Los Angeles.

Oklahoma City has made significant investments in softball and canoe slalom facilities, establishing itself as a world capital for these sports. The City has the unique opportunity to stage the canoe slalom and softball events in their entirety from July 14-30, 2028, drawing athletes, fans, and global attention to Oklahoma City.

This office was requested by the Mayor to review the attached Joint Resolution declaring the City Council and OCPPA's intent to fully support and commit to all actions necessary for staging the canoe slalom and softball events in Oklahoma City as part of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028, including the following:

1. Use of City Facilities: The City and OCPPA commit to providing the necessary city venues, including the whitewater facility, softball facility, Oklahoma City Convention Center, Scissortail Park, Paycom Center, and other city properties as needed.
2. Maintenance and Improvements: The City and OCPPA will ensure necessary maintenance and improvements to the whitewater and softball facilities, complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. City Services: The City will provide essential services such as security, public safety, police, fire and EMS services, transit and transportation, traffic management, and sanitation services.
4. Financial Guarantee: The City and OCPPA will secure a financial guarantee with appropriate partners of \$34,500,000 to be paid to LA28 if Oklahoma City does not fulfill its commitment to stage these events.

5. Regulations and Ordinances: The City will adopt necessary regulations, ordinances, and enforcement measures to meet all requirements for hosting these events.
6. Agreements and Contracts: The City will adopt all necessary agreements, contracts, leases, and other legal actions required to host these events.
7. Anti-Discrimination and Sustainability: The City is committed to opposing any form of discrimination and prioritizing sustainability in hosting these events.

Recommendation: Joint Resolution be adopted.