

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

November 27, 2012

Los Angeles County Art Commission Proposal to Develop a Civic Art Graffiti Abatement Project in the Second District

The countywide Proposition As of 1992 and 1996, established the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District), and allocated millions of dollars to public agencies and non-profit organizations for the purpose of acquiring and developing facilities and open spaces for public recreation. In addition to a variety of other initiatives including graffiti abatement, youth and senior services, and gang prevention strategies, the District can grant funds to promote graffiti abatement in parks as well as other public buildings and the public right of way.

The County of Los Angeles (the County) utilizes a variety of strategies to reduce the incidence of graffiti, including a policy of striving to remove graffiti from public spaces within 48 hours, and a graffiti tracker system to identify frequent offenders. However, the proliferation of graffiti continues to be a challenge that adversely impacts the quality of life for residents and businesses in the County. Therefore, it is important that the County explore innovative ways to prevent graffiti. Raising awareness of the negative economic and social impacts of graffiti, as well as eliminating graffiti on public buildings, sends a message to residents and businesses that their communities are safe and thriving.

- MORE -

MOTION

MOLINA \_\_\_\_\_

RIDLEY-THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_

KNABE \_\_\_\_\_

ANTONOVICH \_\_\_\_\_

YAROSLAVSKY \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

**November 27, 2012**

**PAGE 2**

Innovative projects to fight graffiti may consist of the design and installation of murals and other artist treatments that reduce the reoccurrence of graffiti or minimize the visual appearance of graffiti while helping youth utilize their artistic talents for personal expression. Graffiti abatement projects can employ local youth, beautify local structures, celebrate community culture and promote positive values.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission through its Civic Art Program has a track record of successfully implementing such projects, including murals at the Lennox Park and Florence Library that engaged the community in the project design and execution. The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open District is currently soliciting proposals for graffiti abatement strategies throughout the Second District. The Civic Art Commission is proposing to apply for the funds to establish a Civic Art Graffiti Abatement Project, which would consist of the design and installation of creative solutions and environmental treatments that mitigate the frequency and visual impact of graffiti on public buildings.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Approve the attached resolution approving the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second District Excess Funds for the Civic Art Graffiti Abatement Project by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission or designee to accept the funds and submit all documents, including the project agreement and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

**###**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE  
APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE ANTI-GRAFFITI GRANT FUNDS FROM  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT  
FOR SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FOR  
THE CIVIC ART GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Los Angeles County Arts Commission to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the Los Angeles County Arts Commission must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission will enter into an Agreement with the District for the District to provide funds for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the Arts Commission understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies the Arts Commission has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity or will obtain such assurances for the owner of the property before project completion; and

4. Appoints the Executive Director or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board also acts.



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

By 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI  
County Counsel

By   
Joseph M. Nicchitta  
Senior Associate County Counsel