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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS CORE SERVICE AREA  
FARNSWORTH PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT  
APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT  
ADOPT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN  
SPEC'S. 7527 CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87391  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

The Department of Public Works is seeking Board approval of the Farnsworth Park General Improvements project and authorization to deliver the project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the Farnsworth Park General Improvements project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the Farnsworth Park General Improvements project, Capital Project No. 87391, with a total project budget of \$2,400,000.
3. Approve the Appropriation Adjustment to appropriate \$2,000,000 of Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, County Specified Excess Funds in the Capital Assets—Buildings and Improvements Budget, under Capital Project No. 87391, to fully fund the project.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.
5. Adopt the Youth Employment Plan for the Farnsworth Park General Improvements project as required by the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District's Procedural Guide.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find the Farnsworth Park General Improvements project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approve the capital project, project budget, and Appropriation Adjustment; adopt the Youth Employment Plan (YEP); and authorize the Department of Public Works to deliver the project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

#### **Project Background and Description**

Charles S. Farnsworth Park is located at 568 East Mount Curve Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001, and is operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The approximately 15-acre park facility is listed as a Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places for its original development and architectural significance associated with the Civil Works Administration and Works Progress Administration work relief programs established during the Great Depression. The historic elements and features of the park include the William D. Davies recreation building, the ranger's residence and garage, the north comfort station, the amphitheater, the stone wall system, the two stone barbeques, the picnic shelter, the horseshoe pits, a drinking fountain, two pergolas, and two cedar trees. Other amenities at the park include two lighted basketball courts, tennis courts, and baseball diamonds; a children's play area; a south comfort station; a concession building; and parking areas.

The proposed project will consist of refurbishment of the Davies recreation building, including repair/renovation of the restrooms, repair of the exterior main entry doors, installation of a sound attenuation system in the multi-purpose room, upgrade of the interior lighting, and repair/restoration of the interior and exterior finishes. In addition, the project will include repair/restoration of the south pergola and the horseshoe pits, repair and upgrades to the south comfort station and park security lighting, and walkway improvements to provide accessible routes of travel from the parking areas to the Davies Recreation building and the other park amenities wherever feasible. Also, one of the existing ballfields will be improved to include a batting cage area with a chain link fence enclosure and lighting.

Parks and Recreation will repair and resurface the existing tennis courts and replace the existing park perimeter chain link and wood fence using force account work and/or with purchase orders using funds allocated to the project.

Public Works will use a previously Board-approved, as-needed consultant to complete the design, and is seeking approval to complete construction of the repairs and refurbishments using a Board-approved JOC. It is anticipated that construction will begin in October 2019 and be completed by June 2020.

## Youth Employment Plan

In 2009 the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, adopted the YEP for projects funded by the Safe Neighborhood Park Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (Proposition A). The District requires that the governing body of the grantee adopt a YEP for each Proposition A funded project at a duly noticed public meeting. Approval of the enclosed YEP (Enclosure A) will comply with the District's YEP.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities, and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational and cultural opportunities for County residents and visitors, and improve the operational effectiveness of an existing County asset.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total project cost, including plans and specifications, plan check, consultant services, construction, change order contingency, civic art fee, youth employment, and County services, is currently estimated at \$2,400,000.

On September 6, 2016, the Board approved the allocation of \$2,000,000 in Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, County Specified Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District (Proposition A Grant Funds) to Parks and Recreation for the proposed project. On April 10, 2018, the Board approved the transfer of \$400,000 of Fifth Supervisorial District net County cost from the completed Stephen Sorensen Park Community Building project, CapitalProject No. 69276, to the proposed project.

Approval of the enclosed Appropriation Adjustment (Enclosure B) will allocate \$2,000,000 in Proposition A Grant Funds to the Capital Assets – Buildings and Improvements Budget under Capital Project No. 87391 to fully fund the proposed project.

### Operating Budget Impact

Parks and Recreation does not anticipate any one-time, start-up costs or an increase in the ongoing maintenance and operational costs due to the project.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy as amended on August 11, 2015, the proposed project budget includes 1 percent of the eligible design and construction costs to be allocated to the Civic Arts Fund (\$17,000).

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy adopted on September 6, 2016, the project will include a best efforts goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents. The "Targeted Worker" component will not be included as part of the project.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA. It consists of repairs, refurbishment, and upgrades to the existing Davies recreation building and other amenities and features within the park identified above. The proposed project is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets certain criteria set forth in Sections 15301(a), (d), (f); 15302(c); 15303(e); 15304(a) and (f); and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c), (d), (i); 2(e); 3(b); and 4(a) and (k) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for repair and restoration of deteriorated facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety with negligible or no expansion of use; replacement of existing facilities where the features replaced will have the same purpose and capacity; construction of appurtenant structures; minor alterations to land which includes no tree removal; and the maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation or conservation of historical resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995).

Additionally, the proposed project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the records of the proposed project.

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Public Works will utilize a Board-approved, as-needed consultant to complete the design for the project. Upon the Board's authorization, construction of the repairs and upgrades will be completed using a Board-approved JOC.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current County services or projects.

The park will remain operational during construction, and the contractor will be required to phase and coordinate construction activities with County staff to minimize disruption of facility operations and to maintain public access throughout the park.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Arts Commission  
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs  
Division)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:  
FARNSWORTH PARK  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
SPECS. 7527; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87391  
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

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**Task(s) that may be Performed by At-Risk Youth**

Youth will be hired for final site clean-up and minor landscaping.

**Estimated Cost of Youth Employment**

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

**Youth Employment Goal**

The County of Los Angeles has met its Youth Employment Minimum Obligation of \$15,739,507, which was established under the provisions of the Regional Park and Open Space District policy on employment of at-risk youth. However, Parks and Recreation will continue to encourage contractors to employ at-risk youth on the projects funded by the Propositions A of 1992 and 1996.

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## 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

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## SOURCES

PARKS AND RECREATION  
**FARNSWORTH PARK GEN IMPROVEMENTS**  
A01-CP-91-R400-65043-87391  
REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT-CAPITAL PROJECTS  
**INCREASE REVENUE**

2,000,000

PARKS AND RECREATION  
**FARNSWORTH PARK GEN IMPROVEMENTS**  
A01-CP-6014-65043-87391  
CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I  
**INCREASE APPROPRIATION**

2,000,000

## USES

## SOURCES TOTAL

\$ 2,000,000

## USES TOTAL

\$ 2,000,000

## JUSTIFICATION

The appropriation adjustment is necessary to fully fund the Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87391.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Claudia Jauregui, Admin. Services Manager II

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

*Celia Zavala*  
**CElia ZAVALA**  
**ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR--- ACTION APPROVED AS REQUESTED RECOMMENDATION APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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BY

DATE

*Lafon*  
*Sept 5, 2018*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*James Hn*  
*Sept 5, 2018*

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