

It's Official: Long Beach Becomes Part of LA's Bid to Host 2024 Olympics

It's official: Long Beach, including several parts of DTLB, will be part of the official bid of Los Angeles as it vies to score to be the host of 2024 Summer Olympics.

According to an announcement from Mayor Robert Garcia, sites that LA2024 are including in its bid include: sailing near the Belmont Pier, water polo in a temporary facility to be built on the waterfront, marathon swimming and the Triathlon along our beautiful coast (with the triathlon incorporating part of the Grand Prix track), BMX in a temporary facility, and handball at the Long Beach Arena. City Council voted to enter into an agreement with the committee to host a portion of the games this past Tuesday.

"Long Beach will be on the international stage, and we will see a huge increase in economic activity, benefiting our local businesses and showing the whole world what a special place Long Beach is," Garcia stated. "Long Beach has a long history of hosting Olympic competitions and producing many local Olympians and Paralympians. We are proud to join the LA 2024 team and will do everything we can to support Los Angeles and the United States bid. We are committed to ensuring that the Games provide an economic benefit to our hotels, tourism and community."

Long Beach is no stranger to the Olympics, having hosted events for the 1932 and 1984 Summer Olympic Games.

Given that Rome's Mayor Virginia Raggi has ultimately rejected vying for the Olympics in her own city, citing continuing criticism that the Olympics "just bring further debt" more than they do viable sources of business and tourism, this

means Los Angeles will be competing against Paris and Budapest to be the host.

The International Olympic Committee is scheduled to decide on a host city in September 2017.