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Director

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June 21, 2005

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 TO THE CITY OF AVALON (4TH DISTRICT)(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action does not meet the definition of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as cited herein.

2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the right to apply for funds under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the City of Avalon for $415,000 for the construction of the Avalon Community Center.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) to assign the right to apply for a total amount of $415,000 from the $8,000,000 allocated to the Department under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition to the City of Avalon (City). The 1996 Proposition allocated $8,000,000 to the Department for improvement of beaches owned or operated by the County. The County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to

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implement the intent of the Proposition. The Department will assign its right to apply for a total of $415,000 of these funds to the City. The City will apply for $415,000 to fund the construction of the Avalon Community Center.

The City is in the process of a major restoration of the Avalon waterfront, including construction of the Avalon Community Center, which will link the beach activities at Avalon to the city center. The City has promised in requesting this grant that it will be used totally to construct the new Avalon Community Center as a centerpiece of the downtown waterfront area. In addition to internal activities to support the community, the 5,000 square foot Community Center will provide adjunct facilities for beachfront activities, including popular Beach Bingo, ocean swimming lessons, fishing events, and classes in First Aid, CPR, and a variety of water safety and beach training programs.

The Fire Department is in negotiations with the City for renewal of a long-term agreement under which the County provides lifeguard and paramedic services to the City's beaches. This agreement will require the City to reimburse the County for the City's share of the cost for services. The City may apply for the 1996 Proposition funds upon execution of the agreement between the City and County.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Regional Park and Open Space District (District) is requesting your Board's approval to authorize an alternative plan for expenditure for Specified Project funds allocated to the Department under the 1996 Proposition that would enable this transfer to the City of Avalon for its Community Center Project in the amount of $415,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendation furthers the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Children and Families' Well-being (Goal 5) by allowing the City of Avalon to complete beach capital improvements, thereby enhancing the safety of beachgoers and improving public access to and enjoyment of Avalon Beach in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds in the amount of $415,000 are appropriated in the District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges for these projects. The City of Avalon will be required to provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines

adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District. The total cost for the facility, including the $415,000 above, is estimated at $1,000,000. The City's General Fund will provide the balance of the funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds. Specified Project funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e) of the 1996 Proposition. An alternative plan for expenditure to amend specific identified projects or for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 2003 may be approved, allowing for the expenditure of funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1996 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

The attached resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed alternate plan of expenditure is exempt from CEQA in that the action does not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the action is an administrative activity for a government grant that by its terms does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will have no impact on other projects funded through the District but will provide the City of Avalon with partial funding to allow for the construction of the Avalon Community Center.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of the resolution, along with one approved copy of this letter, each to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and to the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wisniewski
Director

Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Fire Department
Regional Park and Open Space District

ATTACHMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER

SECTION (3), SUBSECTION (b), PARAGRAPH (1) OF

THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996

TO THE CITY OF AVALON

WHEREAS, Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) allocates to the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors $8 million in funding for acquisition and development on the beaches owned or operated by Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avalon must enter into a long-term agreement with the County for provision of County lifeguard and paramedic services, agreeing to reimburse the County for the City's share of cost of the services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avalon plans to construct the new Avalon Community Center, at a cost estimated of approximately $1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Avalon Community Center will link beach activities to the city center and provide adjunct facilities for beachfront activities, such as ocean swimming lessons and a variety of water safety and beach training programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Beaches and Harbors requests the transfer to the City of Avalon of the right to apply for $415,000 of its funds to assist the City with the construction of the City's community center; and

WHEREAS, the City will be required to provide assurances to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution approving the right to apply for $415,000 from the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors' allocation under the 1996 Proposition to the City of Avalon.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2005 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.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

RAY G. FORTNER, Jr.

By: Paul T. Hanson
Deputy