

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

July 11, 2023

Norwood Library Project

The Norwood Library is a branch of the LA County Library serving the City of El Monte and surrounding communities. The proposed Norwood Library Project (Project) will provide for refurbishment of the existing library located at 4550 North Peck Road in the City of El Monte. The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has established its expertise and knowledge in completing several library refurbishment projects for LA County Library. Acting as the agent of the County of Los Angeles, the LACDA will oversee the proposed Project, which will involve the refurbishment of the lobby area, meeting room, offices, staff lounge, restrooms, other areas, and exterior improvements. A total of \$600,000 will be reallocated through the First District's unspent funds available from previously completed projects to complete any predevelopment activities including potential architecture and engineering work for the proposed Project. A firm from LACDA's list of approved architects will be selected on the basis of competence and qualifications to complete architecture and engineering services. The

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firm will be invited to submit a fee proposal and enter into fee negotiations with the LACDA.

After completing predevelopment activities, the LACDA will return to the Board to seek approval of the plans and specifications as well as authority to advertise for and award a construction contract.

The proposed predevelopment activities are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under CEQA for the reasons stated in this motion and the record;
2. Authorize the LACDA to act as the agent of the County for the refurbishment of the Norwood Library; and
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute a Funding Agreement, and any necessary amendments to existing Funding Agreements, between the County and the LACDA to reallocate funds for the Norwood Library Project in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LACDA:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under CEQA for the reasons stated in this motion and the record;
2. Authorize the LACDA to act as the agent of the County for the refurbishment of the Norwood Library;

3. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute a Funding Agreement, and any necessary amendments to existing Funding Agreements, between the County and the LACDA to reallocate funds for a total amount of \$600,000, and all related documents, for the Norwood Library Project, and to incorporate these funds into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget as needed; and

4. Authorize the LACDA to allocate administrative and project related costs to this Project effective July 11, 2023.

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