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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
26 November 12, 2014
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR THE LOS ANGELES ZOO GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign the County's right to apply for $372,500 of Third Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association for the proposed Los Angeles Zoo General Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Los Angeles Zoo General Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and reasons reflected in the record of the project.

2. Adopt the attached Resolution assigning the County's right to apply for $372,500 of Third Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association to partially fund the Los Angeles Zoo General Improvements Project. The estimated total project cost is $745,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) to apply for $372,500 of Third Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for the proposed Los Angeles Zoo General Improvements Project (Project). The scope of work will include purchasing and installing lighting fixtures and related structures throughout the Loss Angeles Zoo (Zoo) to provide for improved public safety and expanded usage.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by improving and enhancing recreational opportunities in the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund. Sufficient appropriation in the amount of $372,500 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District's portion of RPOSD's County Excess Funds Project Fund. The Department is assigning the County's right to apply for these funds to GLAZA.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions will allow the Department, through GLAZA, to propose the Project for grant funding. The Project benefits the Zoo, a non-County facility, with various safety and usage enhancements. The Project will have no impact on the Department's Operating Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposition A provides a method of 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 Proposition of 1992 and 1996. The recommended actions will allow GLAZA to apply for funds from the County's Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District.

Pursuant to RPOSD's Procedural Guide, the governing body of the agency must adopt a resolution in order to authorize the assignment of the right to apply to another entity.

County Counsel has approved this Board letter and the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Project, which includes purchase and installation of lighting fixtures and related structures throughout the majority of the Zoo's campus, 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 Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project provides for installation of small new structures.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed 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 proposed Project's records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action(s) will have no impact on services or any current or planned projects in the Third 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, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luva Robinson at (213) 637-1845 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, Francine Choi at (213) 368-5838 or fchoi@parks.lacounty.gov, Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING ASSIGNMENT TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR THE LOS ANGELES ZOO GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County), pursuant to Section 24, Subsection b of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), is the designated recipient of Excess Funds allocated for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its rights to apply for these funds to other agencies consistent with the purpose of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) is requesting $372,500 of Third Supervisorial District County Excess Funds for the Los Angeles Zoo General Improvements Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign its rights to apply for these funds to GLAZA; and

WHEREAS, GLAZA will submit an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to obtain a grant for the Project and provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the District's procedural guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby assigns to the GLAZA the County's right to apply for $372,500 of Third Supervisorial District County Excess Funds for implementation of the Los Angeles Zoo General Improvements Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 12th day of November, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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Christina A. Salseda
Principal Deputy County Counsel