

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS

October 8, 2024

**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. Acting as the agent of the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (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. On July 11, 2023, the Board approved the reallocation of \$600,000 from the First District’s unspent funds available from previously completed projects, to complete predevelopment activities for the Project, including architecture and engineering. The total Project cost is \$7,031,628 and \$6,431,628 in additional funding is required to complete the Project. The Project development activities will be funded with an additional \$1,315,349 to be reallocated from unspent funds available to the First District from previously completed projects,

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\$1,000,000 from the California State Library Grant approved by the Board on April 23, 2024, and \$4,116,279 in funds from the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FFY24) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill.

The recommended actions, which relate to funding sources, 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.

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.

**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; and
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute an amendment to the existing Funding Agreement between the County and the LACDA to reallocate additional unspent funds available to the First District for the Norwood Library Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,315,349;
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$1,000,000 from the California State Library Grant in the LA County Library Operating Fund to the Project and Facility Development Budget to provide funding to the Norwood Library Project; and
4. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee, to execute an amendment to the existing Funding Agreement between the County and the

LACDA to include in the Project budget \$1,000,000 from the California State Library Grant.

**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 Executive Director, or designee, to accept funding up to \$2,315,349 for the Project, using an additional \$1,315,349 in unspent funds available to the First District, and \$1,000,000 from the California State Library Grant, and amend the existing Funding Agreement between the County and the LACDA;
3. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to accept up to \$4,116,279 in funds from the FFY24 THUD Appropriations Bill, and if necessary, execute any required agreements with HUD to receive the funds; and
4. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to incorporate up to \$6,431,628 into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget as needed.