Draft Ballot Measure for Countywide Parks and Recreation Projects

The Board recognizes the importance of parks and recreation and the multiple benefits they provide to the communities we serve. Accordingly, in February 2015, the Board funded the 2016 Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, the first of its kind, to gather data, analyze existing conditions, and produce lists of projects as prioritized by local community members. The Board further directed the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Chief Executive Officer to examine existing funding sources and explore options available to fund parks and recreation projects into the future, all of which has culminated in the draft ballot measure being discussed today.

As shown by the 2016 Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Final Report and the funding sources information previously reported, the funding needed to provide and protect parks and recreation facilities throughout the County exceeds the amount of existing resources available to service providers. With the expiration of the voter-approved local revenue for funding Countywide parks and recreation projects and their maintenance under Propositions A of 1992 and 1996, on June 30, 2015, and the June 30, 2019, respectively, success of the draft parks and recreation funding measure is of utmost importance to our County and its constituents.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to report back to the Board on June 21, 2016 with the final draft parks and recreation funding measure so the Board may consider its adoption and placement on the November 8, 2016 ballot; and the final report of the Countywide Park Needs Assessment for adoption by the Board.

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