



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

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November 18, 2025

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:

**EL PARQUE NUESTRO PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
ESTABLISH AND APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
AUTHORIZE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTS
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 8A139
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (FY 2025-26, 4-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed El Parque Nuestro Playground Improvements Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; establish and approve the proposed capital project, project scope, budget and appropriation adjustment; and authorize the Director of County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks), or her designee, to deliver the proposed capital project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed El Parque Nuestro Playground Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Establish and approve the proposed El Parque Nuestro Playground Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A139, with a total project budget of \$1,281,000.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to reflect an increase of \$1,281,000 in appropriation to the proposed El Parque Nuestro Playground Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A139, fully offset with grant revenue from the Los Angeles County

Regional Park and Open Space District, Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A) annual allocation grant program, to fully fund the proposed Project.

4. Authorize the Director of LA County Parks, or her designee, to deliver the proposed Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed El Parque Nuestro Playground Improvements Project (Project), exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish Capital Project (CP) No. 8A139; and approve the proposed Project scope, budget and appropriation adjustment. The recommended actions will also authorize the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation to implement the proposed Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

The proposed Project is located at 1675 E Gage Avenue, a 1/2-acre park in unincorporated Florence-Firestone that features a strolling path, children's play area, and fitness equipment.

According to the 2022 Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+), El Parque Nuestro is located in study area #80, an area of very high park need in a dense community with limited opportunities for play and very few walkable open spaces. The existing play structure is nearly 15 years old and is due for replacement. Additionally, the play areas and adjacent seating lack sufficient shade. Additional shade is proposed based on the LA County Climate Vulnerability Assessment which has determined that El Parque Nuestro serves residents experiencing social vulnerability and extreme heat.

The proposed Project will refurbish and renovate the existing park amenities, which includes: replacement of existing playground equipment; improvements to shade at the playground; replacement of safety surfacing; replacement and repair of hardscape, landscape and irrigation; improvements to accessibility; and removal and replacement of obsolete park exercise amenities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County Strategic Plan Goals to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (North Star 2) through Sustainability (Strategy 3.D.i,iii) by mitigating climate change, building resilient communities, and supporting thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity, and to Realize Tomorrow's Government Today (North Star 3) through Equity-Centered Policies and Practices (Strategy 3.C.i) by implementing projects that are equity-based and seek racial, social, and economic equity in County parks and through Internal Controls and Processes (Strategy 3.G.ii) by

effectively managing County park assets in ways that are fiscally responsible and align with the County's highest priority needs.

Implementation of County Sustainability Goals

The OurCounty Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2019, establishes goals to address the environmental impacts of climate change and the subsequent social challenges. The proposed Project will support Goal 5, Strategy 5A, by planting with a more diverse palette of drought tolerant and native plantings; Goal 6, Strategy 6A, by improving access to parks, public lands, and public spaces so that all visitors may enjoy their benefits and Goal 9B, by implementing strong water conservation measures by the reduction of runoff and installation of climate appropriate planting. Additionally, the proposed Project is in an area prioritized by the LA County Climate Vulnerability Assessment as it serves residents experiencing social vulnerability and extreme heat.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost for the proposed Project includes construction, change order/contingency, and plans and specifications. The proposed Project Schedules and Budget Summaries are included in Attachment I.

The proposed Project is fully funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A) annual allocation grant program in the amount of \$1,281,000.

Approval of the appropriation adjustment (Attachment II) will reflect a total increase of \$1,281,000 in appropriation to the El Parque Nuestro Playground Improvements Project, CP No. 8A139 offset with Measure A funds, to fully fund the proposed Project.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the proposed Project description, the Department does not anticipate any one-time start-up and ongoing costs. The proposed Project has maintenance requirements that will be fulfilled with existing departmental staff and resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Department to implement the proposed Project using a Board-approved JOC as the work involves repair, remodeling, and refurbishing of County facilities. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, negotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the JOC.

The JOC contractor who is awarded this contract will be required to fully comply with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program), Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program), and Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program).

The proposed Project will proceed in accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy (LTWHP) adopted on September 6, 2016, and last amended on June 11, 2019. The proposed Project will include a best-efforts goal that at least 30 percent (30%) of the total California craft worker hours for refurbishment work on the Project be performed by local residents.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed Project budget includes one percent (1%) of eligible design and construction costs, in the amount of \$12,000, to be allocated towards Civic Art and used on site.

Additionally, in accordance with RPOSD's Measure A Annual Allocation Program, funding acknowledgement and maintenance of this Project in perpetuity will be required. As such, a deed restriction which identifies the Project must be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed Project, which includes new playground equipment and surfacing; new hardscape; new planting and irrigation; improvements to area accessibility; and improvements to related amenities, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in sections 15301 (d), 15302(c), and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (c) and 2 (e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The proposed Project provides for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

Based on the records of the proposed Project, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, the Department will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Design work, including plans, construction documents, specifications, and cost estimate services will be completed by Board-approved as-needed consultants.

As part of the design process, the Department and the consultant team will conduct a community engagement process with the intent of informing the community of the improvements and requesting feedback on the types of play equipment and seating options.

The Department will implement the improvements using a Board-approved JOC. The Department has made the determination that JOC is the most appropriate procurement method for delivery of the construction scope.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have limited impacts to County services or projects at this facility. The Department will coordinate with contractors and park staff to minimize closures and mitigate disruption to the facility and parking areas.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board, to forward one adopted copy to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one adopted copy to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions,
please contact Seth Babb at (213) 732-4521 or sbabb@parks.lacounty.gov,
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or Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or bll@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer

County Counsel

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Auditor Controller

Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

ATTACHMENT I

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Project Activity	El Parque Nuestro Improvements Project C.P. 8A139
Board Letter	November 2025
Construction Documents	March 2026
Jurisdictional Approvals/Permits	May 2026
Construction Award	June 2026
Substantial Completion	August 2026
Project Acceptance	October 2026

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	
Construction	
Construction	\$ 877,000
Contingency	\$ 201,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,078,000
Plans and Specifications	\$ 120,000
Jurisdictional Approvals/Permits	\$ 32,000
Civic Art	\$ 12,000
County Services	\$ 39,000
Subtotal	\$ 203,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,281,000

ATTACHMENT II

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(SEE ATTACHED)

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**FY 2025-26****4 - VOTES****SOURCES****USES**

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REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT-MEASURE A

INCREASE REVENUE

1,281,000

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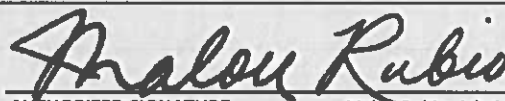
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CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I

INCREASE APPROPRIATION

1,281,000**SOURCES TOTAL****\$ 1,281,000****USES TOTAL****\$ 1,281,000****JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects an increase of \$1,281,000 in appropriation to the El Parque Nuestro Playground Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A139, fully offset with grant revenue from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, & Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A) annual allocation grant program, to fully fund the project.



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Malou Rubio, Administrative Deputy

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR--☐ ACTION☒ RECOMMENDATION

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DATE 10/17/25



APPROVED AS REQUESTED



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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