



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Norma E. Garcia, Director

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

September 15, 2020

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

CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AMENDMENT NO. TWO TO LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE  
OPERATION OF HERITAGE JUNCTION HISTORIC PARK  
AT WILLIAM S. HART REGIONAL PARK  
AGREEMENT NO. 10324  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting Board approval to extend the term of Agreement Number 10324 for the operation of Heritage Junction Historic Park at William S. Hart Regional Park with the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society for one year, with a month-to-month option term not to exceed 12 months, thereafter, to allow the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society to complete negotiations for a new license agreement.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.
2. Approve and delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute Amendment No. Two to License Agreement No. 10324 for the Operation of Heritage Junction Historic Park at William S. Hart Regional Park to extend the term for one year, with a month-to-month option not to exceed 12 months, thereafter, to allow the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Santa Clarita Valley

Historical Society to complete negotiations for a new license agreement.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to suspend, terminate, or assign this License Agreement, if deemed necessary, in accordance with the approved items and conditions of the License Agreement.

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

As part of his continued contribution to the Newhall community, legendary Western film star William S. Hart bequeathed his sprawling ranch property to the County of Los Angeles (County) for the public to enjoy. Today, Mr. Hart's generous donation makes up a portion of William S. Hart Regional Park (Hart Park) located in Newhall, California and features, among other historical structures, his home-turned-museum, filled with personal effects and movie paraphernalia, along with Native American artifacts and Western art.

In a similar tradition, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society (SCVHS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate public interest in the history of the Santa Clarita Valley and surrounding areas, to collect and preserve stories and artifacts related to local history, and to provide educational services to the community. With the increasing destruction of local historical sites, SCVHS rescued, restored, and conserved important structures within the community and moved them to land leased from the County within Hart Park. The final site for the preserved structures is known as Heritage Junction Historic Park (Heritage Junction).

To further its objective of education, SCVHS maintains a museum of local history, features guest speakers for clubs and school groups, gives tours of Heritage Junction, and holds public monthly meetings with a speaker of general historic interest. The museum is open 1:00 p.m. –4:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday for the community and visitors to enjoy the rich heritage of this unique region of Southern California. SCHVS currently operates Heritage Junction on a 10-year License Agreement (Agreement) with the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department), entered into on October 1, 2010.

Approval of the recommended actions will amend the term of the existing Agreement to a period of one year effective October 1, 2020, with a month-to-month option term not to exceed 12 months, thereafter, to allow the Department and SCVHS to complete negotiations for a new license agreement, and find that the proposed Amendment is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

The proposed Amendment will further the County's Strategic Plan of Supporting the Wellness of Our Communities (Goal II.2) by providing historical and recreational experiences for visitors and Pursuing Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability (Goal III.3) by maximizing the effectiveness, processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public service.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Pursuant to the terms of the existing Agreement, SCVHS will pay \$250 monthly in utility costs to

the Department.

SCVHS is a non-profit organization responsible for the operation and maintenance of Heritage Junction located within Hart Park. Therefore, there is no impact on the Department's budget.

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

The Board is authorized by the provision of Government Code Section 25907 to lease, let, or grant licenses to County parks for the provisions of recreational services that are consistent with public and recreation purposes. The recommended Amendment to the Agreement is consistent with said purposes.

The recommended Amendment is for a one-year term, with a month-to-month option not to exceed 12 months and will commence October 1, 2020.

SCVHS will maintain the required insurance policies during the extended term of the Agreement.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendment as to form.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action to approve Amendment No. Two to amend the term of the Agreement for the operation of the Heritage Junction at Hart Park is an organizational or administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

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

The recommended Amendment will not infringe on the role of the County in its relationship to its residents, and the County's ability to respond to emergencies will not be impaired. Pursuant to the existing Agreement, SCVHS will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the demised premises of Heritage Junction. In addition, if there is need for additional Department staff due to the operation of events at Heritage Junction, SCVHS will be responsible for the reimbursement of the Department's labor costs.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board, please forward one adopted copy of the action taken to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Nicole Biglarian at (626) 588-5265 or [nbiglarian@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:nbiglarian@parks.lacounty.gov), Sandra Salazar at (626) 588-5266 or [ssalazar@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:ssalazar@parks.lacounty.gov), Alyssa Bellew at (626) 588-5370 or [abellew@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:abellew@parks.lacounty.gov), or Dora Nuñez at (626) 588-5355 or [dnunez@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:dnunez@parks.lacounty.gov).

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norma E. Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and a distinct 'E'.

Norma E. Garcia

Director

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Enclosures

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

**AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO TO THE  
LICENSE AGREEMENT #10324 BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
AND  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

This Amendment Number Two made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
2020.

BY AND BETWEEN

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**, a  
body corporate and politic,  
hereinafter referred to as "County",

AND

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**,  
hereinafter referred to as "Licensee"

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County is authorized by the provision of Government Code Section 25536.2 to enter into an operating lease or management contract with a non-profit corporation or association for the maintenance, operation or management of real property that has been granted to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, as approved by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County on April 14, 1987, is authorized to contract for such services within the William S Hart County Park, pursuant to the provisions of the "William S. Hart Will," as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society rescued, restored and conserved important structures within the Santa Clarita Valley community and moved them to land leased from the County within William S. Hart Regional Park. The final site for the preserved structures is known as Heritage Junction Historic Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society operates Heritage Junction Historic Park within William S. Hart Regional Park, in which it serves

to educate the public of the history of the Santa Clarita Valley through historically significant buildings, artifacts, documents and other valuable historical data; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2010, the County entered into a ten (10) year agreement with the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society for the operation of the Heritage Junction Historic Park; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9.0, Change Notices and Amendments, of the License, this license agreement may be amended by mutual agreement;

**WHEREAS**, both the County and Licensee have expressed a mutual interest to continue operations under a new agreement. Pending the completion of negotiations, the County and Licensee desire to continue the current relationship under the existing 10-year Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, Licensee is willing to exercise the grant of such license in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed therefore; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions set forth herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the County and Licensee agree that the Agreement between them shall be amended as follows:

1. Section 5.1, Terms of License Agreement, is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:


5.1 The term of this License Agreement shall be for a maximum period of one year, effective October 1, 2020, with a month-to-month option term to extend for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months, thereafter; unless terminated sooner or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this License Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Licensee has executed this Amendment Number Two, or caused it to be duly executed and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors has caused this License Agreement to be executed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation thereof, the day and year first above written.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

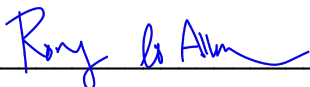
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Norma E. Garcia, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**LICENSEE**

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Pollack, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM  
County Counsel

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy County Counsel