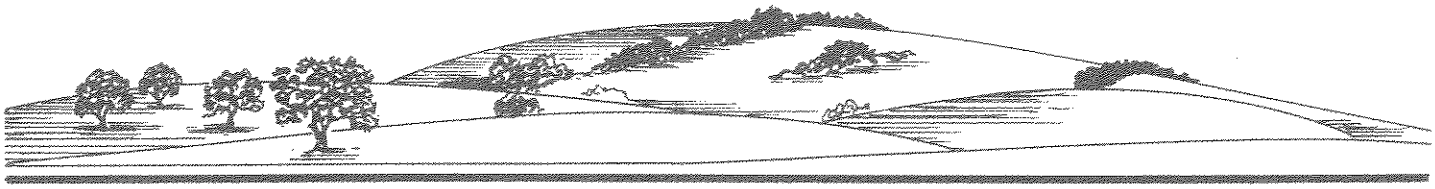

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

February 19, 2008

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 OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR STONEY POINT PARK AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR COSTS INCURRED PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF A GRANT PROJECT AGREEMENT (FIFTH DISTRICT — 3 VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.

2. Approve the reallocation of Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in the amount of $750,000 allocated to the City of Los Angeles under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the Stoney Point Park Acquisition Project.

3. Authorize the Director to reimburse the City Los Angeles for costs incurred prior to the execution of the grant project agreement for the Stoney Point Park Acquisition Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions would allow the City of Los Angeles (City) to use unspent Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in the amount of $750,000 allocated to the City under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) the 1992 Proposition for the acquisition of land for the expansion of Stoney Point Park.

The project consists of the acquisition of two parcels of land totaling 5.05 acres that extends the southern border of Stoney Point Park. Stoney Point Park, in Chatsworth, features scenic natural rock outcroppings and boulders. Activities in the 76-acre park include, rock climbing, hiking, and horse back riding. The additional 5.05 acres house an equestrian facility that leads directly into the park. The total cost for the acquisition project is $2,520,000, which includes the $750,000 in 1992 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary Funds requested, $660,368 in State Grant Funds, $150,600 in Quimby Funds, $359,032 in City Sites & Facilities Funds, and $600,000 in City Council District 12 Amenities Funds.

Since a portion of the project costs were incurred prior to the execution of a grant agreement for the funds, your Board's approval would be required to allow the Director to reimburse the City for these expenditures.

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), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being), and Goal No. 6 (Community Services), by enabling the City to expand Stoney Point Park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds for the projects, in the amount of $750,000, are budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 Proposition set forth deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds, as follows:

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (9), Subsection (e) of the 1992 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 1996. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1996-97, any Per Parcel Discretionary Funds not committed to expenditure are available for your Board to award for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority and fit within one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition.

If your Board does not approve the City's requests, the City may either request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so the City may utilize the funds on the Stoney Point Park Acquisition Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Stoney Point Park Acquisition Project.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to 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.

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