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LA28 Sustainability Team
LA28 Food & Beverage Team

Dear LA28 Sustainability and Food & Beverage Leadership:

We have a shared vision of positioning Los Angeles as a global leader in sustainable mega-events and leveraging the international spotlight of LA28 to advance scalable, equitable, and long-term reuse systems through collective strategic collaboration.

The undersigned organizations are a collective of local, national, and international organizations dedicated to advancing waste prevention and reuse systems across Los Angeles. Together, we represent environmental leaders, community partners, and reuse innovators working to ensure that the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games leave a bold and lasting legacy of sustainability, waste reduction, and reuse. While the Paris 2024 Games took important steps to move away from single-use food and drinkware, LA28 can and should go further by adopting stronger, more comprehensive reuse strategies. In doing so, LA can secure a legacy of reduced waste and meaningful growth in green, community-based employment.

Los Angeles is disproportionately burdened by the full life cycle of plastics, from oil drilling and refining to petrochemical production, shipping corridors, and the excessive consumption and disposal of single-use plastic items. Many of these impacts fall on frontline communities that are already navigating cumulative environmental and social stressors. As we look ahead to the Games in this time of many challenges, including significant budget cuts, continued ICE raids, and mounting political division, we want to affirm that Los Angeles County is strengthened by our immigrant communities and rooted in diversity. We hope that every Angeleno and visitor feels safe here, and we hope LA28 shares that goal. Large-scale events like the Olympic and Paralympic Games risk adding another layer of strain on communities already burdened with both social and environmental injustice through massive short-term waste generation. LA28 has both a responsibility and an extraordinary opportunity to ensure the Games do not exacerbate existing inequities, and instead serve as a catalyst for positive, community-driven change. By prioritizing reuse and waste prevention, LA28 can reduce local pollution burdens while demonstrating what a truly sustainable, equitable global event can look like.

We write to you with a proposal for how this bold vision can be met, including overarching reuse targets and specific, achievable requests for measures that can be taken to reduce waste and promote reuse at the Games.

Specific Requests:

1. **Olympic Village:** 100% reusable foodware and drinkware implemented at the Olympic Village using a permanent reuse system* that will remain beyond the games.
2. **Major Competition Venues:** 100% reusable drinkware and maximum feasible adoption of reusable foodware implemented at the following major event venues using a permanent reuse system* that will remain beyond the games:

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| 1. LA Memorial Coliseum | 6. SoFi Stadium |
| 2. Crypto.com Arena | 7. Intuit Dome |
| 3. LA Convention Center | 8. USC Galen Center |
| 4. Dodger Stadium | 9. Rose Bowl Aquatic Center |
| 5. BMO Stadium | 10. Peacock Theater |

Several of these venues, including Crypto.com Arena and Peacock Theater, already operate reuse systems, creating an immediate opportunity for LA28 to scale and unify reuse across all Olympic properties using models that have been proven successful on the ground in Los Angeles.

** “Reuse system” means a system in which (1) convenient drop-off of an item is available to the customer, (2) there are suitable incentive systems to encourage customers to return the product, such as a deposit or charge for failure to return, or discounts, rewards, or other positive incentives, (3) reusable serviceware remains within the system after the Games are over and will be used for future events, and (4) an average of an 80% return rate or higher is regularly achieved.*

3. **Souvenir Cups:** Non-plastic souvenir cups, preferably stainless steel, should be offered to all fans for a cost with a monetary incentive or discount for use. Souvenir cups should be transferable across all venues for the entire duration of the Games. Lids, straws, and other accessories for souvenir cups should be provided only upon request.
4. **Existing State Laws:** Ensure compliance with state law AB 1276 (foodware accessories upon request) across all venues and contractors.
5. **BYO and Reusable Water Bottles:** Allow “Bring Your Own” reusable bottles of any type at every LA28 venue and ensure compliance with AB 619 (BYO reusable foodware and drinkware) across all venues and contractors. Provide reusable bottles to all athletes free of charge, with encouragement to use and guidance on where to safely fill.
6. **Hydration Stations:** Provide ample hydration stations and signage that actively encourage spectators and athletes to use them and reduce waste through BYO reuse.
7. **No “Crack and Pour”:** Eliminate “crack and pour” policies, where single-use packaged beverages are opened and poured into cups, that generate unnecessary waste.
8. **Waterfront Venues:** No single-use plastic at any beach, seaside, or waterfront venues.
9. **Promoting Reuse:** Proactively promote reuse in external communications, including on-site education and venue signage, and conduct press outreach before, during, and after the Olympics that clearly explains the Games’ reuse initiatives and guides fans and athletes on how to participate.

If all of the above nine goals are met, the LA28 Olympic & Paralympic Games would prioritize reuse and achieve a *bare minimum* of 50%* reusable foodware and drinkware, and should strive to achieve much more.

Implementing these commitments will allow LA28 to leave behind a durable legacy of reuse infrastructure that serves Angelenos long after the Games conclude. It will position Los Angeles as a global model for hosting a truly sustainable Games by demonstrating that large-scale events can dramatically reduce waste without compromising guest experience. It will also empower the public with visible, accessible zero-waste solutions that support community pride and participation throughout the Games. In doing so, LA28 will align with California’s strong statewide direction on waste prevention and build on local efforts to reduce plastic pollution. Together, these actions affirm that the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games can and must be a catalyst for positive change.

The undersigned organizations stand ready to offer support and expertise, and collaborate closely with your teams to meet these targets, identify feasible implementation pathways, and ensure these measures integrate smoothly into existing venue operations and sponsor commitments. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss how to bring this vision to life. Thank you for your leadership and for the chance to support an ambitious and achievable sustainability legacy for the 2028 Games.

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