LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

August 19, 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:

ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, APPROVE REALLOCATION OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, APPROVE A REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE, APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT FOR THE ALONDRA PARK AUDITORIUM PROJECT (SECOND DISTRICT- 3 - VOTE MATTER)

SUBJECT

These actions will allocate $5,117,280 in County Excess Funds, Per Parcel Discretionary and 1992 and 1996 Proposition Specified funds available to the Second Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the construction of an Auditorium at Alondra 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. Allocate $3,287,412 in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Alondra Park Auditorium Project.

3. Approve the reallocation of Per Parcel Discretionary funds in the amount of $202,001 allocated to the County under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (the 1992 Proposition) and the reallocation of Per Parcel Discretionary funds in the amount of $48,323 allocated to the County under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition) for the Alondra Park Auditorium Project.

4. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to transfer Specified Project funds allocated under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (LL) of the 1992 Proposition in the amount of $153,591 and alternative plan for expenditure to transfer Specified Project funds allocated under various sections of the 1996 Proposition in the amount of $1,425,954 for the Alondra Park Auditorium Project.

5. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of $5,117,280 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Alondra Park Auditorium Project when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allocate $5,117,280 in 1992 and 1996 Proposition funds as well as County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for the Alondra Park Auditorium Project. The project consists of a new 3,138 square-foot building which will house a 1,600 square-foot multi-purpose room, a foyer, kitchenette and interior and exterior restrooms. The project also includes courtyards, an entry terrace and the addition of two new tennis courts south of the proposed building. The total project cost is $6,145,280, which includes funding from the proposed $5,117,280 in 1992 and 1996 Proposition funds as well as County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District, $414,000 in State Proposition 40 Roberti Z'berg Harris grant funds, and $614,000 in prior year net County Cost.

The $5,117,280 in Proposition funding is (in summary) proposed from the following allocated/unallocated funding types:

- Unallocated County Excess Funds available to the Second District in the amount of $3,287,412,
- Unallocated Specified funds in the amount of $382,368
- Reallocation of 1992 and 1996 Per Parcel Discretionary and Specified funds reallocated from various improvement projects:
    - $711,000 from the Campanella and Enterprise Parks General Improvements project
    - $686,500 from the Mona and Carver Parks General Improvements projects
    - $50,000 from the Jesse Owens Park Gym Project.

By funding type, the $5,117,280 required consists of the following:

Excess Funds ($3,287,412)

- $1,817,532 available from the Various Second District Improvements placeholder grant that was established and supplemented over the years to prevent the County Excess Funds carryover from exceeding the Cities Excess Funds carryover.
- $1,469,880 in County Excess Funds available in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds ($250,324)

- $202,001 allocated to the County under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition to be reallocated.
- $48,323 allocated to the County under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition of 1996 to be reallocated.

Specified Funds ($1,579,544)

- $153,591 allocated under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (LL) of the 1992 Proposition requiring approval of a revised plan of expenditure for reallocation.
- $300,000 allocated under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (H) of the 1996 Proposition requiring approval of an alternative plan for expenditure for reallocation.
- $227,000 allocated under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (K) of the 1996 Proposition requiring approval of an alternative plan for expenditure for reallocation.

- $50,000 allocated under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (U) of the 1996 Proposition requiring approval of an alternative plan for expenditure for reallocation.
- $250,000 allocated under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (FF) of the 1996 Proposition requiring approval of an alternative plan for expenditure for reallocation.
- $348,104 allocated under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (UU) of the 1996 Proposition requiring approval of an alternative plan for expenditure for reallocation.
- $250,850 allocated under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (ZZ) of the 1996 Proposition requiring approval of an alternative plan for expenditure for reallocation.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department meets this requirement.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Department, which is a qualified recipient of County Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition, is requesting that your Board, in its capacity as the County's Board of Supervisors, approve this project and its funding.

It is also recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award a grant to the Department when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC 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 Service), by enhancing recreational opportunities in the Second District through the construction of a new auditorium at Alondra Park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of $3,287,412, is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6 and $1,829,869 is budgeted in the Open Space District Assessment Fund, HB4.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Excess Funds
The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

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 funds not committed to expenditure are available for award by your Board for one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority.

1996 Proposition
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 provisions 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 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 (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

Specified Funds
1992 Proposition
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.

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 Department's requests, the Department 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.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into, and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required for the construction of the Alondra Park Auditorium.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with 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 County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Alondra Park Auditorium 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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