LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

March 7, 2006

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

Dear Directors:

APPROVE THE REALLOCATION OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF INDUSTRY TO THE CITY OF LA PUENTE FOR A PROJECT FUNDED UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 (FIRST DISTRICT- 3 -VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

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

2. Approve the request from the City of Industry to transfer its entire $22,147 of Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to the City of Industry under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the City of La Puente.

3. Approve the request from the City of La Puente to use the $22,147 of Per Parcel Discretionary funds transferred from the City of Industry for its ongoing La Puente Park Community Center Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Industry to transfer its entire allocation of Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to it under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition to the City of La Puente. Because the City of Industry does not have recreational facilities eligible for 1996 Proposition funding, the City has elected to transfer its allocation of $22,147 of 1996 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary funds to the neighboring City of La Puente as it had previously done with its allocation under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992. The City of La Puente requests your Board's approval to use the $22,147 to supplement existing funding of $700,000 allocated to the City under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2) Subparagraph (Z) of the 1996 Proposition for the rehabilitation of the La Puente Park Community Center. The project includes addition of a 10,700 square foot youth learning/activity center, replacement of the Community Center's roof and indoor basketball court, new floors and painting throughout. The total cost for the project will be $3,640,979 including the $722,147 of 1996 Proposition funding and $2,918,832 in State, Federal and City funds.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by enabling the City of Industry to transfer funds to the City of La Puente for its La Puente Park Community Center Project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds in the amount of $722,147, are appropriated in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Assessment Fund (HB4) under Other Charges to fund the project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provision of Section (5), Subsection (d) of the 1996 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 2001. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2001-02, any Per Parcel Discretionary Funds not committed to expenditures were available for reallocation by your Board to projects that it deems to be of the highest priority and that fit within one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

If your Board does not approve the requests of the two cities, the City of Industry may request your Board's approval to transfer the funds for different new projects in another city or relinquish its claim to the funds. If an incorporated city were to relinquish its claim to funds, the funds would be available to your Board for reallocation for expenditure within municipalities for projects in one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

County Counsel has reviewed this action as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so that the City of Industry may transfer the funds to the City of La Puente for the La Puente Park Community Center Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

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

All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The City of La Puente is the lead agency for the La Puente Park Community Center Project and as such, the City has prepared appropriate environmental documents for the project.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel