LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

October 28, 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:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, FUNDED THROUGH THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITIONS OF 1992 AND 1996, TO THE CITIES OF CARSON, COMPTON, CULVER CITY, GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, INGLEWOOD, LAWNDALE, AND LYNWOOD, AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS (SECOND DISTRICT - 3 VOTE MATTER)**

## SUBJECT

These actions will allocate $2,397,870 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for projects to various cities for projects described herein.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

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

2. Allocate Cities Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District in the amount of $2,397,870 to the cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale and Lynwood for various projects described in Attachment I.

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 above 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 recommended actions will allocate $2,397,870 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for projects in cities as described in Attachment I. As a condition of the grant, grantees agree to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the projects. When the total cost exceeds the amounts allocated herein, projects will be completed using other funding sources, to be determined.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood have met this requirement.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants to the cities when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, 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), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being), and Goal No. 6 (Community Services), by allocating Excess Funds for projects to enhance recreational opportunities in the Cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood in the Second Supervisorial District.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of $2,397,870 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 from Excess Funds 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 enhance recreational opportunities in the Cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood in the Second Supervisorial District.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with the 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 Cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood are the lead agencies for their respective projects.

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 at this time 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

Attachment

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

Attachment I: Cities' Project Descriptions

| City | Project Name and Description | Amount |
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| **Carson** | **Carson Park Rehabilitation**<br>The removal of and replacement of various facilities at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $253,000. | **$253,000** |
| **Compton** | **Wilson Park Rehabilitation**<br>The removal of and replacement of various facilities at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $960,700. | **$250,000** |
| **Culver City** | **Veterans Memorial Park Playground**<br>The removal of and replacement of a playground at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $130,000. | **$61,192** |
| | **Bill Botts Field Improvements**<br>The improvement of existing sports fields. The estimated total project cost is $150,000. | **$82,078** |
| **Gardena** | **Arthur Johnson Park Restrooms Rehabilitation**<br>The rehabilitation of restrooms at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $305,411. | **$266,000** |
| **Gardena** | **Mas Fukai Park Playground Equipment**<br>The removal of and replacement of playground equipment at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $233,240. | **$60,000** |
| **Hawthorne** | **Holly Park Rehabilitation**<br>The removal of and the replacement of various facilities at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $304,000. | **$273,600** |
| | **Memorial Center Park Rehabilitation**<br>The removal of and the replacement of potable water systems and irrigation systems at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $131,000. | **$37,000** |
| **Inglewood** | **Vincent and Darby Parks Lighting Improvements**<br>The design of and installation of new lighting systems at two existing parks. The estimated total project cost is $460,000. | **$280,000** |
| | **Vincent Park Sports Lighting Rehabilitation**<br>The removal of and the replacement of lighting fixtures and a related electrical transformer at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $40,000. | **$10,000** |

**Lawndale** **Community Center Development** **$400,000**
The design of and the development of a new community center. The size of and design features of the proposed facility are being finalized. The estimated total project cost is between $5 million and $11 million, depending on the actual size of and design features of the new facility.

**William Green Park Building Replacement** **$100,000**
The removal of and the replacement of a modular building at an existing park. The estimated total project cost is $400,000.

**Lynwood** **Ham Park Expansion Development** **$50,000**
The development of a new passive park on Atlantic Boulevard, adjacent to the new Ham Park. The estimated total project cost is $200,000.

**Carnation Park Development** **$175,000**
The development of a new passive park on State Street. The estimated total project cost is $200,000.

**Lynwood** **Pocket Parks Development** **$100,000**
The development of four (4) new passive parks adjacent to existing residential neighborhoods. The estimated total project cost is $100,000.