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Chief Executive Officer

April 15, 2008

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

Dear Supervisors:

**PARKS AND RECREATION:
ADOPTION OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR
KNOLLWOOD GOLF COURSE FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
C.P. NO. 69579
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

As required by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, all projects funded by this proposition must have a Youth Employment Plan adopted by the governing body. The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting your Board's approval on the Youth Employment Plan for the Knollwood Golf Course Fence Replacement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and adopt the Youth Employment Plan for the Knollwood Golf Course Fence Replacement Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will fulfill the requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the Knollwood Golf Course Fence Replacement Project approved by your Board on April 3, 2007.

The project consisted of replacing approximately 4,100 linear feet of perimeter fencing around Knollwood Golf Course, located at 12040 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills. The project required removal and installation of a chain link fence near and around

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dangerous slopes. Due to the hazardous nature of the work involved, the Youth Employment Plan recommended for adoption, does not provide for the employment of youth for this project. The project is now completed and payment of the vendor requires approval of the Youth Employment Plan due to requirement of the grant funding source (Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action meets the County's approved Strategic Plan Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by investing in public infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended action will have no impact on net County cost. The total project cost estimate of \$175,000 was funded with excess funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 26, 1997, your Board required the County to adopt Youth Employment Plans for projects funded by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. Additionally, your Board established a Youth Employment Minimum Obligation (YEMO) for County projects. The County's obligation is \$15,739,750, which is equivalent to fifty percent of the estimated total amount of maintenance and servicing funds that the County is entitled to receive through the Regional Park and Open Space District assessment. The County's obligation has been met. However, the Department of Parks and Recreation continues to actively employ youth whenever feasible.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project was found to be categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act by your Board on April 3, 2007.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any current services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one conformed copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and three conformed copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: County Counsel

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
KNOLLWOOD GOLF COURSE FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(C.P. NO. 69579), (GRANT NO. P120-07-2127)
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)

The scope of work includes replacing approximately 4,100 linear feet of perimeter fencing around Knollwood Golf Course, located at 12040 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills.

Tasks that may be performed by At-Risk Youth

Youth will not be employed on this project due to the hazardous conditions present where the fencing will be installed.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment

Non-applicable

Method of Youth Employment

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) has a Youth Enhancing Parks Program (YEPP) whereby full-time and part-time youth are hired in the field of administration, maintenance and recreation. The YEPP allows youth to work on projects based on their training, experience, and physical class. Youth are mentored and supervised by Department staff. In addition, the Department requires contractors to make a good faith effort to employ at-risk youth from the community where the project is being completed.

Youth Employment Goal

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation (YEMO) of the County of Los Angeles is \$15,739,750 (equal to fifty percent of the total maintenance and servicing funding from Proposition A of 1992 and 1996). Even though the County's minimum obligation has been met, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.