

SALT LAKE CITY-UTAH COMMITTEE FOR THE GAMES



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Thomas Bach
President
International Olympic Committee
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Dear President Bach,

Salt Lake City and Utah love the Olympic Movement and everything for which it stands – even more so in these unsettled times when people need hope and inspiration. Our citizens were thrilled to host the world in 2002 and our legacy is as strong as ever.

We know that these times are challenging for all and we applaud your partnership with Japan and Tokyo 2020 to address the COVID-19 crisis. As you stated last April, “Olympic values of solidarity, peace, respect for each other and for the global rules of sport need to be emphasized.” We believe this is more important now than ever before.

We hope to welcome the world again in Salt Lake City and Utah by hosting a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. As you know, the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee selected us as the U.S. city during a review for American candidates in 2018. We are delighted by its partnership and support, which further strengthens our great legacy story. We have political support at all levels and our citizens are enthusiastic to host another Games with more than an 80% approval rating. This past March, the Governor and Legislature passed a bill, without any dissent, to support the tenants of the IOC host contract.

Every one of our Olympic and Paralympic venues has been active with well-integrated recreation, after-school programs that benefit thousands of Utah children, national and international training opportunities, World Cups and World Championships. Most recently, we built additional housing to support athletes from over 30 countries who train at our venues. We welcome them with open arms.

During the past months of pandemic lockdown, our state has remained active in sport, safely hosting professional summer sports leagues in their return to competition. Winter athletes have continued to train here this past summer, as well.

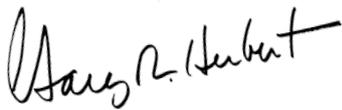
One of the areas that requires deep collaboration with the IOC and USOPC is the area of risk mitigation. While risk was always part of the planning for hosting Olympic and Paralympic Games, the risk awareness of what could happen has risen to a new level, which affects all parties. We would seek to work with the IOC and USOPC to develop risk mitigation strategies so that all parties, including our key stakeholders, are comfortable with hosting another Games.

As we look to the potential opportunity to host another Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, we would welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with the IOC to produce an excellent Games for all stakeholders while embracing the principles in the New Norm to deliver the Games at a lower cost. Fraser Bullock, who is President and CEO of the effort to pursue a bid, was a member of the New Norm Working Group and has a deep understanding of those principles. If given the opportunity, we fully commit to working in close partnership with the IOC to further strengthen what the Olympic Movement aspires to offer the world.

It is our plan sometime in the near future, when international travel resumes, to send a small delegation to Lausanne to personally express our solidarity and enthusiasm for the Olympic Movement, which has been the cornerstone of our 2002 legacy and our community engagement.

We remain ready, willing and able to continue to be a contributor to Games legacy and hope we will have the opportunity to personally express our thanks and commitment.

Warm Regards,



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