LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

October 5, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

APPROVE REALLOCATION OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AND AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS (FOURTH DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve reallocation of $39,018 of Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to the City of Hawaiian Gardens (City) under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition) from its Helen Rosas Education Center/C. Robert Lee Recreation Center Refurbishment Project to its Clarkdale Park Renovation Project.

2. Approve an alternative plan for expenditure for the City to transfer $273 of residual 1996 Proposition Specified Project funds from its completed Lee Ware Community/Aquatics Center Project to its Clarkdale Park Renovation Project, allocated to the City under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (U).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Hawaiian Gardens to transfer $39,291 of additional funds for the Clarkdale Park Renovation Project. The estimated total cost for the project is $119,291 and includes new playground equipment, new signage, resurfacing of the basketball court, new benches, tables and barbeques and a block wall around portions of the park.

On April 30, 2002, your Board approved an allocation of $80,000 of Fourth Supervisorial District "Cities" Excess Funds for the Clarkdale Park Renovation Project. The City is requesting to transfer $39,018 of Per Parcel Discretionary funding, currently allocated for the Helen Rosas Education Center/C. Robert Lee Recreation Center Refurbishment Project. The City will terminate the existing grant and transfer the funds in the amount of $39,018 to supplement the Clarkdale Park Renovation Project.

Additionally, the City is requesting to transfer $273 of residual 1996 Proposition Specified Projects funding from its completed Lee Ware Community/Aquatics Center Project to the Clarkdale Park Renovation Project. The 1996 Proposition required recipient agencies of Specified Projects funding to expend or commit for expenditure all such funding prior to June 30, 2003. Under the 1996 Proposition, the only method to commit 1996 Proposition Specified Project funds after the June 30, 2003, deadline is for the agency to request your Board to approve an alternative plan for expenditure. Residual funds from the Specified Projects funding are available from the City's completed Lee Ware Community/Aquatics Center Project and it is recommended that your Board approve this alternative plan for expenditure.

If your Board does not approve the City's requests, the City may either expend the remaining funds for the uses currently specified, request your Board's approval to fund new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) and Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by assisting the City of Hawaiian Gardens to refurbish Clarkdale Park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds for the Clarkdale Park Renovation project, totaling $119,291, are budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Fund (HB4) under Other Charges and in the District's Excess Funds Fund (HD6) under Other Charges to fund the project. Funds for the project are available under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1), Section (3), and Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (U) of the 1996 Proposition and from Fourth Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Per Parcel funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (d) of the 1996 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 2001. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2001-02, any Per Parcel funds not committed to expenditure are available for award by your Board for one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority. Upon such award, the original grantee will have no further claim to the funds.

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e) of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects after June 30, 2003. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by your Board.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so that the City of Hawaiian Gardens may proceed on the renovation of Clarkdale Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that this action will have no impact on the environment. Any projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review by their grantee agencies.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel