

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

AGN. NO.
November 18, 2025

YMCA of Greater Whittier Facility Improvements

The YMCA of Greater Whittier (Whittier YMCA) is a community-focused nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the spirit, mind, and body of individuals and families in Whittier and the surrounding areas. As part of the nationwide YMCA network, it offers a wide range of programs, including youth sports, swim lessons, fitness classes, childcare, and senior activities. Beyond recreation, the Whittier YMCA emphasizes character development, healthy living, and social responsibility, often providing scholarships and financial assistance so everyone can participate regardless of income. With a strong commitment to inclusivity and community engagement, the Whittier YMCA serves as both a fitness hub and a safe, supportive gathering place where people of all ages can grow, connect, and thrive.

The Whittier YMCA has an East Whittier facility that is a community hub dedicated to promoting healthy living, youth development, and social connection for families and individuals across the eastern part of Whittier and surrounding unincorporated Los Angeles County neighborhoods. Located on Starbuck Street, this branch of the YMCA of Greater Whittier offers a wide range of amenities, including a fitness center, swimming pools, group exercise studios, and family-friendly locker rooms.

Recently, the Whittier YMCA has found the need to bring improvements to the

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aging infrastructure of the East Whittier YMCA facility. Funding will enable the removal of a deteriorating on-site trailer and will support necessary renovations within the existing facility to safely accommodate approximately 25 children in childcare. Funding will also allow for the cleared lot to be transformed into a new outdoor sports complex, featuring amenities for soccer, volleyball, pickleball, and family-friendly events. This upgraded facility will serve youth and working families from Whittier, Unincorporated South Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, and La Habra Heights, providing much-needed recreational and affordable childcare services to our diverse and growing community.

The Whittier YMCA has requested a total of \$563,351 to support the needed improvements of the East Whittier YMCA facility. The requested funding will be reallocated through the Fourth District's unspent funds, which are available from previously completed projects, and five percent (5%) of this funding will be retained for administrative costs associated with technical assistance for contract and labor compliance.

The proposed activities are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because they are activities that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and meets the criteria set forth in section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Acting Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute a Funding Agreement, and any necessary amendments to existing Funding Agreements, between the County and the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to reallocate funds for the Project, in an amount not to exceed \$563,351.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority:

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because they are activities that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment;
2. Authorize the Executive Director of LACDA, or designee, to execute a Funding Agreement with the Whittier YMCA for the East Whittier facility improvements;
3. Authorize the Executive Director of LACDA, or designee, to execute a Funding Agreement, and any necessary amendments to existing Funding Agreements, between the County and the LACDA to reallocate the funds, in the amount of \$563,351, and all related documents for the Project, and to incorporate these funds into LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget as needed; and
4. Authorize LACDA to allocate administrative and project related costs to this Project effective November 4, 2025.

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