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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 21, 2019

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE A REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE FOR
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992,
APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996, AND
ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING
GRANT TO COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR
THE FARNSWORTH PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(FIFTH DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a total amount of \$303,720, which includes an amount not to exceed \$59,420, in Specified Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992, an amount not to exceed \$51,630 in Specified Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, and allocate Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$192,670, for a grant amendment to an existing grant to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.
2. Approve a Revised Plan of Expenditure of residual specified project funds, allocated to County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of

1992 for the Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed \$59,420.

3. Approve an Alternative Plan of Expenditure of residual specified project funds, allocated to Department of Parks and Recreation under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed \$51,630.

4. Allocate Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$192,670, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project.

5. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant amendment when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant amendment as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in their respective accounts.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to utilize residual Specified Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) by approving a Revised Plan of Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$59,420 for the Farnsworth Park General Improvements Project (Project).

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPR to utilize residual Specified Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) by approving an Alternative Plan of Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$51,630 for the Project.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPR to allocate Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the 1996 Proposition, in an amount not to exceed \$192,670 for the Project.

On October 18, 2016, the Board allocated and awarded \$2,000,000 in Excess Funds to DPR for the Project. An additional amount of Proposition A funding totaling \$24,848 was allocated to the Project on November 7, 2018, through a project agreement amendment using the Director of DPRs (Director) delegated authority. Due to unforeseen conditions at the project site, DPR was unable to fully fund the Project when the grant was originally awarded.

The proposed Project involves the general rehabilitation of Charles S. Farnsworth Park, including general improvements to the Davies Building, refurbishing the baseball field, renovating the picnic area and horseshoe area, and related improvements.

The total estimated Project cost is \$2,728,568. The recommended amount, not to exceed \$303,720, will be supplemented with \$400,000 in Net County Cost funds, and \$2,024,848 in Proposition A funds previously allocated to the Project.

It is also recommended that the Director, or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant agreement amendment when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1992 and 1996 Propositions, as well as grantee compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

requirements for the Project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the project agreement amendment under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations broadly further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Supporting the Wellness of our Communities (Goal II, Strategy 2) and Realize Tomorrow's Government of Today, Pursuing Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability (Goal III, Strategy 3) by allocating and awarding grant funds for parks and recreation-related acquisition and capital outlay projects in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the project agreement amendment, in an amount not to exceed \$111,050, is budgeted in RPOSD's Specified Project Fund, HB4, and an amount not to exceed \$192,670, is budgeted in RPOSD's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. DPR meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvements projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the 1992 and 1996 Propositions. The recommended Excess Funds will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director or his designee would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by the award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended project agreement amendment as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. DPR is the lead agency for the Project.

The recommendations to allocate and award grant funds are not subject CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement Amendment will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement Amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker".

JOHN WICKER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors