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Greetings Mayor and Council

There have been discussions in the media about a public viewing location in Vancouver. I wanted to let you know that staff do not have any plans to support a public viewing location for the upcoming games. Our staff explored some options with potential partners and have been notified by them that they do not plan to proceed.

Here's our messaging to media that are asking staff for information:

The City will not be hosting or providing funding for an NBA Finals viewing event in Vancouver. Events of this nature require adequate lead time to plan and execute successfully, and while we reviewed plans for a potential viewing event, we were not able to identify a location that was suitable and available for a series of up to seven events following the eastern conference final that ended May 25.

The City of Vancouver celebrates the excitement around basketball in our community, and we look forward to working with partners to develop and inspire local sport development.

Best

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