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SUPERVISORS SUPPORT BID TO HOST OLYMPIC MARATHON TRIALS IN LOS ANGELES FOR 2016

Hoping to continue the push to host the 2024 Olympic Games, on Tuesday the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to support the LA Marathon, LLC's bid to host the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials for selection of both the Men's and Women's teams to compete in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The trials will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, the day before the 31st Annual ASICS LA Marathon. The course option for the trials will take runners throughout the City of Los Angeles, including Dodger Stadium, LA Live, the Coliseum, and various iconic areas in Hollywood.

The bid for the trials could bring Los Angeles one step closer toward hosting the Olympic Games in 2024. Los Angeles would be in competition with other U.S. cities,

such as Philadelphia, Dallas and Washington, which are also hoping to host the games. Earlier this year, the U.S. Olympic Committee began outreach efforts to 35 cities about their interest in hosting the 2024 competition. The U.S. has not hosted the summer games since 1996 in Atlanta, Georgia.

While other cities have struggled with expenses, the 1984 Summer Olympics held Los Angeles has been considered the “most financially successful” in the history of the modern Olympics. This serves as a testament to Los Angeles’ ability to coordinate events of this logistic size and capacity, including the stellar coordination and cooperation between law enforcement, businesses, and private industry.

“The marathon course, which will wind its way throughout many of Los Angeles’ most iconic areas, is a splendid showcase of all that this county has to offer,” said Chairman Ridley-Thomas. “Using Los Angeles as the venue for the U.S. Olympic trails will be an excellent way to promote international competition, world peace and our Olympic bid.”

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