



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

April 18, 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 REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE
FOR A PROJECT FUNDED UNDER
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION 1992
(FOURTH 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 revised plan of expenditure for \$70,000 of Specified Funds allocated to the County under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) to supplement funding for the Steinmetz Park Play Area Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Internal Services Department, in its capacity as the County's purchasing agency, to issue a purchase order for play equipment improvements at Steinmetz Park. The requested revised plan of expenditure, in the amount of \$70,000 of Specified Funds allocated to the County under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF) of the 1992 Proposition, would allow the reallocation of \$70,000 in the above funding from the Gloria Heer Park Play Area Project, where the \$70,000 is currently budgeted but not needed, to the Steinmetz Park Play Area Project, which is currently under-funded by \$70,000. The Steinmetz Park Play Area Project is currently funded with \$65,000 from Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF) of the 1992 Proposition and the supplement of \$70,000 would bring the project total to \$135,000.

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by your Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting. This Board action fulfills that requirement.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is recommending approval of the reallocation of the \$70,000 from the Gloria Heer Park Play Area Project to the Steinmetz Park Play Area Project.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC GOALS

The proposed recommendation furthers the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) and Goal No. 6 (Community Service) by enabling DPR to utilize District funds to improve play areas at Steinmetz Park by replacing non-compliant play equipment and surfacing with new play equipment that will meet all applicable State laws for playground safety and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds, in the amount of \$70,000, are appropriated in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges to reallocate the funds from the Gloria Heer Park Project to the Steinmetz Park Project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Specified Project funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF) are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (18) of the 1992 Proposition. A revised plan of expenditure may be approved for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 1998, for expenditure of the funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

If your Board does not approve DPR's requests, DPR may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

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 DPR may utilize these funds on the Steinmetz Park Play Area Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are exempt from CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do 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. DPR is the lead agency for the play area project, and as such, has prepared appropriate environmental documents for the project.

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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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Director, Parks and Recreation

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