COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

April 4, 2006

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:

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR
ACTON COUNTY PARK
(FIFTH DISTRICT – THREE VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a monetary donation in the amount of $23,175 from the Friends of Acton Park to purchase park benches, picnic tables and barbecue braziers for Acton County Park.

2. Instruct the Mayor to prepare and send an appropriate letter of appreciation to the Friends of Acton Park.

PURPOSE/JUSTICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with County policy, donations with a value in excess of $10,000 require acceptance by your Board. The Friends of Acton Park are providing a donation that exceeds this amount. Approval of the above recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the donation for improvements at Acton County Park.

Acton Park is a newly developed County park. The community established the Friends of Acton Park, a non-profit organization to conduct various community-based fundraisers in support of the park. The Acton Park improvements include nine park benches, twenty-eight picnic tables and fifteen barbeque braziers.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of the donation supports the County's Strategic Plan Goals: 1. Service Excellence by improving services to the public, 4. Fiscal Responsibility by contributing to efforts that enhance management of financial resources, and 5. Children and Families' Well-Being by working with community based organizations and investing in public infrastructure to better serve the constituents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The monetary donation of $23,175 is to purchase additional park benches, park picnic tables and barbecue braziers for Acton County Park.

Operating Budget Impact

The Department's Fiscal Year 2005-06 Adopted Budget included sufficient funding for maintenance staff resources to operate and maintain the park, including the completed picnic area. Therefore, the installation of the donated park benches, picnic tables and barbecue braziers will not impact the current operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the recommendation to accept the monetary donation is exempt from CEQA, in that the action does not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the action has no potential to result in any physical impact to the environment. Furthermore, on December 29, 1999, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for the Acton County Park Acquisition and General Development.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

State law authorizes acceptance of gifts for specific County purposes in Government Code Section 25355.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The donation by the Friends of Acton Park constitutes an ongoing effort by the organization to assist the Department in support of the park, thus enhancing the recreation experience of the community.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to send an appropriate letter of appreciation to:

Friends of Acton Park
P.O. Box 861
Acton, California 93510

In addition, send a conformed copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer