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Chief Executive Officer

July 1, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: REJECT BIDS
PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146017
PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISION 142, CYCLES A AND F
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to reject all bids for a tree trimming project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Reject all bids received on November 6, 2007, for Project ID No. RMD4146017, Parkway Tree Trimming, Road Division 142, Cycles A and F, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (1).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to reject the bids received for this work since the work was not able to start prior to the bird nesting season, which runs from mid-March through September.

Bids were opened on November 6, 2007. The process of the bid opening and preparation of the Board Letter along with the Christmas and New Year holidays falling on Tuesdays prevented the Board Letter recommending award of the construction contract from being filed until mid-January. At that time, the award was put on hold until

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we had an opportunity to review our financial situation due to potential withholding of gas tax revenues by the State. It was recommended not to award this project in order to proceed with higher priority work. The instruction to bidders provides for the rejection of all bids if such action is in the best interest of the County. The bid bond period has expired, and it is not anticipated that the bidders will keep their bid prices until next fall when work could start.

The Department of Public Works will readvertise this project at a later date to perform the work outside of the bird nesting season.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), and Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will allow the Department of Public Works to reschedule this tree trimming project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The cost to readvertise the project will be minimal.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Public Works believes that rejecting bids is in the best interest of the County. A recommendation will be made to your Board to readvertise the project at a later date.

A certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposal as submitted by the lowest bidder are included to be filed at the Executive Office.

The Instruction to Bidders included in the bid documents provides for the rejection of all bids by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On October 9, 2007, Agenda Item 33, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Delaying the project will not impact the Department of Public Works' ability to maintain and ensure the controlled growth of the Countywide Urban Forest.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance