

(June 4, 2008) Chicago is Named One of the Final Four for 2016 Olympics

On Wednesday, June 4, 2008, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that Chicago is one of four finalists to host the 2016 Summer Olympics. Tokyo, Madrid, and Rio de Janeiro are also still in contention.

In response to the IOC's announcement, Congressman Dan Lipinski released the following statement.

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"Like all of Chicagoland, I was pleased to see that Chicago remains in strong contention to host the 2016 Olympic Games. The Olympics are an unrivaled cultural and sporting event, bringing the entire world together in peaceful competition. And a Chicago Olympics will bring tourism and revenue to the city, while increasing our international reputation."

"Although much work remains to be completed, being included on the short-list of potential host cities is an important first step. As Chicagoland's only member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I look forward to continuing to work with city, state, and other federal officials to ensure that the Chicago area receives the transportation funding and other resources and support necessary to win this bid."

Last October, Rep. Lipinski brought the Highway and Transit Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to Chicago for a hearing on the region's transportation needs for the Olympics and beyond.