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December 20, 2016

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 December 20, 2016

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SALE OF COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SURPLUS PROPERTY
TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
WHITES CANYON ROAD
ASSESSOR'S IDENTIFICATION NOS. 2836-002-907, 2836-002-922,
AND 2864-003-919 (PORTION)
IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the sale of fee interests in Assessor's Identification Nos. 2836-002-907 and 2836-002-922 and a portion of 2864-003-919, in the City of Santa Clarita, from the County of Los Angeles to the City of Santa Clarita for open space and recreational purposes.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find this transaction categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that the fee interest in the real property identified as Assessor's Identification Nos. 2836-002-907 and 2836-002-922 and a portion of 2864-003-919 and referred to as Parcels 6-24EX, 6-24EX.1, 6-24EX.2, and 6-14EX, in the City of Santa Clarita, are no longer required for the purposes of the County of Los Angeles.
- 3. Approve the sale of Parcels 6-24EX, 6-24EX.1, 6-24EX.2, and 6-14EX from the County of Los Angeles to the City of Santa Clarita for \$651,000.

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4. Delegate authority to the Chief Deputy Director of Public Works or his designee to sign the Quitclaim Deed document and authorize delivery to the City of Santa Clarita.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors to sell property known as Assessor's Identification Nos. 2836-002-907 and 2836-002-922 and a portion of 2864-003-919 and referred to as Parcels 6-24EX, 6-24EX.1, 6-24EX.2, and 6-14EX, located in the City of Santa Clarita, for open space and recreational purposes.

The County acquired fee title to Parcels 6-24EX, 6-24EX.1, 6-24EX.2, and 6-14EX as part of the land needed for the Whites Canyon Road and Sierra Highway (Route 126) road improvements. Construction of the road improvements was either completed or discontinued, and the subject parcels are no longer required. The City requested to purchase the parcels to maintain open space and public recreational opportunities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) as this transaction will maintain open space and recreational opportunities and enhance aesthetics in the area, thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The City will pay a total of \$651,000 for the parcels, which represents the fair market value. The amount of \$620,000 will be allocated to Parcels 6-24EX, 6-24EX.1, and 6-24EX.2 and deposited into the Bouquet Bridge and Major Thoroughfare District Fund. The amount of \$31,000 will be allocated to Parcel 6-14EX and deposited into the Road Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Parcels 6-24EX, 6-24EX.2, and 6-14EX are located north of Via Princessa Road and east of Whites Canyon Road, and Parcel 6-24EX.1 is located west of Whites Canyon Road and north of Via Princessa Road, in the City of Santa Clarita.

The transfer of the parcels to the City is authorized by Section 25365 of the California Government Code. Further, as required by Section 6061 of the California Government Code, a notice of this intended action shall be published at least one week prior thereto in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County.

The Quitclaim Deed does not transfer rights to any oil, gas, petroleum, or other hydrocarbon and minerals. Moreover, the Quitclaim Deed will contain a restriction requiring the property to be used only for open space and recreational purposes. If the City ceases to use the property for open space and recreational purposes, the property will revert to the County.

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The Quitclaim Deed document will be approved by County Counsel as to form prior to execution and will be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This transaction is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15325 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 16 of the Los Angeles County Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 17, 1987. This exemption provides for the sale of property to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This transaction will eliminate the County's need to maintain the property and reduce the cost of the County's expenses and potential liabilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Deputy Director

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c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

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