LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

July 8, 2008

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 TRANSFER OF RESIDUAL PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIFIED FUNDS OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITIONS OF 1992 AND 1996, RESPECTIVELY, ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE CHARLES WILSON PARK PHASE II DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (FOURTH DISTRICT — 3-VOTE MATTER)

SUBJECT

These actions will transfer $63,473 in Per Parcel Discretionary Funds and $16,904.75 in Specified Funds allocated to the City of Torrance, from completed projects, to increase grant funding for the Charles Wilson Park Phase II Development Project. The project consists of the construction of lighted tennis courts, installation of perimeter landscaping improvements and rehabilitation of the park maintenance building at Charles Wilson Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.

2. Approve the transfer of Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in the amount of $63,473 allocated to the City of Torrance under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) from their completed Wilson Park Improvements Project to the Charles Wilson Park Phase II Development Project.

3. Approve the transfer of Specified Funds in the amount of $16,904.75 allocated to the City of Torrance under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (EEE), Item (iii) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) from their completed Victor E. Benstead Plunge Project to the Charles Wilson Park Phase II Development Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions would allow the City of Torrance (City) to transfer unspent Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in the amount of $63,473 allocated to the City under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition. The funds had originally been identified for replacement of sports lighting and park security lighting, additional electrical improvements, improvements to the Live Steamers Compound, and additional playground equipment at Charles Wilson Park. That project was completed with a grant balance of $63,473.

The City also requests approval to transfer residual funds in the amount of $16,904.75 allocated to the City under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (EEE), Item (iii) of the 1996 Proposition from their completed Victor E. Benstead Plunge Project. The project consisted of improvements to the existing pool facility at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge including the rehabilitation of the pool interior and pool cover, re-sizing the pool and upgrading the pool heating system. That project was completed with a grant balance of $16,904.75.

The Charles Wilson Park Phase II Development Project in the City consists of the construction of lighted tennis courts, installation of perimeter landscaping improvements and rehabilitation of the park maintenance building. The total cost for the project, is $1,196,876.75, which includes funding from the proposed $63,473 in Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, $16,904.75 in Specified Funds allocated to the City, $596,499 of Per Parcel Discretionary Funds previously allocated to the City under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition, and the remaining balance of $520,000 in funding from City of Torrance Quimby Funds and State grant funds. Approval of the requested transfer of the $63,473 and $16,904.75 identified above would bring the grant total to $676,876.75

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further 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 Services), by enabling the City to provide enhanced recreational opportunities with the development of Charles Wilson Park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of $676,876.75, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund, HB4.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 and 1996 Propositions set forth 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, as follows:

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds – 1992 Proposition
Per Parcel Discretionary Funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (9), Subsection (e) of the 1992 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 1996. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1996-97, any Per Parcel Discretionary Funds not committed to expenditure are available for your Board to award for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority and fit within one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition.

Specified Funds – 1996 Proposition
Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by your Board.

If your Board does not approve the City's requests, the City 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District, but are required so the City may utilize the funds for the Charles Wilson Park Phase II Development Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City is the lead agency for the Charles Wilson Park Phase II Development Project.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to 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.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

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County Counsel