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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK MEASURE A - POLICIES AND GRANTS
ADMINISTRATION MANUAL**

With the Board adoption of the 2016 Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (PNA), Los Angeles County comprehensively quantified the need for parks and recreation resources in cities and unincorporated areas throughout the Los Angeles County.

The PNA is an important foundational document which intended to further park planning and resource allocation across the County. Nested in a needs-based equity framework, the PNA represents a 14-month process of engagement with LA County's 88 cities, as well as stakeholders from unincorporated communities, to inventory existing parks and facilities, collect and analyze park metrics, and establish prioritized lists of parks projects throughout the County's diverse communities. The PNA process was a herculean, groundbreaking initiative overseen and managed by the County Department Parks and Recreation (DPR), and the resulting final report is recognized in the park planning field as a cutting-edge tool for identifying park need and guiding the amelioration of inequities in the distribution of park space. The PNA directly informed the development and approval of Measure A Expenditure Plan which was subsequently approved by nearly 75% of Los Angeles County voters.

The DPR's park planning mandate is supported by dedicated planning staff with the appropriate technical capacity for oversight, maintenance, and updating the PNA. By clearly designating DPR as the lead Department in collaboration with the Regional Parks and Open Space District to carry out the PNA's maintenance and

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update functions (e.g., assessment methodology, community engagement and analysis), good governance practices for Measure A Implementation would be strengthened and potential conflicts of interest avoided. Continued leadership of the PNA by DPR, in collaboration with the Regional Parks and Open Space District, along with regular updates and technical improvement would ensure that this tool cohesively accounts for the diversity of park types and geographies found across Los Angeles County.

The Draft Grants Administration Manual proposed the creation of a separate Regional Recreation, Beaches, Rural Areas, and Open Space Assessment. However, to ensure an inclusive, transparent and consistent regional approach to eliminate entrenched park investment disparities, only one unified comprehensive Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment should be carried out documenting needs for all types of park facilities. Therefore, following the Regional Recreation, Beaches, Rural Areas and Open Space Assessment targeted for completion in Fiscal Year 2020/2021, only one unified Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment should be considered in Fiscal Year 2025 and thereafter.

With regard to the Draft Grant Administration Manual's Targeted Funds section, it is imperative for the Board of Supervisors to uphold its promise of a needs-based expenditure plan and process. As such, the draft language under section (1.8) that references a 30 percent minimum set-aside needs to be clarified. The revisions should ensure that the portion of the funds designated for projects in High or Very High Need Study Areas are specified as a minimum or floor of 30 percent and that no decrease beyond the 30 percent is sought.

WE THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, also acting as the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, amend the Board Report (S-1 and 1-P) and any associated documents including the draft Grants Administration Manual, as follows:

1. Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Maintenance Policy section (1.3) be amended to identify the County Department of Parks and Recreation as the lead agency in the oversight, management, and updates of the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment with the support and cooperation of the Regional Parks Open Space District.
2. The Regional Recreation, Beaches, Rural Areas and Open Space Assessment shall be completed in Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Then in Fiscal Year 2025 and years thereafter, a unified Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment update combining both assessments shall be completed and led by County Department of Parks and Recreation. All references and updates related

to any Needs Assessments and accompanying Maps necessary for Measure A Implementation should be amended to reflect above change.

3. Amend the Targeting Funds section (1.8) to ensure that the funds designated for High and/or Very High Need Study Areas projects are designated for projects that are strictly located in High and/or Very High Need Study Areas and specified as a minimum or floor of 30 percent. Furthermore, delete all references that "decrease" the minimum 30 percent.
4. Request the Regional Parks and Open Space District to report back to the Board on a quarterly basis on their outreach and technical assistance efforts.

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