



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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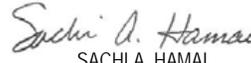
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

41 September 18, 2012

  
SACHIA A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO FUND THE BELVEDERE PARK SWIMMING POOL AND POOL BUILDING REPLACEMENT PROJECT (FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$3,500,000 to partially fund the Belvedere Park Swimming Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.
2. Approve the request to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$3,500,000 to partially fund the Belvedere Park Swimming Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, execute the agreement, conduct all negotiations, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, amendments, Memorandum of Unrecorded Grant Agreement, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in the amount of \$3,500,000, to partially fund the Belvedere Park Swimming Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project (Project).

The proposed Project is located at 4914 East Cesar Chavez Avenue in Los Angeles. The scope of work will consist of demolition of the existing 5,377 square-foot pool building and 12,130 square-foot competition pool; construction of a new pool building, approximately 9,000 square-feet, with restrooms, changing rooms, staff offices, storage and utility rooms, an attached pool mechanical room approximately 1,600 square-feet; an outdoor Olympic-sized swimming pool approximately 12,000 square-feet; and a shallow recreation swimming pool with combined splash pad approximately 5,000 square-feet. In addition, associated site improvements, such as parking, walkways, fencing, landscaping, and underground utilities will be included in the Project. The total estimated Project cost is \$13,871,000 .

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is recommending the allocation of \$3,500,000 in County Excess Funds for the Belvedere Park Swimming Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated Project cost is \$13,871,000. The Project will be partially funded with \$3,500,000 in County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District. Sufficient appropriation for the grant is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund.

The Project will be supplemented with \$6,296,000 in Proposition 62 funding, \$2,161,000 in Vehicle License Fees and \$500,000 Provisional Financing Uses Utility User Tax funds. In addition, \$1,180,000 in First Supervisorial District Net County Cost and \$234,000 in Prior Year Net County Cost will be allocated to fully fund the Project.

### **OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT**

The recommended actions allow the Department to propose a pool improvement (or aquatic center) project at Belvedere Park for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize from the project provisions but will be dependent on the final provisions of the grant. The Department will re-

evaluate the Project and identify any additional costs upon acceptance of grant funds.

### **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 has met this requirement.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter as to form.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Project, to demolish an existing pool building and competition pool; and construct a new pool building with an attached pool mechanical room, Olympic-size competition pool, and a combined recreation and splash pool at the existing Belvedere Park pool facility site, along with associated site improvements, including replacement of walkways, fencing, and underground utilities, installation of landscaping, as well as construction of a small parking lot, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (l), 15302(b), 15303 (c) and (e), and 15311 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(h), 2(a), 3(b), and 11(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The Project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use of the pool facility site, and the new pool facilities will have the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced. In addition, the Project is not in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

A cultural resources assessment of the Belvedere Park Pool facility, including the existing bathhouse, competition pool, and painted murals covering the bathhouse screen walls, was conducted to determine if the existing pool facilities may be considered a historical resource for the purposes of CEQA due to the age of the pool facility. The assessment determined that the pool facilities do not meet the eligibility criteria for state or local historic designation, and that removal of the existing pool facilities will not result in an adverse change to historical resources per the provisions of CEQA. No mitigation is required and no further actions are necessary under CEQA.

Upon your Board's approval of the proposed Project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The anticipated construction of the Belvedere pool, will take approximately 13 months; therefore, the pool will be subsequently closed for one pool season during the summer. Patrons will be diverted to nearby pools, such as at Atlantic Park and Obregon Park. Prior notice will be given to the public about the closure and alternate pool sites.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to

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the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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RUSS GUINEY

Director

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County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors