

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

August 14, 2018

**Establishing the Whittier Aquatic Center Capital Project**

The County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) operates and maintains 30 public swimming pools and 21 splash pads including three state-of-the-art aquatic centers.

These aquatic facilities host recreational swimming programs and events for community members, which include students, older adults, families, swim teams and clubs. They offer a way for everyone to remain active and fit, and enable children and youth to develop important social skills that will last a lifetime. And for many, these public aquatic facilities are their only swimming opportunities.

The unincorporated West Whittier – Los Nietos area, located in the Fourth District, has a population of 26,500 residents, none of whom live near a public pool. In fact, the nearest County operated year-round, multi-purpose aquatic facility is located at Belvedere Community Regional Park, located 7.4 miles away. The Department is proposing the construction of a new Whittier Aquatic Center (Aquatic Center) located at Pioneer High School, 10800 Ben Avon Street, Whittier, in the unincorporated community of West Whittier-Los Nietos. The proposed Aquatic Center will include the following scope of work: a pool building with offices, classrooms, restrooms and storage; an Olympic-size 50-meter by 25-yard competitive swimming pool; a 25-meter by 25-yard practice pool; and related improvements.

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There is a high demand for year-round multi-pool aquatic facilities in West Whittier-Los Nietos. The proposed programs will include various water exercises, recreational swimming, swim lessons, junior lifeguard training, synchronized swimming, water polo, and diving. The Olympic-size competition pool will also provide a venue for master swim teams and will be certified for hosting official swimming competitions and water polo events. The proposed Aquatic Center will greatly benefit an underserved population and meet the urgent need for aquatic programs in the West Whittier-Los Nietos community.

The Department will enter into an option agreement with the Whittier Union High School District to allow the parties to negotiate the terms and conditions to establish a mutually beneficial partnership. The Department will return to the Board to recommend an agreement.

Initial funding for the proposed Aquatic Center in the amount of \$5,492,000 is available from the Regional Park and Open Space District Proposition A Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhoods Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A), to begin project planning and development. During the FY18-19 Supplemental Changes Budget phase, an additional \$19,061,000 of Utility User Tax revenue allocated for use in the Fourth District in the Provisional Finance Use budget will be transferred to the capital project. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) will return to the Board to recommend additional funds to fully fund the proposed Aquatic Center as appropriate.

Accordingly, the Department seeks to establish a capital project, apply for initial funding, and through Public Works, prepare the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and design-build scoping documents. Public Works will return to the Board to recommend the approval of appropriate environmental findings prior to commencing any activities which would constitute a project under CEQA. Furthermore, Public Works will also return to the Board to recommend payment of stipends for responsive design-build proposals and award of a design-build contract.

The Department anticipates one-time development costs and ongoing annual maintenance and operation costs for the operation of the Aquatic Center, which will be provided when Public Works returns to the Board to recommend full funding of the

project. The Department, in conjunction with the Fourth Supervisorial District, will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate funding level for one-time and ongoing maintenance and operation costs.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the recommended actions related to the Whittier Aquatic Center are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions are not a project under section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and are excluded from the definition of a project according to sections 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are governmental fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment;
2. Adopt a Resolution to submit an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for a total amount of \$5,492,000 in Proposition A Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhoods Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A) for the proposed Whittier Aquatic Center; and authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept funds, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed Project;
3. Adopt the attached Youth Employment Plan as required by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District;
4. Establish the proposed Whittier Aquatic Center Project, Capital Project No. 69838, in an amount of \$5,492,000 in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Capital Projects/Refurbishment Budget;
5. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to enter into an option agreement with Whittier Union High School District for the terms and

conditions of the partnership;

6. Upon approval of Proposition A Grant Funds from Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District, approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment to increase the proposed Whittier Aquatic Center project budget by appropriating \$5,492,000 to the Capital Assets – Buildings and Improvements under Capital Project No. 69838; and
7. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to proceed with the preparation of CEQA documents and design-build scoping documents in compliance with standard County contracting requirements.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS  
AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR  
THE WHITTIER AQUATIC CENTER**  
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**WHEREAS**, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Proposition), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of an application before submission of said application to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, said application contains assurances that the Department must comply with; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will enter into an agreement with the District to provide funds for the development of the Whittier Aquatic Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:**

1. Approves the submission of a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to fund the Whittier Aquatic Center; and
2. Certifies that the Department understands the assurances and the certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Whittier Aquatic Center in perpetuity; and
4. Certifies that the Department will sign and return, within 30 days, copies of the agreement sent by the District for authorized signature; and

5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the Whittier Aquatic Center; and
6. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was passed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

**Celia Zavala**, Acting, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

By Lachelle Smithman  
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**MARY C. WICKHAM**  
County Counsel

By Christina Angeles  
Christina Angeles  
Principal Deputy County Counsel



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
WHITTIER AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT  
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

The proposed project is located at 10800 Ben Avon Street in Whittier, California. The scope of work will consist of a new aquatic center to include a pool building with offices, classrooms, restrooms, and storage; a 50-meter by 25-yard, 15-foot deep competitive swimming pool; a 25-meter by 25-yard practice pool; and, related improvements.

**Tasks that youth may perform**

An established conservation corps group employing youth will provide a variety of cleanup tasks at the site.

**Estimated Cost of Youth Employment**

The estimated budget for youth employment for this project is approximately \$5,000.

**Youth Employment Goal**

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met. However, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.



August 07, 2018

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR****FY 2018-19****4 - VOTES****SOURCES****USES**

PARKS AND RECREATION

WHITTIER AQUATIC CENTER

A01-CP-91-R400-65043-69838

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT-CAPITAL PROJECTS

**INCREASE REVENUE****5,492,000**

PARKS AND RECREATION

WHITTIER AQUATIC CENTER

A01-CP-6014-65043-69838

CAPITAL ASSETS - B &amp; I

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION****5,492,000****SOURCES TOTAL****\$ 5,492,000****USES TOTAL****\$ 5,492,000****JUSTIFICATION**

The appropriation adjustment is necessary to establish the Whittier Aquatic Center, Capital Project No. 69838 and commence design efforts.

**ADOPTED**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**6****AUG 14 2018**

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

*Robert Maycumber* 7/12/18  
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE ROBERT MAYCUMBER, DFM II

*Celia Zavala*  
 CELIA ZAVALA  
 ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---☐ ACTION☒ RECOMMENDATION☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

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