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SECRETARY

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 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS TO THE DEPARTENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR ITS 119th STREET ACQUISITION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT (SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate $130,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the acquisition of a 0.46-acre parcel of land on 119th Street in the Willowbrook area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15303, 15304, and 15316 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 3, 4 and 16 of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the Project involves construction of new small structures, minor alterations to land, and acquisition of land to establish a park.

2. Allocate $130,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for its 119th Street Acquisition Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a $130,000 grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation for its 119th Street Acquisition Project, if 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, Per Parcel and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate $130,000 in Second District County Excess Funds (Proposition A) to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for its 119th Street Acquisition Project. The property is a rectangular lot, 0.46 acres in size located on 119th Street in Los Angeles in the Willowbrook area of unincorporated Los Angeles County in a residential neighborhood. The funding would allow the Department to secure an option to purchase the property.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Department is requesting that your Board authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to accept the Proposition A grant for the 119th Street Acquisition Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by providing additional potential park land in the Willowbrook area of the Second District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of $130,000, is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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.

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 grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District from Excess Funds available for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department 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.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved a Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District grants. This Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of this recommended additional grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15303, 15304, and 15316 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3, 4 and 16 of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves construction of new small structures, minor alterations to land, and acquisition of land to establish a park.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. 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 by the District but are required so that the Department may proceed with the 119th Street Acquisition Project, if all applicable conditions of the grant are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors