



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

January 13, 2026

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:

**ESTABLISH AND APPROVE FOUR CAPITAL PROJECTS  
APPROVE PROJECT SCOPES AND BUDGETS  
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT  
AUTHORIZE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTS  
CAPITAL PROJECT NOS. (8A176, 8A177, 8A178, 8A182)  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (FY2025-26, 4-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed projects exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; establish and approve the proposed capital projects, scopes, budgets and appropriation adjustment; and authorize the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to deliver the proposed projects through Board-approved Job Order Contracts.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the records of the projects.
2. Establish and approve the proposed Loma Alta Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A176, with a total project budget of \$1,000,000; Pamela County Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A177, with a total project budget of \$1,000,000; Stephen Sorensen Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A178, with a total project budget of \$1,100,000; Jackie Robinson Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A182, with a total project budget of \$1,064,000.

3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to reflect an increase of \$2,395,000 in appropriation for capital costs related to the proposed projects, fully offset with the use of the obligated fund balance - Committed for Capital Facilities & Technological Needs in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fund.

4. Authorize the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to deliver the proposed Loma Alta Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Pamela County Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Stephen Sorensen Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, and the Jackie Robinson Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, through Board-approved Job Order Contracts.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Loma Alta Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Pamela County Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Stephen Sorensen Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, and the Jackie Robinson Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project (Projects) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish and approve Capital Project (CP) No's 8A176, 8A177, 8A178, and 8A182, respectively; approve the proposed Projects' scope, budget, and appropriation adjustment; and authorize the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) to implement the proposed Projects through Board-approved Job Order Contracts (JOC).

In 2024, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) approached LA County Parks to collaborate on an ambitious two-year, \$15 million Countywide program to create public spaces that promote social interactions and inspire community well-being in County parks. LA County Parks and DMH selected 14 parks based on several factors including existing year-round Our SPOT Teen Centers, park need based on the Countywide Park Needs Assessment, Office of Violence Prevention high violence scores, DMH equity data, and Los Angeles County Equity Explorer Index data.

LA County Parks and DMH partnered on a robust, multi-phase, year-long community engagement process at each selected park to inform the development of design elements to promote well-being. LA County Parks and their design team conducted onsite interviews with Our SPOT teens as well as popup engagements with seniors and park visitors to define each park's project scope while creating a shared, program wide design vision. Subsequently, LA County Parks presented the resulting Our SPOT and wellbeing space designs for each park to DMH, Our SPOT teens, and local community members, leading to further design enhancements. The final designs emphasize accessibility, landscaping, seating, safety, shade and effective use of color.

Each park's scope of work will include renovation of an existing outdoor open space as a new well-being space, including accessibility upgrades; trees and landscaping with irrigation; lighting and shade; seating elements including benches designated in an "Open to Chat" style to encourage conversation; informational signage; and, related improvements. Each park will also include the renovation of an existing unprogrammed area into an outdoor Our SPOT space that includes paving, landscaping, shade, lighting, security fencing, seating, and related improvements. While the thematic design elements and enhancements are similar program wide, each Well-being and Our SPOT space varies in design, shape, and size to reflect community input. The difference in project budgets at each park reflect these variances, including diverse site conditions and utility infrastructure needs.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations will further the County Strategic Plan Goals to make investments that transform lives (North Star 1) (Strategy 1.D.v) by providing alternative recreational and social gathering opportunities for adolescent individuals; foster vibrant and resilient communities (North Star 2) and enhance public safety (Strategy 2.F.i-iv) by infrastructure within the community for engagement, community participation education support and environmental justice by improving LA County Parks' ability to deliver programming and create public spaces that are welcoming and accessible, and realizing tomorrow's government today (North Star 3) by modernizing infrastructure (Strategy 3.F.ii).

### 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 Projects will achieve the goals of creating buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience (Goal 2) and creating accessible parks, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities (Goal 6).

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated costs for the four proposed Projects include consultant services, plans and specifications, jurisdictional review, construction, change order/contingency, and Civic Art. The proposed Project Schedules and Budget Summaries are included in Attachment I.

The four proposed Projects are fully funded by DMH in the total amount of \$4,164,000. Attachment I includes the funding breakdown for each of the projects.

LA County Parks accelerated the project timeline by completing community outreach, site assessments, surveys, construction documents and the acquisition of plant stock and landscape furniture for these four Well-Being and Our SPOT Projects through Board-approved as-needed consultants and purchase orders in the amount of \$1,769,000 from LA County Parks Operating Budget. DMH will reimburse LA County Parks for approved expenditures.

Approval of the appropriation adjustment (Attachment III) will reflect an increase of \$2,395,000 in appropriation for the proposed projects, fully offset with the use of the obligated fund balance - Committed for Capital Facilities & Technological Needs in the MHSA Fund as follows: \$575,000 to the Loma Alta Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A176, \$575,000 to the Pamela County Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A177, \$633,000 to the Stephen Sorensen Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A178, and \$612,000 to the Jackie Robinson Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, Capital Project No. 8A182, to fully fund and implement the proposed projects.

### OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the proposed Projects' descriptions, LA County Parks does not anticipate any one-time start-up or ongoing costs for the Projects.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize LA County Parks to deliver the proposed Projects utilizing Board-approved JOCs, as the work involves repair, remodeling, and refurbishing of

County facilities that may be used for Mental Health well-being activities, programs, and supports. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, 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 Projects 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. They 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 should 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 Projects' budget for the Loma Alta Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, CP No. 8A176, Pamela County Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, CP No. 8A177, Stephen Sorensen Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being, CP No. 8A178, Jackie Robinson Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, CP No. 8A182, and includes one percent (1%) of eligible design and construction costs, in the amounts of \$8,000, \$8,000, \$9,000 and \$9,000 respectively, to be allocated towards Civic Art.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Projects are categorically exempt from the CEQA. The proposed Projects, which include the Well-Being Spaces component, which will focus on improving paths of travel, installing planting, shade trees, and irrigation, installing site lighting, shade structures, seating elements including 'Happy to Chat' benches, informative signage, and related general improvements, and the Our SPOT Spaces component, which will involve renovating existing paving and landscaping, providing shade elements, installing security fencing and lighting, creating seating areas, and related improvements to existing park courtyards or unprogrammed spaces, 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(h), 15303(d)(e), 15304 (b) and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c), 3(a)(b) and 4(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The Projects involve restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; installation of small new structures; 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.

In addition, based on the proposed Projects' records, each project will comply with all applicable regulations. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that they 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, LA County Parks will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Design plans and specifications, including construction documents, have been completed by Board-approved as-needed consultants.

LA County Parks will implement the improvements using a combination of a Board-approved JOC, County Purchase Orders, and a Conservation Corps under a Board-approved as-needed agreement. The Conservation Corps will deliver landscaping and related scope items for the proposed Projects. Board-approved JOCs will deliver the remaining scope. County Purchase Orders will be used for procuring selected long lead time fixtures. LA County Parks has made the determination that the combination of the delivery methods are the most appropriate methods for delivery of the proposed Projects.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have limited impact to County services at the facilities. LA County Parks will minimize and mitigate disruption by phasing work and providing advanced notification to the public.

## **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board, please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy of this letter 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 Paul Young at (626) 588-5325 or [pyoung@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:pyoung@parks.lacounty.gov), Jorge Gutierrez at (626) 588-5347 or [JGutierrez2@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:JGutierrez2@parks.lacounty.gov), or Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or [blh@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:blh@parks.lacounty.gov).

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Norma E. Garcia-Gonzalez".

Norma E. Garcia-Gonzalez

Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor Controller  
Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)  
LA County Parks

## ATTACHMENT I

### ESTABLISH AND APPROVE FOUR CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVE PROJECT SCOPES AND BUDGETS APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTS CAPITAL PROJECT NOS. (8A176, 8A177, 8A178, 8A182) (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (FY2025-26, 4-VOTES)

<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>				
Project Name	Loma Alta Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, CP No. 8A176	Pamela County Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, CP No. 8A177	Stephen Sorensen Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, CP No. 8A178	Jackie Robinson Park Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project, CP No. 8A182
Project Location	3330 N. Lincoln Ave., Altadena, CA 91001	2236 Goodall Ave., Duarte, CA 91010	16801 E. Ave. P, Palmdale, CA 93591	8773 E Avenue R, Littlerock, CA 93543
Project Scope	Create outdoor Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being spaces that include ADA path of travel, landscaping, lighting, perimeter fencing, shade, plants, outdoor furniture, signage, recreational equipment and storage.	Create outdoor Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being spaces that include ADA path of travel, landscaping, lighting, perimeter fencing, shade, plants, outdoor furniture, signage, recreational equipment and storage.	Create outdoor Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being spaces that include ADA path of travel, landscaping, lighting, perimeter fencing, shade, plants, outdoor furniture, signage, recreational equipment and storage.	Create outdoor Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being spaces that include ADA path of travel, landscaping, lighting, perimeter fencing, shade, plants, outdoor furniture, signage, recreational equipment and storage.
<b>PROJECT SCHEDULE</b>				
Board Approval	January, 2026	January, 2026	January, 2026	January, 2026
Design Services	December, 2025	December, 2025	December, 2025	December, 2025
Construction Award	March, 2026	March, 2026	March, 2026	March, 2026
Substantial Completion	August, 2026	August, 2026	August, 2026	August, 2026
Project Acceptance	August, 2026	August, 2026	August, 2026	August, 2026
<b>PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
Construction				
Construction	\$633,000	\$633,000	\$726,000	\$704,000
Change Orders	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$37,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$669,000</b>	<b>\$669,000</b>	<b>\$764,000</b>	<b>\$741,000</b>
Civic Art	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Plans and Specifications	\$136,000	\$136,000	\$136,000	\$130,000
Consultant Services	\$157,000	\$157,000	\$159,000	\$151,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$32,000	\$33,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$331,000</b>	<b>\$331,000</b>	<b>\$336,000</b>	<b>\$323,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,064,000</b>

## **ATTACHMENT II**

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<b>No.</b>	<b>PROJECT #</b>	<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1	8A176	Loma Alta Park	Loma Alta Park Teen "Our SPOT" and Well-Being Project	CP No. 8A176	1,000,000
2	8A177	Pamela County Park	Pamela County Park Teen "Our SPOT" and Well-Being Project	CP No. 8A177	1,000,000
3	8A178	Stephen Sorensen Park	Stephen Sorensen Park Teen "Our SPOT" and Well-Being Project	CP No. 8A178	1,100,000
4	8A182	Jackie Robinson Park	Jackie Robinson Park Teen "Our SPOT" and Well-Being Project	CP No. 8A182	1,064,000
<b>Total:</b>					<b>4,164,000</b>



**ATTACHMENT III**

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(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (FY2025-26, 4-VOTES)**

**APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

**(SEE ATTACHED)**

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January 13, 2026

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT of PARKS and RECREATION /MENTAL HEALTH

**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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**SOURCES TOTAL**

**\$ 4,790,000**

**USES TOTAL**

**\$ 4,790,000**

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects an increase of \$2,395,000 in appropriation and revenues for the proposed Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Project for Mental Health Wellbeing activity and program support in Supervisorial District 5, Capital Project Nos. 8A176 Loma Alta Park, 8A177 Pamela County Park, 8A178 Stephen Sorensen Park, 8A182 Jackie Robinson Park, fully funded from the use of obligated fund balance-Committed for Capital Facilities and Technological Needs in the Mental Health Services Act fund.

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

**MALOU RUBIO, PARKS /LISA H. WONG, DMH**

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

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

FY 2025-26  
4 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FUND  
BT1-304M  
COMMITTED FOR CAPITAL FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS  
DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE 2,395,000

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FUND  
BT1-MH-6100-41189  
OTHER FINANCING USES  
INCREASE APPROPRIATION 2,395,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
LOMA ALTA PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-96-9919-65039-8A176  
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN - CAPITAL PROJECTS  
INCREASE REVENUE 575,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
LOMA ALTA PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-6014-65039-8A176  
CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I  
INCREASE APPROPRIATION 575,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
PAMELA COUNTY PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-96-9919-65039-8A177  
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN - CAPITAL PROJECTS  
INCREASE REVENUE 575,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
PAMELA COUNTY PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-6014-65039-8A177  
CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I  
INCREASE APPROPRIATION 575,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
STEPHEN SORENSEN PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-96-9919-65039-8A178  
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN - CAPITAL PROJECTS  
INCREASE REVENUE 633,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
STEPHEN SORENSEN PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-6014-65039-8A178  
CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I  
INCREASE APPROPRIATION 633,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
JACKIE ROBINSON PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-96-9919-65039-8A182  
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN - CAPITAL PROJECTS  
INCREASE REVENUE 612,000

MENTAL HEALTH  
JACKIE ROBINSON PARK TEEN 'OUR SPOT' AND WELL-BEING PROJECT  
A01-CP-6014-65039-8A182  
CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I  
INCREASE APPROPRIATION 612,000

SOURCES TOTAL \$ 4,790,000

USES TOTAL \$ 4,790,000

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