

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-15-26

WHEREAS California will host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, in what will be the largest sporting event in history, hosting millions of spectators, drawing billions of global viewers, over 150 heads of state and over 15,000 athletes; and

WHEREAS Los Angeles, California having successfully hosted the Olympic Games in 1932 and 1984, joins Paris and London as the only cities to host the Games three times;

WHEREAS 2028 will be the first time California will host the Paralympic Games, bringing Para athletes from around the world to compete at the highest level of their sport;

WHEREAS the Olympic and Paralympic Games represent America's Games — spanning the breadth of California from Greater Los Angeles to competition venues in Orange, San Diego and Santa Clara Counties, and carrying the Olympic and Paralympic torch across the state — instilling immense pride in Californians as we welcome the world and showcase the best of our nation;

WHEREAS the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games present a once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase California's innovation, diversity, culture, and creativity to billions of people around the world, while generating lasting economic benefits through tourism, small business participation, trade, investment, workforce development and training, and job creation, and creating a legacy that strengthens California's global competitiveness and enhances quality of life for residents long after the Games conclude;

WHEREAS the safety and security of Californians and all visitors is of the highest priority;

WHEREAS the State is a critical partner in the construction and operation of the Games Route Network, a specialized, temporary transportation system designed to connect Olympic and Paralympic competition venues with the Olympic and Paralympic Village and key non-competition sites;

WHEREAS the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games will not build new, permanent venues for competition or athlete accommodations, and will rely instead on California's world class entertainment, recreation, higher education and sport facilities to host over 70 different Olympic and Paralympic sport disciplines and over 15,000 athletes;

WHEREAS the Games sustainability priorities align with California's priorities including supporting the circular economy by maximizing use of existing venues and infrastructure, minimizing carbon emissions by leveraging a transit-first Games, and preserving the natural environment through responsible resource planning and consumption;

WHEREAS successful delivery of the Games will require coordinated action across the entirety of state, federal, and local government, as well as external organizations, in the areas of transportation and mobility, public safety, emergency preparedness, infrastructure delivery, economic development, small business support, arts and culture, tourism, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS state government must act with urgency and coordination across its agencies to ensure that Games-related projects, operations, and intergovernmental activities are efficiently planned, delivered, and executed; and

WHEREAS California has a long-standing tradition of multi-agency coordination for global events, dating back to the State's interagency task force established for the 1984 Olympic Games to ensure unified public safety, transportation, and regional operations; and

WHEREAS California has previously utilized interagency strike teams and centralized project coordinator to expedite complex statewide priorities and infrastructure initiatives, including in Executive Order N-8-23, establishing the Infrastructure Strike Team and the Senior Counselor for Infrastructure to convene the Strike team.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby order as follows:

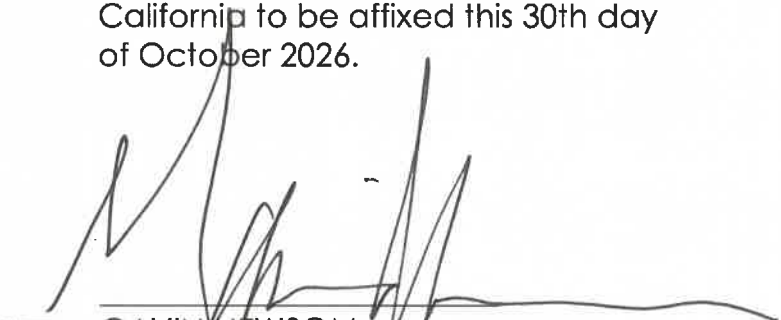
1. The Executive Director of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Delivery and Coordination Strike Team (Strike Team) is hereby created.
2. The Executive Director shall convene state agencies to coordinate state government activities necessary to support planning, preparedness, infrastructure delivery, operational readiness, and economic opportunity associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
3. The Strike Team shall be composed of the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the Adjutant General of the California Military Department, the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of the California Housing and Homelessness Agency, the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, the Secretary of the Business and Consumer Services Agency, the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency and the Secretary of the California Government Operations Agency, the Executive Director of the California Arts Council and the Director of the Governor's Office of Service and Community Engagement. The President of the California Public Utilities Commission and representatives from University of California Office of the President, California State University Office of the Chancellor, and California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office are requested to participate in the Strike Team.
4. The Strike Team shall:
 - a. Coordinate with local governments, regional transportation agencies, federal agencies, airport and port authorities, industry associations and business leaders, labor organizations, tribal governments, and representatives of the LA28 Organizing Committee, as appropriate.

- b. Coordinate statewide activities related to Games preparedness and operations, including transportation systems, infrastructure readiness, public safety operations, emergency preparedness, cybersecurity, public health planning, and continuity of critical services.
 - c. Identify opportunities to improve coordination and communication among state agencies and resolve administrative or operational barriers that could delay Games-related planning, permitting, procurement, infrastructure delivery, or operational readiness activities and create cost pressures.
 - d. Identify opportunities to streamline, consolidate, or expedite relevant state permitting, licensing, and regulatory review processes to support Games delivery, while maintaining environmental, labor, and public safety standards.
 - e. Support expedited interagency coordination for Games-related transportation, mobility, energy, telecommunications, and public infrastructure projects where appropriate.
 - f. Support regional efforts maximize economic and workforce opportunities and job creation associated with the Games, including opportunities for small businesses, communities, tourism, and workforce development.
 - g. Coordinate state efforts to showcase California's leadership in innovation, sustainable operations, and accessibility, where feasible, and to further the goals of the Olympic and Paralympic movements.
5. State agencies and departments subject to my authority shall cooperate fully with the Strike Team and provide such assistance, information, and personnel as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order, consistent with applicable law and subject to available resources.
6. The Strike Team shall provide periodic updates, at least quarterly, to the Governor regarding state agency actions and key milestones required to ensure the state's full operational readiness and support ahead of the Games.
7. The Strike Team shall coordinate with regional, local, and federal partners to support integrated planning and operational readiness activities associated with the Games and related events throughout California.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 30th day
of October 2026.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH. D
Secretary of State