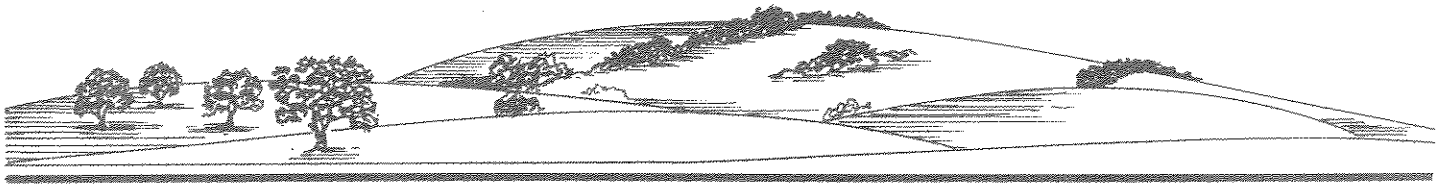

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

October 30, 2007

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:

ALLOCATE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS TO THE CITIES OF CULVER CITY AND HAWTHORNE AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS (SECOND DISTRICT – 3 VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Allocate Second Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds in the amount of $50,000 to the City of Culver City for the construction of a skateboard park at Culver City Park.

2. Allocate Second Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds in the amount of $75,000 to the City of Hawthorne for the renovation of the Hawthorne Municipal Swimming Pool.

3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to award grants to the Cities of Culver City and Hawthorne when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommendation, will allocate $50,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Culver City for the construction of an approximately 12,000 to 13,000-square foot permanent skateboard park and related park improvements at Culver City Park. The permanent skateboard park will replace a temporary 5,000-square foot skateboard park on the site that is too small for the large number of skaters frequenting the park. The total cost for the project is $710,058 which includes the $50,000 in Excess Funds requested and $660,058 in federal Land and Water Conservation Funds, State grant funding and City Capital Improvement funds.

Approval of the second recommendation, will allocate $75,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Hawthorne for the City's Hawthorne Swimming Pool Renovation Project. The project consists of the re-construction of two of the pools, removal and replacement of the existing pool decking, new drains and plumbing, new plastering, tile, steps, mechanical room and filter upgrades, electrical upgrades and landscaping. The total cost of the project is $1,738,956 which includes the $75,000 in Excess Funds requested and $1,663,956 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funding allocated to the City, State grant funding and City funds.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award grants to the Cities of Culver City and Hawthorne, for the identified projects, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition and grantee compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the projects, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allocating Excess Funds for urban recreational opportunities in the Cities of Culver City and Hawthorne in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of $125,000 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will provide enhanced urban recreational opportunities in the Cities of Culver City and Hawthorne in the Second Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The City of Culver City is the lead agency for the Skateboard Park Project and the City of Hawthorne is the lead agency for the Hawthorne Swimming Pool Renovation Project. As such, both cities are responsible for appropriate environmental documentation for their respective projects.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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