

Special Committee on International Sporting Events & Joint Committee on the Arts

The Cultural Olympiad, Community Festivals, and Arts and Cultural Plans for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Joint Informational Hearing

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Loker Conference Center at the California Science Center in Expo Park
700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037

AGENDA

I. A. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Allen, Vice Chair Ward and committee members

B. Welcome from Expo Park and City of Los Angeles

Andrea Ambriz, General Manager, Exposition Park

Paul Krekorian, Executive Director, Office of Major Events

II. Cultural Olympiad – History

Dr. Tawny Paul, Professor of History at UCLA
Director of the Luskin Center for History and Policy

Zev Yaroslavsky, Director of the Los Angeles Initiative, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

III. The Creative Plans

Nora Halpern, Vice President and Executive Director, LA28 Cultural Olympiad

Dwayne Jones, Senior Vice President, LA28 Cultural Olympiad and Stakeholder Events

Daniel Tarica, General Manager, Department of Cultural Affairs, City of LA

Chris Concepción, Assistant General Manager, Department of Cultural Affairs, City of LA

Kristin Sakoda, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture

IV. The Arts Community

Gustavo Herrera, Chief Executive Officer, Arts for LA

Heather Heslup, Director of Public Art Programs, Destination Crenshaw
Board Member, Californians for the Arts

Sofia Klatzker, Cultural Affairs Manager, City of Santa Monica

V. Public Comment