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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE BETHUNE PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND MONA PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS (SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$2,641,935 in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for a \$1,187,180 grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the Bethune Park Improvement Project and \$1,454,755 to fund the Mona Park Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Bethune Park and Mona Park Improvements Projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the proposed projects consist of rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and minor alterations to land for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Allocate \$1,187,180 of County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Bethune Park Improvements Project.
3. Allocate \$1,454,755 of County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Mona Park Improvements Project.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$1,187,180, for the Bethune Park Improvements Project and \$1,454,755 for the Mona Park Improvements Project when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines 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 ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$2,641,935 in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the Bethune Park and Mona Park Improvement Projects.

The Bethune Park General Improvements Project is located at, 1244 East 61st Street in Los Angeles. The scope of work will consist of the following: replacing basketball rims, backboards; refurbishing handball courts; resurfacing the basketball court; improving the irrigation, turf, paths and barbeques at the picnic area; demolition and replacing benches in the play area; improving restroom exterior and interior, meeting rooms and the foyer of the community building; renovating the gymnasium entrance; replacing structures and fixtures in the gymnasium's main office, foyer, restrooms, shower, drying room, and main gymnasium; repairing and repainting the parking lot; and various painting and landscaping improvements at the park. The estimated total project cost is \$1,434,324 and will be partially funded with \$1,187,180 with County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

The Mona Park General Improvements Project is located at, 2291 East 121st Street in Compton. The scope of work will consist of the following: replacing the equipment shed; renovating the basketball court which includes installing new poles, rims, backboards and resurfacing and restriping the court; refurbishing the existing trellis at the picnic tables area; replacing shuffle board lanes and lighting; improving an existing pathway and installing decomposed granite compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; replacing various exterior amenities; and refurbishing the stage, community room, community recreation building exterior, and gymnasium and restroom interior and exterior. The estimated total project cost is \$1,454,755 fully funded with County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grants 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 to follow California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable, and to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

In a related item on your Board's agenda, the Department is requesting that your Board authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to accept the Proposition A grants for the Bethune Park and Mona Park Improvement Projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of

Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in the amount of \$2,641,935, is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (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 also requires that Excess Funds be awarded to cities in the same total amount as is awarded to the County in the same fiscal year.

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 the Department would be authorized to award a grant to the Department 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 the Procedural Guide, for governing the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

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 County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Bethune Park and Mona Park Improvements Project.

The proposed Bethune Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of basketball rims, backboards; refurbishment of handball courts; resurfacing of the basketball court; improvement of the irrigation, turf, paths and barbeques at the picnic area; demolition and replacement of benches in the play area; improvement of restroom exterior and interior, meeting rooms and the foyer of the community building; renovation of the gymnasium entrance; replacement of structures and fixtures in the gymnasium's main office, foyer, restrooms, shower, drying room, and main gymnasium; repair and repainting of the parking lot; and various painting and landscaping improvements at the park, 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 (a) and 15304 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (d) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and minor alterations to land. The proposed work will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

The proposed Mona Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of the equipment shed; renovation of the basketball court which includes installation of new poles, rims, backboards and resurfacing and restriping of the court; refurbishment of the existing trellis at the picnic tables area; replacement of the shuffle board lanes and lighting; improvement of an existing pathway and installation of decomposed granite compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; replacement of various exterior amenities; and refurbishment of the stage, community room, community recreation building exterior, and gymnasium and restroom interior and exterior 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 (a) (d) and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (d) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and minor alterations to land. The proposed work will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance safe and accessible recreational opportunities at two County parks in the Second Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

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

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/30/2012

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Director

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County Counsel
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