

# City of Detroit

RICHARD W. READING  
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 11, 1939

International Olympic Committee  
In Session  
London, England

Gentlemen:

Detroit, the world's dynamic motor capital, extends its most sincere and enthusiastic invitation to the 1944 Olympiad.

This official invitation is extended only after deliberate consideration and conference, and bears the unanimous endorsement of a civic committee composed of citizens prominent in the industrial, educational, sporting, mercantile and social life of this city.

We are fully cognizant of the many responsibilities which a city host to the Olympic Games must shoulder. We are definitely aware of the vast capital expenditure essential for the smooth execution of every phase of the undertaking. In Detroit we have unsurpassed personnel, natural advantages and funds for the successful conduct of this splendid event.

The City of Detroit, located on a great chain of waterways near the center of the North American continent, symbolizes the international scope of the Olympic Games themselves. Our city is directly connected with the sea lanes of the world. Ships of every flag can be seen in the Port of Detroit, which is one of the largest importing and exporting points in the United States. Detroit is a key city to an industrial area contributing more than one billion dollars a year to the national income from international trade. Detroit is a city of over one and a half million people, more than 400,000 of whom depend on international trade for their livelihood.

Ours is a city of prominence in the commercial affairs of the world. That we may achieve additional international recognition by being designated host city to the 1944 Olympiad, is our most cherished desire.

We sincerely hope our invitation will receive favorable consideration, and toward this end the City of Detroit pledges its wholehearted, unqualified cooperation.

Assuring you of our deep appreciation for any consideration you may accord world's motor capital in the matter of the 1944 Olympic Games, I remain

Cordially yours,

*Richard W. Reading*  
Mayor





LUREN D. DICKINSON  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LANSING

May 9, 1939

The International Olympic Committee  
London, England

Gentlemen:

As Governor of the State of Michigan it becomes my pleasure to extend a cordial and urgent invitation to hold your 1944 Olympiad in this State and in the metropolitan City of Detroit.

The State of Michigan with its multitude of attractions, and its international relationship with Canada offers an ideal setting for your 1944 games, and a most hearty welcome will be yours.

Respectfully yours,,

*L. D. Dickinson*

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