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Controller Kenneth Mejia subpoenas LA28 after Olympics Organizing Committee refuses to hand over financial records & documents

After years of refusing to provide contractually required financial records and documents, Controller Mejia demands transparency from LA28 to protect City of LA taxpayers

LOS ANGELES – The Controller's Office issued a subpoena to LA28 today to demand the organization provide financial records and documents. The scope of the subpoena includes documents owed to the City of Los Angeles that LA28 has refused to provide in addition to information necessary for the Controller to ascertain the financial status of the 2028 Olympic Games. As the City's accountant, auditor, and paymaster, the Controller has a responsibility to protect City of LA taxpayers from the impact of the LA28 Olympic Games. The City of LA is the financial backstop if the LA28 Games result in a financial deficit, exposing LA taxpayers to potentially unlimited financial obligations. Angelenos deserve full transparency from LA28 related to all spending and revenue incurred in the process of planning and executing the 2028 Olympic Games.

On August 26, 2026, Controller Mejia made a formal request of LA28 for financial information to conduct financial oversight of the organization with a deadline of September 28, 2026. This request asked for information that LA28 is required to disclose annually under the 2021 Games Agreement. The Controller's Office has determined that LA28 is in compliance with only two out of nine subsections of the contract. The missing information includes comparisons of financial forecasts vs. actuals, bank statements, schedules and budgets for venues, the identity of contractors and the values and purpose of contracts.

On September 28, 2026, LA28 asserted that they share the requested information with City Liaisons, including the Mayor, the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Chief Administrative Officer. The Controller's Office completed a review of all LA28 documents within the City's possession and determined that the financial documents requested are either incomplete or wholly absent.

In response, Controller Mejia said, "LA28's refusal to comply with my Office's request after years of withholding information that they are contractually obligated to provide to the City of LA is unacceptable. My responsibility is to protect taxpayer dollars, and I will use my full authority under the City Charter to assess the City's financial exposure of hosting the 2028 Games."

LA28 has a deadline of 15 days to respond to Controller Mejia's subpoena.