



County of Los Angeles
Chief Executive Office

COMMUNITY SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, November 9, 2022
TIME: 3:30 p.m.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEES AS PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW.**

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING CALL TELECONFERENCE NUMBER: (323) 776-6996 ID: 994 112 379#

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AGENDA

Members of the Public may address the Community Services Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed per person in total for each item.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S): [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:

- A.** Board Letter (Los Angeles County Development Authority) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO ISSUE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANNY'S HOME FOR HEROES PROJECT
- B.** Board Letter (Los Angeles County Development Authority) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE CONSULTING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES
- C.** Board Letter (Parks and Recreation) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
SIX JOB ORDER CONTRACTS
FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REMODELING, AND REFURBISHMENT OF COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES,
AWARD JOB ORDER CONTRACTS 2224CP, 2225CP, 2233, 2234, 2238JS, AND 2239JS
- D.** Board Letter (Parks and Recreation) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
KENNETH HAHN OPERATION OF PEDESTRIAN GATES
AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE PROJECT AND KENNETH HAHN FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT
NOTICES OF EXEMPTION
APPELLANT: BALDWIN VISTA HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
PROJECT LOCATION: KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA 4100
SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056

- E.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
TO 600 ST. CLOUD ROAD, LLC, WB 642 ST. CLOUD, LLC, AND JGDB LLC,
PROJECT NO. 275-641, MADRONO LANE,
PARCELS 4EXE.4, 4EXE.5, 4EXE.6, 7EXE.1, 8EXE.1, 8EXE.2, AND 9EXE.2,
IN THE BEL AIR COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
- F.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO THE
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
STONE CANYON, PARCELS 13EXE.1, 14EXE, AND 15EXE,
IN THE WESTWOOD COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
- G.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICES AREA
LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPEDITING
PERMIT REVIEW BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- H.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM PORTIONS
OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC ROAD
AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR ADMIRALTY WAY, BALI WAY, AND
MINDANAO WAY
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF MARINA DEL REY
- I.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
QUITCLAIM OF STORM DRAIN EASEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS EASEMENT
BOND ISSUE 564, PARCEL 1EX, IN THE CITY OF PASADENA
- J.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 77106 AND
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DEDICATIONS IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH IN UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
- K.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 72939
AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DEDICATIONS IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH IN UNINCORPORATED ALTADENA

- L. Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 74488 AND
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DEDICATIONS IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH IN UNINCORPORATED HACIENDA HEIGHTS

3. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

- A. Board Briefing (Parks and Recreation):
PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLUS
Speaker: Norma E. García-González
- B. Board Briefing (Los Angeles County Development Authority):
BRINGING FAMILIES HOME
Speaker: Emilio Salas

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 minutes each speaker)

5. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

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| CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE | 11/09/2022 | | | | | | | |
| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | | | | | | | |
| SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED | <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 th | | | | | | | |
| DEPARTMENT(S) | Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) | | | | | | | |
| SUBJECT | ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO ISSUE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANNY'S HOME FOR HEROES PROJECT | | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM | Housing Development | | | | | | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | | | | | | | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | N/A | | | | | | | |
| COST & FUNDING | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Total cost: \$13,784,637</td><td style="width: 50%;">Funding source: Bond proceeds</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TERMS (if applicable):</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Explanation: There is no impact on the County General Fund. The Bonds will be repaid solely through rent revenues collected by QCK Apartments, LP (Borrower). The Borrower will pay all fees and related costs.</td></tr> </table> | | Total cost: \$13,784,637 | Funding source: Bond proceeds | TERMS (if applicable): | | Explanation: There is no impact on the County General Fund. The Bonds will be repaid solely through rent revenues collected by QCK Apartments, LP (Borrower). The Borrower will pay all fees and related costs. | |
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| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | The purpose of this action is to authorize the issuance, sale, and delivery of Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,784,637 to finance the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or development of the Project. The developer for the Project is Oculus1 Development, Inc. and the Borrower is a limited partnership which includes the developer as a partner. The Project will be located at 4856 West Avenue L-14, in unincorporated Quartz Hill. The project is a new construction consisting of one building, three stories in height, comprised of 35 low-income units. Eighteen one-bedroom units will be restricted to households with incomes that do not exceed 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Seventeen one-bedroom units will be restricted to households with incomes that do not exceed 50% AMI. One two-bedroom unit will be reserved for onsite property management. | | | | | | | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | The LACDA is authorized to issue multifamily revenue bonds or notes to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project, including the Borrower. The LACDA and the County must execute the following actions: (1) The LACDA must conduct a public hearing to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (2) the County must approve a resolution approving the plan of financing and authorizing the LACDA to issue the Bonds. | | | | | | | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | | | | | | | |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: | | | | | | | |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Lynn Katano, Director of Housing Investment and Finance, (626) 586-1806, Lynn.Katano@lacda.org Matt Lust, Assistant Director, (626) 586-1809, Matt.Lust@lacda.org | | | | | | | |

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles County Development Authority
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors and Commissioners:

**ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO ISSUE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE NOTES TO
FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
DANNY'S HOME FOR HEROES PROJECT
(DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board approve resolutions authorizing and actions facilitating the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax-exempt Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds or Notes to finance the site acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or development of Danny's Home for Heroes (formerly known as QCK Apartments), consisting of 36 units of supportive housing for homeless veterans located in unincorporated Quartz Hill.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that adoption of the Resolution is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action will not have the potential of causing a significant effect on the environment.

2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Resolution approving the issuance of tax-exempt Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds or Notes by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$13,784,637 to assist QCK Apartments, LP (Borrower), or an LACDA-approved designee, to finance the site acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or development of Danny's Home for Heroes, 36-units of supportive housing for homeless veterans located at 4856 West Avenue L-14 in unincorporated Quartz Hill (Project).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. Find that adoption of the Resolution is not subject to the provisions of CEQA because the action will not have the potential of causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of tax-exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds or Notes (Bonds) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,784,637 to finance the site acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or development of the Project.
3. Authorize the Executive Director of the LACDA, or his designee, to negotiate, execute, and if necessary, amend or terminate all related documents and take all necessary actions for the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to authorize the issuance, sale, and delivery of Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,784,637 to finance the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or development of the Project. The developer for the Project is Oculus1 Development, Inc. and the Borrower is a limited partnership which includes the developer as a partner.

The Project will be located at 4856 West Avenue L-14, in unincorporated Quartz Hill. The project is a new construction consisting of one building, three stories in height, comprised of 35 low-income units. Eighteen one-bedroom units will be restricted to households with incomes that do not exceed 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Seventeen one-bedroom units will be restricted to households with incomes that do not exceed 50% AMI. One two-bedroom unit will be reserved for onsite property management.

The Project will utilize state-of-the-art design and high-quality construction standards to serve residents with high-quality affordable housing with modern amenities and on-site

supportive services. Each unit will offer contemporary living arrangements and will be furnished with modern bathrooms and kitchens, including appliances. Residents will benefit from the substantial outdoor open space, which is activated by a variety of social gathering spaces, giving them a sense of community. The site and community amenities will include a common laundry room, bike storage, recreation room, community room, and a centralized courtyard. To bring residents together, the centrally located community areas will be comprised of a manager's office and site amenities for social and supportive services. The project will include 43 parking spaces, seven of which will be accessible.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County General Fund. The Bonds will be repaid solely through rent revenues collected by the Borrower. The Borrower will pay all fees and related costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 1, 2022 the Board of Commissioners adopted an inducement resolution declaring the intent of the LACDA to undertake the financing of a Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bond project in accordance with U.S. Treasury Department regulations. This action established a base date after which costs incurred by the Borrower for the Project could be included in the acquisition and permanent financing obtained pursuant to the issuance of tax-exempt Bonds.

The LACDA is authorized to issue multifamily revenue bonds or notes to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project, including the Borrower. In order for the LACDA to issue such Bonds, the LACDA and the County must execute the following actions: (1) The LACDA must conduct a public hearing to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (2) the County must approve a resolution approving the plan of financing and authorizing the LACDA to issue the Bonds. Although the LACDA will be issuing the Bonds at the request of the Borrower, the financing cannot proceed without the approval of the applicable elected legislative body.

On November 15, 2022 the LACDA conducted a telephonic hearing regarding the issuance of the tax-exempt Bonds to finance the Project at its office located at 700 West Main Street in Alhambra. No comments were received at the hearing concerning the issuance of the tax-exempt Bonds or the nature and location of the Project.

The attached Resolutions were prepared by Kutak Rock, LACDA Bond Counsel, and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 5852.1, a required public disclosure document for this Bond issuance is also attached. All other related documents, in substantially final form, are on file with the Executive Office. They will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the authorized parties.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not a project pursuant to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b) of the State CEQA guidelines. The proposed actions are administrative activities of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECT

The proposed action is a necessary step to provide Bond financing for the Project, which will increase the supply of housing for homeless veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILIO SALAS
Executive Director

Enclosure

PUBLIC DISCLOSURES RELATING TO CONDUIT REVENUE OBLIGATIONS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 5852.1, the borrower (the "Borrower") identified below has provided the following required information to the Los Angeles County Development Authority (the "LACDA") prior to the LACDA's regular meeting (the "Meeting") of its Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners"), at which Meeting the Board will consider the authorization of conduit multifamily housing mortgage revenue bond (the "Bond") as identified below.

1. Name of Borrower: QCK Apartments, LP
2. Board of Commissioners Meeting Date: December 6, 2022
3. Name of Conduit Revenue Obligations: Los Angeles County Development Authority Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Danny's Home for Heroes Apartments) 2022 Series G-1 and Los Angeles County Development Authority Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Danny's Home for Heroes Apartments) 2022 Taxable Series G-2
4. Amount of Tax-Exempt Bond Issue / Conduit Revenue Obligations: \$13,784,367.
Amount of Taxable Bond Issue/ Conduit Revenue Obligations: \$8,000,000
5. X Private Placement Lender or Bond Purchaser, Underwriter or Financial Advisor (mark one) engaged by the Borrower presented the Borrower with the following required good faith estimates relating to the Bond, and such good faith estimates have been presented to the governing board or official(s) of the Borrower with authority to obligate the Borrower in connection with the financing:
 - (A) The true interest cost of the Tax-Exempt Bond, which means the rate necessary to discount the amounts payable on the respective principal and interest payment dates to the purchase price received for the new issue of Bond (to the nearest ten-thousandth of one percent): 6.12%. The true interest cost of the Taxable Bond, which means the rate necessary to discount the amounts payable on the respective principal and interest payment dates to the purchase price received for the new issue of Taxable Bond (to the nearest ten-thousandth of one percent): 6.72%.
 - (B) The finance charge of the Tax-Exempt Bond, which means the sum of all fees and charges paid to third parties: \$206,770. The finance charge of the Taxable Bond, which means the sum of all fees and charges paid to third parties: \$120,000
 - (C) The amount of proceeds received by the LACDA for sale of the Tax-exempt Bond less the finance charge of the Tax-Exempt Bond described in subparagraph (B) and any reserves or capitalized interest paid or funded with proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bond: \$13,577,867. The amount of proceeds received by the LACDA for sale of the Taxable Bond less the finance charge of the Taxable Bond described in subparagraph (B) and any reserves or capitalized interest paid or funded with proceeds of the Taxable Bond: \$7,880,000.
 - (D) The total payment amount, which means the sum total of all payments the Borrower will make to pay debt service on the Tax-Exempt Bond plus the finance charge of the Tax-Exempt Bond described in subparagraph (B) not paid with the

proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bond (which total payment amount shall be calculated to the final maturity of the Tax-Exempt Bond): \$15,591,439. The total payment amount, which means the sum total of all payments the borrower will make to pay debt service on the Taxable Bond plus the finance charge of the Taxable Bond described in subparagraph (B) not paid with the proceeds of the Taxable Bond (which total payment amount shall be calculated to the final maturity of the Taxable Bond): \$8,712,780.

This document has been made available to the public at the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS AND RELATED ACTIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (the “LACDA”), has indicated its intent to adopt a plan of financing to sell and issue multifamily housing revenue bonds or notes in one or more series issued from time to time, and at no time to exceed \$13,784,637 in outstanding aggregate principal amount (the “Bonds”), in order to assist in financing (including reimbursement of Borrower’s expenditures) the acquisition, construction, development or rehabilitation of a multifamily rental housing development consisting of 36 units located at 4856 West Avenue L-14, in unincorporated Los Angeles County (the “Project”), to be owned by QCK Apartments, LP, a California limited partnership (the “Borrower”) of which Oculus1 Development, Inc. and/or Kingdom Development, Inc. is a general partner (or an affiliate, assign or designee approved by LACDA) and such intent was adopted by a resolution of the LACDA Board of Commissioners on March 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”), the Bonds are required to be approved prior to their issuance by the applicable elected representative of the governmental unit on whose behalf the bonds are expected to be issued and by each governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which any facility financed by such bonds is to be located, after a public hearing held following reasonable public notice; and

WHEREAS, the interest on the Bonds may qualify for exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code, only if the Bonds are approved in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located wholly within the unincorporated County of Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) is the elected legislative body of the County of Los Angeles and is the applicable elected representative of the LACDA within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, the LACDA has, following notice duly given, held a public hearing regarding the plan of financing and the issuance of such Bonds on November 15, 2022, and now desires that the Board approve the issuance of such Bonds within the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, this Board hereby finds and declares that this Resolution is being adopted pursuant to the powers granted by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals, and each of them, are true and correct.
2. This Board hereby approves the plan of financing and the issuance of the Bonds by the LACDA to finance costs of the Project. It is the purpose and intent of this

Board that this Resolution constitute approval of the plan of financing and the Bonds by the applicable elected representative of the issuer of the Bonds and the applicable elected representative of the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which the Project is located, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Code.

3. The LACDA is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever further action relating to the aforesaid financial assistance may be deemed reasonable and desirable, provided that the terms and conditions under which the Bonds are to be issued and sold shall be approved by the LACDA in the manner provided by law prior to the sale thereof.

4. The Executive Officer of the Board or a deputy thereof is directed to certify and deliver a copy of this Resolution to the LACDA.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles,
State of California, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

By _____
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA,
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON,
Acting County Counsel

By: Behnaz Tashakorian
Deputy

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,784,637 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A LOAN TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR A MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT KNOWN AS DANNY'S HOME FOR HEROES APARTMENTS, DETERMINING AND PRESCRIBING CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING THERETO, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (the "LACDA") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Section 34312.3 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California (the "Act") to issue and sell revenue bonds or notes for the purpose of making loans or otherwise providing funds to finance the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and development of multifamily residential rental housing projects, including units for households meeting the income limits set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, there has been prepared and presented to this Board for consideration at this meeting the documentation required for the issuance of one or more series of bonds or notes for the financing of the acquisition, development and construction of a multifamily rental housing development consisting of 36 total units located at 4856 West Avenue L-14 in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California (the "Project"), to be known as Danny's Home for Heroes Apartments (formerly known as QCK Apartments) and to be owned by QCK Apartments, LP (or an affiliate or assign thereof); and

WHEREAS, the LACDA proposes to issue, pursuant to the Act, its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Danny's Home for Heroes Apartments) 2022 Series G-1 (the "Tax-Exempt Bond") with a principal amount not to exceed \$13,784,637; and

WHEREAS, the LACDA proposes to issue, pursuant to the Act, its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Danny's Home for Heroes Apartments) 2022 Taxable Series G-2 (the "Taxable Bond" and together with the Tax-Exempt Bond, the "Bonds") with a principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5852.1 of the California Government Code, this Board has received the following information as a good faith estimate of the cost of the Project financing and the LACDA has disclosed such information in accordance with Section 5852.1 of the California Government Code: (a) the true interest cost of the Bonds; (b) the finance charge of the Bonds, including all third party expenses; (c) the amount of proceeds received by the LACDA for the sale of the Bonds less the finance charge of the Bonds and any reserves or capitalized interest paid or funded with proceeds of the Bonds; and (d) the total payment amount; and

WHEREAS, it appears that each of the documents and instruments above referred to which are now before this meeting is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered for the purposes intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, as follows:

1. It is hereby found and determined that it is necessary and desirable for the LACDA to provide financing for the Project through the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order to assist in the acquisition, construction and development of the type of dwelling units provided by the Project.

2. For the purpose of raising moneys with which to effectuate financing for the Project, the LACDA hereby determines to issue revenue bonds of the LACDA to be designated as “Los Angeles County Development Authority Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Danny’s Home for Heroes Apartments), 2022 Series G-1” (or such other name or series designation as may be designated by officers or agents of the LACDA), in one or more series or subseries, each with an appropriate series designation, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,784,637 and “Los Angeles County Development Authority Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Danny’s Home for Heroes Apartments), 2022 Taxable Series G-2” (or such other name or series designation as may be designated by officers or agents of the LACDA), in one or more series or subseries, each with an appropriate series designation, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. The Bonds shall bear interest at the interest rates set forth in or determined in accordance with an indenture of trust (the “Indenture”), maturing as provided in the Indenture, but not later than 40 years from the date of issue. The Bonds shall be in substantially the forms set forth in the Indenture, with such appropriate variations, omissions, insertions and provisions as are permitted or required by the Indenture, which shall be appropriately completed when the Bonds are prepared.

The Bonds shall be limited obligations of the LACDA payable solely from the revenues, receipts and other moneys pledged therefor under the Indenture.

The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the LACDA by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chair of this Board or the Executive Director of the LACDA.

3. The proposed form of Indenture, in the form presented to this meeting, is hereby approved. The Chair of this Board and the Executive Director of the LACDA or his or her designee are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the LACDA, to execute and deliver the Indenture, in substantially said form, with such additions thereto or changes therein as such officer may approve or recommend upon consultation with counsel to the LACDA and Bond Counsel to the LACDA (provided that such additions or changes shall not authorize an aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in excess of the amount stated above or result in an initial interest rate on the Bonds in excess of 9%), the approval of such additions or changes to be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery of the Indenture. The proposed forms of the Bonds, as set forth in the Indenture, is hereby approved, and the Chair of the Board and Executive Director of the LACDA or his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute, by manual or facsimile signatures of such officers, and, if deemed necessary or desirable, a trustee (the “Trustee”) to be designated by the LACDA in the Indenture or an authenticating agent is hereby authorized and directed to

authenticate, by manual signatures of one or more authorized officers of the Indenture or an authenticating agent, if applicable, the Bonds in substantially such form, and the LACDA or the Trustee, as applicable, is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the Bonds to the purchaser, which shall be Western Alliance Business Trust, or an affiliate thereof, in accordance with the Indenture. The Bonds may, if so provided in the Indenture, be issued as “draw down” bonds to be funded over time as provided in the Indenture. The date, maturity date, interest rate or rates, interest payment dates, denominations, form, registration privileges, manner of execution, place of payment, terms of redemption and other terms of the Bonds shall be as provided in the Indenture as finally executed; provided, however, that the principal amount of the Tax-Exempt Bond shall not exceed \$13,784,637 and the principal amount of the Taxable Note shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

4. The proposed form of Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”), in the form presented to this meeting, is hereby approved. The Chair of this Board and the Executive Director of the LACDA or his or her designee are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the LACDA, to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement, with such additions or changes in said document as such officer may recommend or approve upon consultation with counsel to the LACDA and Bond Counsel to the LACDA, the approval of such additions or changes to be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement.

5. The proposed form of Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants (the “Regulatory Agreement”) in the form presented to this meeting, is hereby approved. The Chair of this Board and the Executive Director of the LACDA or his or her designee are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the LACDA, to execute and deliver the Regulatory Agreement, with such additions or changes in said document as such officer may recommend or approve upon consultation with counsel to the LACDA and Bond Counsel to the LACDA, the approval of such additions or changes to be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery of the Regulatory Agreement.

6. The proposed form of Bond Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) in the form presented to this meeting, is hereby approved. The Chair of this Board and the Executive Director of the LACDA or his or her designee are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the LACDA, to execute and deliver the Purchase Agreement, with such additions or changes in said document as such officer may recommend or approve upon consultation with counsel to the LACDA and Bond Counsel to the LACDA, the approval of such additions or changes to be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement.

7. This Board hereby appoints the Executive Director of the LACDA or her designee as administrator/manager with respect to the Project and other matters arising in connection with the Bonds (the “Administrator”).

8. All consents, approvals, notices, orders, requests and other actions permitted or required by any of the documents authorized by this resolution, whether

before or after the issuance of the Bonds, including without limitation any of the foregoing which may be necessary or desirable in connection with any default under or amendment of such documents, any transfer or other disposition of the Project or any redemption of the Bonds, may be given or taken by the Administrator without further authorization by this Board, and the Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to give any such consent, approval, notice, order or request and to take any such action which such officer may deem necessary or desirable to further the purposes of this resolution.

9. All actions heretofore taken by the officers and agents of the LACDA with respect to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds are hereby approved, confirmed and ratified, and the proper officers of the LACDA are hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the LACDA to do any and all things and take any and all actions and execute and deliver any and all certificates, agreements and other documents, including but not limited to those described in the Indenture and the other documents herein approved, which they, or any of them, may deem necessary or advisable in order to consummate the lawful issuance and delivery of the Bonds and to effectuate the purposes thereof and of the documents herein approved in accordance with this resolution and resolutions heretofore adopted by the LACDA.

10. All resolutions or parts thereto in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

11. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

By: _____
Chair of the Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer
of the Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON,
Acting County Counsel

By: Behnaz Tashakorian
Deputy

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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| CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE | 11/09/2022 | | | |
| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | | | |
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| DEPARTMENT(S) | Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) | | | |
| SUBJECT | APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE CONSULTING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES | | | |
| PROGRAM | Administration | | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | | | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | N/A | | | |
| COST & FUNDING | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Total cost: \$100,000</td><td style="width: 50%;">Funding source: The services will be funded using various sources included for this purpose in the LACDA's annual budget approval process.</td></tr> </table> | | Total cost: \$100,000 | Funding source: The services will be funded using various sources included for this purpose in the LACDA's annual budget approval process. |
| Total cost: \$100,000 | Funding source: The services will be funded using various sources included for this purpose in the LACDA's annual budget approval process. | | | |
| | TERMS (if applicable): One year, with up to four one-year extensions at the same annual amount. | | | |
| | Explanation: The total cost will not exceed \$100,000 for the consulting and brokerage service fees plus the negotiated cost for all insurance premiums. The insurance premiums for Fiscal Years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 were \$2,458,870, \$2,436,551, and \$3,203,648, respectively. | | | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | The purpose of this action is to approve a Contract for property and casualty insurance and brokerage services for property, excess workers' compensation, excess liability, and crime and pollution insurance for the LACDA, under the Joint Purchase Programs created by Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. (Alliant). The services will secure the required excess coverage above the LACDA's self-insured retention amounts. Excess coverage limits the LACDA's exposure in case of substantial losses relating to liability and workers' compensation. | | | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | The LACDA participates in a Joint Purchase Program provided by Alliant which takes advantage of the combined purchasing power of public agencies to obtain insurance at rates below those available individually in the insurance marketplace for property, general liability, excess workers' compensation, excess liability, and crime and pollution insurance, including excess workers' compensation insurance.. The Joint Purchase Program also offers excess liability, automobile liability, public officials' errors and omissions, and employment practices liability insurance, as well as property insurance should the LACDA. The Joint Purchase Program is more cost-effective than merging with the County's insurance program, because the LACDA do not have the same exposures as the County, such as hospitals, swimming pools, and public safety. | | | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | | | |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: | | | |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Becky Yee, Director of Administrative Services, (626) 586-1858, Becky.Yee@lacda.org | | | |

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles County Development Authority
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE
CONSULTING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends approval of a contract with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. to provide property and casualty insurance consulting and brokerage services to the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute a one-year Contract with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., for property and casualty insurance consulting and brokerage services, not to exceed \$100,000 for Alliant's services plus the negotiated cost for insurance premiums in program funds to be included in the LACDA's annual budget approval process, to be effective following approval as to form by County Counsel and execution by all parties.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute amendments to the Contract, following approval as to form by County Counsel, to extend the term for a maximum of four (4) additional years, in one-year increments, with the same annual compensation of \$100,000 for Alliant's services plus an increase to the compensation as needed for increases to insurance premiums dictated by changes in the insurance markets, using funds to be included in the LACDA's annual budget approval process.
3. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to amend the Contract to modify the Statement of Work, add services, and increase the annual compensation

by up to 10% of the Contract total for unforeseen costs.

4. Authorize the Executive Director or designee, upon his determination and as necessary and appropriate under the terms of the Contract, to terminate the Contract.
5. Find that approval of a Contract to provide property and casualty insurance and brokerage services is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to approve a Contract for property and casualty insurance and brokerage services for property, excess workers' compensation, excess liability, and crime and pollution insurance for the LACDA, under the Joint Purchase Programs created by Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. (Alliant). The services will secure the required excess coverage above the LACDA's self-insured retention amounts. Excess coverage limits the LACDA's exposure in case of substantial losses relating to liability and workers' compensation.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The total cost will not exceed \$100,000 for Alliant's service fees plus the negotiated cost for all insurance premiums. The insurance premiums for Fiscal Years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 were \$2,458,870, \$2,436,551, and \$3,203,648, respectively. The services will be funded using various sources included for this purpose in the LACDA's annual budget approval process. If the Contract is extended, Alliant's fees will remain up to \$100,000 per year, but the total annual amount of the insurance premiums may increase based on increases to insurance premiums dictated by changes in the insurance markets. These funds will be included in the LACDA's annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the proposed Contract, Alliant will provide a full range of property and casualty insurance consulting and brokerage services related to the implementation, maintenance, analysis, improvement and communication of property, general liability; public officials and officers' errors and omissions, employment practices, excess insurance, auto liability, boiler and machinery; umbrella liability; cyber liability, workers' compensation, crime coverage, pollution coverage, special events liability.

The LACDA participates in a Joint Purchase Program provided by Alliant which takes advantage of the combined purchasing power of public agencies to obtain insurance at rates below those available individually in the insurance marketplace for property, general liability, excess workers' compensation, excess liability, and crime and pollution

insurance, including excess workers' compensation insurance.. The Joint Purchase Program also offers excess liability, automobile liability, public officials' errors and omissions, and employment practices liability insurance, as well as property insurance should the LACDA. The Joint Purchase Program is more cost-effective than merging with the County's insurance program, because the LACDA do not have the same exposures as the County, such as hospitals, swimming pools, and public safety.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 9, 2022, the LACDA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a firm to provide property and casualty insurance and brokerage services for a one-year period with the option to extend for four additional one-year periods. Announcements for the RFP were posted on the LACDA's and County WebVen websites for 34 days. On March 15, 2022, two firms submitted a proposal for property and casualty insurance and brokerage services. AIS was selected as the most qualified to provide services for the LACDA.

The Summary of Outreach Activities is provided as Attachment A.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34(a)(3) because it involves administrative activities that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes to the environment. The action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15301 because it involves activities that do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES/PROGRAMS

Approval of the proposed Contract will provide the LACDA will provide required coverage for LACDA properties and activities.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILIO SALAS
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A

Summary of Outreach Activities

Property & Casualty Insurance Consulting and Brokerage Services

On February 9, 2022, the following outreach was initiated to identify a firm to provide property and casualty insurance consulting and brokerage services for the LACDA properties and activities.

A. Announcement and Distribution of Request for Proposals (RFP)

On February 9, 2022, announcements were posted on the LACDA's and County WebVen websites for thirty-four (34) days and released over 921 email notices to firms identified on both websites. Twenty-Six (26) firms downloaded a copy of the solicitation package.

B. Statement of Qualification and Request for Proposal Results

On March 15, 2022, two firms submitted a proposal. The proposals were evaluated and based on the RFP requirements and rating process. The final scores were as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. | 958 |
| Marsh USA, Inc. | 690 |

Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. was selected as the firm most qualified to provide property and casualty insurance consulting and brokerage services for the LACDA.

C. Minority/Woman Ownership

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Ownership</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. | Non-Minority |
| Marsh USA, Inc. | Non-Minority |

The LACDA conducts ongoing outreach to include minorities and women in the contract award process, including: providing information at local and national conferences; conducting seminars for minorities and women regarding programs and services; advertising in newspapers to invite placement on the vendor list; and mailing information to associations representing minorities and women. The above information has been voluntarily provided to the LACDA.

The recommended award of Contract is being made in accordance with the LACDA's policies and federal regulations, and without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

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| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | | |
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| DEPARTMENT(S) | Parks and Recreation | | |
| SUBJECT | SIX JOB ORDER CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REMODELING, AND REFURBISHMENT OF COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES, AWARD JOB ORDER CONTRACTS 2224CP, 2225CP, 2233, 2234, 2238JS, AND 2239JS | | |
| PROGRAM | | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| | If Yes, please explain why: | | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | Meet Department's ongoing needs for JOC capacity for maintenance, repair, and capital projects. | | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: \$31.50M | Funding source: to be financed from repair and maintenance project budgets | |
| | TERMS (if applicable): single-year duration | | |
| | Explanation: The Department's proposed JOC program requires technical and administrative support provided by the Department of Public Works (Public Works) for bid solicitation services. These technical and administrative support fees, based on the written agreement between Public Works and the Department, will be charged to the operating budget. | | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record. 2. Award Job Order Contracts 2224CP and 2233 to MTM Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a maximum amount of \$5.25 million each to be financed from repair and maintenance project budgets as deemed appropriate by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, for a 12-month term. 3. Award Job Order Contract 2225CP to Angeles Contractor, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a maximum amount of \$5.25 million to be financed from repair and maintenance project budgets as deemed appropriate by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, for a 12-month term. 4. Award Job Order Contracts 2234, 2238JS, and 2239JS to New Creation Engineering & Builders, Inc. (New Creation Builders), the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a maximum amount of \$5.25 million each to be financed from repair and maintenance project budgets as deemed appropriate by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, for a 12-month term. | | |

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| | <p>5. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to execute six separate Job Order Contracts, each in a not-to-exceed amount of \$5.25 million, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, and to establish the effective date of the contracts following the receipt of acceptable performance and payment bonds and evidence of required contractor insurance filed by MTM Construction, Inc., Angeles Contractor, Inc., and New Creation Builders.</p> <p>6. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to issue work orders for projects that are not subject to the State Public Contract Code, including maintenance work, as applicable, in an amount not to exceed \$5.25 million per work order, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount of all work orders issued under a particular Job Order Contract does not exceed the \$5.25 million maximum contract amount of the Job Order Contract.</p> |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | <p>On June 14, 2022, Public Works advertised for bids for 18 separate JOCs 2222CP to 2227CP, 2228 to 2234, and 2235JS to 2239JS in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.</p> <p>Public Works procured a total of 18 JOCs. On June 14, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Public Works to award twelve JOCs. The remaining six JOCs will be utilized by the Department of Parks and Recreation.</p> |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, please explain how:</p> |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p> <p>These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.1, Drive Economic and Workforce Development in the County, Objective II.1.2, Support Small Business and Social Enterprises; and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by investing in public infrastructure that will improve the economic and social well-being of our communities while maximizing and leveraging resources.</p> |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | <p>Name, Title, Phone # & Email:</p> <p>Vivienne Truong at (626) 588-5228 or vtruong@parks.lacounty.gov,</p> <p>Jane Lee at (626) 588-5220 or jlee2@parks.lacounty.gov,</p> <p>Kimberly Rios at (626) 588-5368 or krrios@parks.lacounty.gov.</p> |



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Parks Make Life Better!"

Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

December 6, 2022

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:

**SIX JOB ORDER CONTRACTS
FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REMODELING, AND REFURBISHMENT
OF COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES,
AWARD JOB ORDER CONTRACTS 2224CP, 2225CP, 2233, 2234, 2238JS, AND
2239JS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will award six separate Job Order Contracts (2224CP, 2225CP, 2233, 2234, 2238JS, and 2239JS) to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to issue Job Order Contract work orders for County facilities and infrastructure.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.
2. Award Job Order Contracts 2224CP and 2233 to MTM Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a maximum amount of \$5.25 million each to be financed from repair and maintenance project budgets as deemed appropriate by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, for a 12-month term.
3. Award Job Order Contract 2225CP to Angeles Contractor, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a maximum amount of \$5.25 million to be financed from repair and maintenance project budgets as deemed appropriate by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, for a 12-month term.

4. Award Job Order Contracts 2234, 2238JS, and 2239JS to New Creation Engineering & Builders, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a maximum amount of \$5.25 million each to be financed from repair and maintenance project budgets as deemed appropriate by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, for a 12-month term.
5. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to execute six separate Job Order Contracts, each in a not-to-exceed amount of \$5.25 million, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, and to establish the effective date of the contracts following the receipt of acceptable performance and payment bonds and evidence of required contractor insurance filed by MTM Construction, Inc., Angeles Contractor, Inc., and New Creation Builders.
6. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to issue work orders for projects that are not subject to the State Public Contract Code, including maintenance work, as applicable, in an amount not to exceed \$5.25 million per work order, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount of all work orders issued under a particular Job Order Contract does not exceed the \$5.25 million maximum contract amount of the Job Order Contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Job Order Contracts (JOC) are a competitively bid, flexible, and cost-effective unit price contracting method used by the County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to efficiently accomplish maintenance, repair, refurbishment, remodeling, and alteration of County infrastructure and facilities. The State Public Contract Code (PCC) provides that JOCs are contracts of a single-year duration and cannot be used for new construction. These JOCs are subject to the Board required Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or her designee, to issue JOC work orders for projects that are not subject to the PCC, including maintenance work, as applicable, in an amount not to exceed \$5.25 million per work order, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount of all work orders issued under a particular JOC does not exceed the \$5.25 million maximum contract amount of the JOC. In accordance with the October 31, 2017 Board Motion, the Director, or her designee, will provide notification to the Board one week prior to issuance of work orders in excess of \$150,000 for projects not subject to the PCC.

Approval of the recommended actions will also allow the Director, or her designee, to issue JOC work orders for projects that are subject to the PCC, including repair, remodeling, and refurbishment work, in an amount not to exceed \$330,000 delegated to the Director under Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.26.065 (Ordinance), subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount of all work orders issued under a particular JOC does not exceed the \$5.25 million maximum contract amount of the JOC. For projects subject to the PCC that exceed the monetary limits delegated to the Director by the Ordinance, the Director, or her designee, will seek advance approval from the Board to issue JOC work orders.

In order to have adequate JOC capacity available on a continuous basis, the aggregate requested amount of JOC authority is \$31.50 million (six JOCs) to be used for various JOC-eligible projects. This capacity is based on the anticipated need for various projects to be performed under the JOCs, including repair, remodeling, refurbishment, and maintenance work for County general and special fund departments.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.1, Drive Economic and Workforce Development in the County, Objective II.1.2, Support Small Business and Social Enterprises; and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by investing in public infrastructure that will improve the economic and social well-being of our communities while maximizing and leveraging resources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended contracts have a maximum limit of \$5.25 million each. Work orders will be financed through the appropriate refurbishment projects, as budgeted in the Capital Projects/Refurbishments and Extraordinary Maintenance Budget, or as funded through the Department's Operating and Special Funds Budgets.

Operating Budget Impact

The Department's proposed JOC program requires technical and administrative support provided by the Department of Public Works (Public Works) for bid solicitation services. These technical and administrative support fees, based on the written agreement between Public Works and the Department, will be charged to the operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard contract will be used in the form previously approved by County Counsel. The standard Board-directed clauses for contract termination and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

Each JOC agreement will contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs.

Data regarding the bidders' minority participation are on file with Public Works. The contractors have been selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

The JOCs are subject to the Board-adopted Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions 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. The proposed award of the JOCs is an administrative activity of government and would create government funding mechanisms that do not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment or direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

JOC work orders under the recommended contracts may be issued for repair, remodeling, refurbishment, and maintenance of existing structures and facilities that are likely exempt from CEQA. The Board's award of the JOCs does not include approval of any work under the contracts. The future implementation of each work order proposed under the JOCs will be subject to prior determination and documentation by the Director, or her designee, that the work is exempt from CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department received assistance from Public Works during the bidding process for these contracts.

On June 14, 2016, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with Auditor-Controller and all County departments, including Los Angeles Community Development Authority and Housing Authority, that utilize JOC to report back on certain aspects of the various County JOC programs. On April 17, 2017, the Auditor-Controller completed their review of County departments' use of JOCs and made 33 recommendations for County management to increase its oversight of the JOC program. These recommendations were incorporated into the development of the JOC Consultant Services Request for Proposals (RFP) that Public Works released on May 9, 2018.

The RFP solicited for a bench of consultants who could implement and provide comprehensive JOC Systems and related consulting services, including unit price books for the County departments (Contracting Entities) that utilize JOC (i.e., Public Works, Internal Services, Parks and Recreation), as well as the Los Angeles Community Development Authority. The RFP sought consultants who can:

- Develop or provide an electronic Unit Price Book and Technical Specifications.
- Develop or provide web hosted software to form a JOC System that is compatible with the electronic Unit Price Book and Technical Specifications, and that will allow users to access the electronic Unit Price Book and Technical Specifications.
- Generate all JOC System outputs including forms and letters, reports, and data extracts, with such outputs being customizable by the Contracting Entities to meet the various needs of the Contracting Entities.
- Host multiple feedback sessions with the Contracting Entities, implement changes, and provide training.
- Provide staff support.

On October 30, 2018, the Board awarded consultant services agreements to The Gordian Group, Inc., Cannon/Parkin, Inc., and JAMB Services, Inc., thus creating a bench of consultants that would provide JOC Systems and related consulting and support services to assist various County departments and the Los Angeles Community Development Authority in administering the JOC Program.

JAMB Services, Inc., has worked with County Entities since 2018 to develop and achieve final acceptance of their JOC System and Job Order Contracting Unit Price Book and specifications dated March 2022. Cannon/Parkin, Inc., and The Gordian Group, Inc., achieved final acceptance of their JOC Systems on April 13, 2020, and May 18, 2020, respectively, and are being used currently.

On June 14, 2022, Public Works advertised for bids for 18 separate JOCs, 2222CP to 2227CP, 2228 to 2234, and 2235JS to 2239JS, in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements (Enclosure A).

As requested by the Board on February 3, 1998, the Invitation for Bids was listed on the County's "Doing Business with the County" website; Public Works' "Do Business with Public Works" website; and Twitter. The proposed JOCs were solicited on an opencompetitive basis and in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements.

Bidders were required to submit a set of cost adjustment factors that would be applied to the unit prices for work using the Cannon/Parkin, Inc.'s SimpleBid JOC System for six separate JOCs (2222CP to 2227CP); using The Gordian Group, Inc.'s JOC System for seven separate JOCs (2228 to 2234) and using JAMB Services, Inc.'s Building in Cloud JOC System for five separate JOCs (2235JS to 2239JS) with each book dated March 2022, as approved by the Board on June 14, 2022. Each unit price book from Cannon/Parkin, Inc., The Gordian Group, Inc., and JAMB Services, Inc., was made available to bidders and is on file in the Business Relations and Contracts Division of Public Works.

Bids were determined by calculating a composite factor using a predetermined advertised formula. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder for each JOC is recommended for award. The JOC consultant's and their corresponding unit price books (each dated March 2022) and each of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder's adjustment factors will be incorporated in the awarded JOCs. Contracts will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel and in compliance with the Chief Executive Office and the Board's requirements.

Public Works procured a total of 18 JOCs. On June 14, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Public Works to award twelve JOCs. The remaining six JOCs will be utilized by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

To ensure the JOCs are awarded to responsible contractors with a satisfactory performance history, bidders were required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by the lowest responsive and responsible bidders was considered before awarding the JOCs.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code, Chapter 2.201) does not apply as these contracts are for non-Proposition A services.

In addition, the contracts require contractors to report Small Business Enterprises/Local Small Business Enterprises and Community Business Enterprises utilization for all subcontractors used.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The use of these JOCs will expedite the completion of repair, remodeling, refurbishment, and maintenance work throughout the Department. Minor impacts may occur while repair and maintenance work is underway.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation. If you have any questions, please contact Vivienne Truong at (626) 588-5228 or vtruong@parks.lacounty.gov or Kimberly Rios at (626) 588-5386 or krios@parks.lacounty.gov.

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ENCLOSURE A

June 14, 2022

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
JOB ORDER CONTRACTS FOR
REPAIR, REMODEL, REFURBISHMENT, AND MAINTENANCE
OF COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES
ADOPT UNIT PRICE CATALOGS AND SPECIFICATIONS
ADVERTISE AND AWARD 18 JOB ORDER CONTRACTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish once a week for 2 weeks in a weekly newspaper or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Business Relations and Contracts Division, Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will accept sealed bids for furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment required to complete construction for 18 separate Job Order Contracts 2222CP to 2227CP, 2228 to 2234, and 2235JS to 2239JS.

The contract documents for this project may be downloaded free of charge by visiting the following website:

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

The prime contractor shall possess a valid California Class B contractor's license.

The bids must be submitted electronically using Bid Express, www.BidExpress.com, before 9 a.m. on July 12, 2022, and no bids may be submitted after that date and time. Bids will be opened and publicly declared on July 12, 2022, at 2 p.m., via online webcast.

A Pre-Bid meeting for this project will be held at 2 p.m. on June 28, 2022, via online webcast. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for award of the Contract.

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

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| CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE | 11/09/2022 | |
| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | |
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| DEPARTMENT(S) | Parks and Recreation | |
| SUBJECT | APPEALS OF NOTICES OF EXEMPTION FOR OPERATION OF PEDESTRIAN GATES AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE PROJECT AND FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA | |
| PROGRAM | N/A | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: \$ | Funding source: TERMS (if applicable): Explanation: |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | To deny appeals of the Department's Notices of Exemption (NOEs) for the Fence Project and the Gates Project at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA), and affirm the Department's decisions that the two projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | <p>Appeals by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (Appellant) of: (1) a decision by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) that the installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place (the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project (Fence Project)) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and (2) a decision by the Department that the Department's operation of two pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide public access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) during regular park hours (Gates Project) is exempt from CEQA. The Department filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Fence Project on February 24, 2022, and for the Gates Project on March 29, 2022.</p> <p>Appellant filed an appeal to the NOE for the Fence Project on March 10, 2022, and an appeal to the NOE for the Gate Project on April 12, 2022. On May 19, 2022, the County invited Appellant to submit any other written argument or materials in support of their appeals identifying all grounds for the appeals and specifying why Appellant contends the CEQA exemption determinations do not comply with CEQA. The grounds for appeal shall be limited to whether the projects conform to the requirements for a CEQA exemption. Any issue not raised in the submitted materials shall be deemed waived. On</p> | |

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| | June 15, 2022, Appellant submitted a letter, including four exhibits, in support of its appeals. |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: The recommended actions further the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved County Strategic Plan Goals to: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal 2) by expanding access for all County residents who have traditionally underutilized the County's museums, theatres, beaches, parks, and other recreational facilities; and Realize Tomorrow's Government Today (Goal 3) by managing the use of County assets, including parks and recreational facilities, in ways that are fiscally responsible. |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Jill Sourial, DPR, jsourial@parks.lacounty.gov , (626) 588-5322 Sonia Chan, County Counsel, schan@counsel.lacounty.gov , (213) 974-1948 |

December 6, 2022

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:

**KENNETH HAHN OPERATION OF PEDESTRIAN GATES
AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE PROJECT AND
KENNETH HAHN FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT
NOTICES OF EXEMPTION
APPELLANT: BALDWIN VISTA HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
PROJECT LOCATION: KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA
4100 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056
(SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the appeals by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association, of a decision by the Department of Parks and Recreation that the installation of six-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place (the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project) and a decision by the Department of Parks and Recreation that its operation of two pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide public access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area during regular park hours, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Department of Parks and Recreation filed a Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project on February 24, 2022, and for the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project on March 29, 2022.

The Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association filed an appeal to the Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project on March 10, 2022, and an appeal to the Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project on April 12, 2022. On May 19, 2022, the County of Los Angeles invited the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association to submit any other written argument or materials in support of their appeals identifying all grounds for the appeals and specifying why the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association contends the California Environmental Quality Act exemption determinations do not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. The grounds for appeal shall be limited to whether the two projects conform to the requirements for a California Environmental Quality Act exemption. Any issue not raised in the submitted materials shall be deemed waived. On June 15, 2022, the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association submitted a letter, including four exhibits, in support of its appeals.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Affirm the decision of the Department of Parks and Recreation that the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities); and Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).
2. Affirm the decision of the Department of Parks and Recreation that the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures); and Section 15323 (Class 23, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).
3. Direct Department of Parks and Recreation staff to file revised Notice of Exemption's reflecting the Board's actions.
4. Deny the appeal of the Department of Parks and Recreation's February 24, 2022 Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project.
5. Deny the appeal of the Department of Parks and Recreation's March 29, 2022 Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) operates the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056. KHSRA is owned by the State of California and includes large areas of native coastal sage scrub habitat, lawns and landscaped areas, picnic sites, tot lots, fishing lake, lotus pond, community center, athletic fields, and five miles of trails.

Fence Project

On May 25, 2021, the Department sent letters to five property owners adjacent to KHSRA, who have unauthorized private access gates from their properties to KHSRA. The letters requested that the gates be permanently removed or shuttered by July 1, 2021 and indicated that failure to comply would result in the Department taking steps to install a fence or barricade on KHSRA property to prevent any continued unauthorized access from the private residences.

The Department did not receive any responses to the May 25, 2021 letters. Due to a lack of response from the property owners, the Department decided to proceed with the installation of a fence within the portion of KHSRA which abuts the private residences. Specifically, the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project (Fence Project) calls for the installation of six-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place. The Department filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Fence Project (Attachment B-1) on February 24, 2022.

Gates Project

In addition to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, KHSRA offers pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea, which are free and open to the public at all times.

For many years, preexisting vehicular gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place have provided certain surrounding homeowners with ingress and egress through KHSRA via existing easement rights. This access has only been available to those persons with the key and/or code to the locked vehicular gates. The easement, created in 1946, reserved a non-exclusive easement for a 28-foot wide road for ingress and egress across a parcel of land connecting a number of residential tracts to La Brea Avenue. At the time the easement was created, KHSRA did not exist and was instead a planned reservoir dam. However, after the land was converted into a park, the easement was unchanged and continued to provide for ingress and egress across a parcel of the park connecting the residential neighborhood and La Brea Avenue. The new pedestrian gates are located directly adjacent to the preexisting vehicular gates.

Residents of neighborhoods north of KHSRA that do not have the key and/or code to the vehicular gates do not currently have pedestrian access to the park and must either drive two to three miles to the KHSRA's main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, or walk along busy La Brea Avenue to existing pedestrian access points at the south end of the KHSRA. The lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Avenue have contributed to a decades-long disconnection between KHSRA and community members living north of the KHSRA. Consistent with the Department's mission to serve as stewards of public parklands and to advance social equity and cohesion, the Department wishes to provide pedestrian public access at these park entrances (Gates Project) to avoid the inequity of permitting only those with key and/or code access to the park at these locations.

On August 16, 2021, and January 12, 2022, the Department held virtual community meetings regarding park access through the gates.

On February 16, 2022, prior to filing this California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal with the Board, the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (Appellant) filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court, which alleges violation of CEQA, unconstitutional taking of property, and unconstitutional denial of due process. (*BVHNA v. County of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 22STCP0058.) The lawsuit is pending.

On March 15, 2022, the Department released a "Park Update" explaining that an opening date for the gates is yet to be determined and that it would provide advance notice of the opening date.

On March 25, 2022, the Department completed an internal CEQA Evaluation Document (Attachment A) to explain the evidence supporting its determination that the Gates Project is exempt from CEQA. The CEQA Evaluation Document concludes that the installation and operation of the gates are exempt from CEQA under categorical exemptions for existing facilities (Class 1), new construction or conversion of small structures (Class 3), minor alterations to land (Class 4), accessory structures (Class 11), and normal operations of facilities for public gatherings (Class 23). This analysis also identifies the specific facts that support the use of the claimed categorical exemptions, as well as provides an explanation of why none of the exceptions to the exemptions applied. Based on these conclusions, the Department filed an NOE from CEQA with the County Clerk on March 29, 2022 (Attachment B-2).

On March 31, 2022, the Department posted notices on the two pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place stating that they would be open for public access to KHSRA during regular park hours starting on April 4, 2022. As stated, the gates have been open during regular park hours since April 4, 2022.

On April 12, 2022, and June 15, 2022, Appellant, through its attorneys, sent letters to the Board appealing the NOE (Attachments C-1, C-2, and C-3) alleging (1) the project description in the NOE is misleading and incomplete; (2) the Gates Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE; (3) the exemptions are inapplicable because the Gates Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and (4) lack of notice for the Department's decision to operate the gates. The June 15, 2022 letter also states that it incorporates Appellant's appeal of the Fence Project.

The Department has prepared a written response to the allegations in Appellant's June 15, 2022, letter. (Attachment D.)

For the reasons stated in the record, including, but not limited to the Appellant's CEQA appeal letters, dated March 10, 2022, April 12, 2022, and June 15, 2022, along with Exhibits submitted by Appellant in support of its appeal (Attachments C-1, C-2, and C-3), the CEQA evaluation conducted by the Department (Attachment A), the Department's response to CEQA appeals (Attachment D), the public comments/correspondences received by the Department related to the Projects (Attachment E), and this Board letter, the Department recommends the Board deny the Appellant's appeals and affirm the Department's decisions that the Gates Project and Fence Project are categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no connection between the Gates Project and the Fence Project that would require these activities to be analyzed as part of a single "project." Unlike the Gates Project, the Fence Project does not include any new public access to KHSRA. Instead, the Fence Project limits unlawful access. Further, the Fence Project is proceeding independently of the Gates Project and is neither a consequence of the Gates Project nor would it change the nature or scope of the Gates Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Gates Project furthers the Board of Supervisors-approved County Strategic Plan goal to "Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities" (Goal 2) by expanding access for all County residents, particularly those in unincorporated and high-needs areas, who have traditionally underutilized the County's parks and other recreational facilities.

The Fence Project furthers the Board of Supervisors-approved County Strategic Plan goal to "Realize Tomorrow's Government Today" (Goal 3) by managing the use of County assets, including parks and recreational facilities, in ways that are fiscally responsible.

Implementation of County Sustainability Goals

The Gates Project implements Board of Supervisors-approved County Sustainability Plan goal of “accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities” (Goal 6) by making parks and public lands more accessible and inclusive.

The Fence Project also implements this goal by managing parks and other public lands carefully so that all residents may enjoy their benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions do not have a fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under CEQA, if a non-elected decision-making body of a local lead agency determines a project is exempt from CEQA, that determination may be appealed to the agency’s elected decision-making body. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21151, subd. (c).) With regard to the Department’s CEQA determinations, the Board is the elected decision-making body. The grounds for appeal are limited to whether the Projects conform to the requirements for a CEQA exemption. Other than the Department’s determination of exemption from CEQA, none of the Department’s actions related to the Gates Project or Fence Project are appealable to the Board.

The Board’s decision on the appeal must be based on its own independent judgment and consideration of the materials in the administrative record before it, including, but not limited to the March 10, 2022, April 12, 2022, and June 15, 2022 letters along with Exhibits (Attachments C-1, C-2, and C-3), the Department’s response to the appeal letters (Attachment D), the CEQA evaluation conducted by the Department (Attachment A), the public comments/correspondences received by the Department related to the Projects (Attachment E), and this Board letter.

The Department has not received any correspondence regarding the Fence Project other than the CEQA Appeal from Appellants.

The Department received 65 e-mails/letters in support of the Gates Project, stating that opening the gates will improve public access to the park. Many of the letters are from members of the Village Green community north of the KHSRA who stated that opening the gates would enable them to walk to the park instead of driving to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, which is two to three miles away from Village Green.

The Department also received 20 e-mails/letters in opposition of the Gates Project. These letters were from Baldwin Vista residents who expressed that allowing the general public to access the park through the neighborhood would bring traffic, noise, trash, loitering, intruders, and crime to the area and negatively impact the peace and enjoyment of their community.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Department determined that the Fence Project, which involves installing a six-foot high fence between the Bowl Loop and the KHSRA property line, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15302 (Class 2(c), Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities); and Section 15303 (Class 3(e), Construction and Location of New, Small Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines based upon the Fence Project record.

Further, the Department determined that the Gates Project, which involves the operation of two pedestrian gates to KHSRA, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures); and Section 15323 (Class 23, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) of the CEQA Guidelines based upon the Gates Project record.

In addition, based on the Gates and Fence Project records, the Projects will comply with all applicable regulations and are not in a sensitive environment, 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 historic resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There are no known impacts on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office and the Department Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions please contact Jill Sourial at (626) 588-5332 or jsourial@parks.lacounty.gov or Kimberly Rios at (626) 588-5367 or krios@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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Attachment A



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Evaluation of Pedestrian Access from Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area

March 2022

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation

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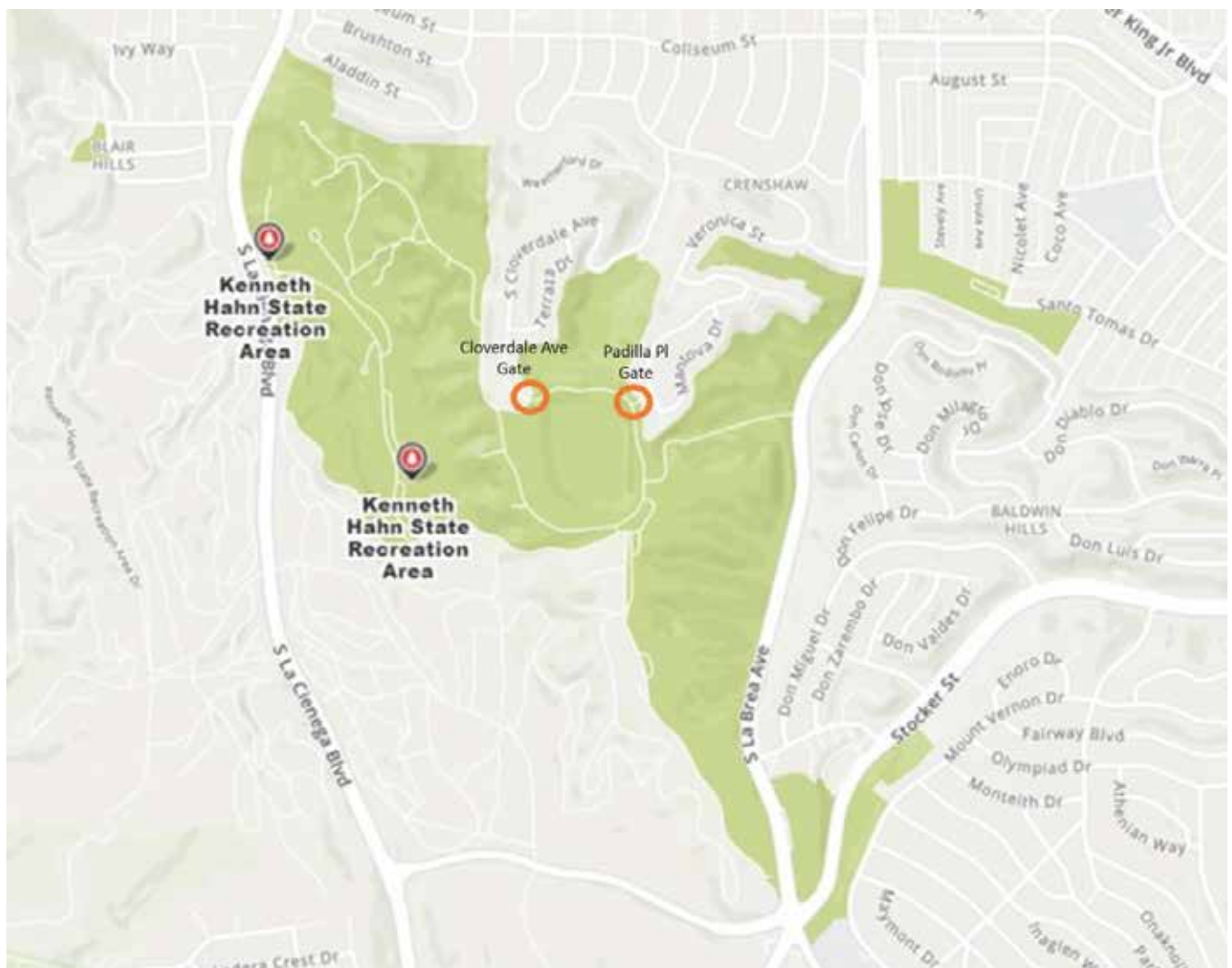
1. California Environmental Quality Act Compliance

1.1 Background

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (the “Department”) has prepared this document to explain the evidence supporting its determination that the operation of two pedestrian gates (the “Gates”) constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place, which would provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (the “Park”), is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

The location of the Gates is shown below:

Figure 1 – Location of Pedestrian Gates



The Department plans to operate the pedestrian Gates for public access to the Park during regular Park hours.¹ For many years, preexisting vehicular gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place have provided certain surrounding homeowners with ingress and egress through the Park via existing easement rights. This access has only been available to those persons with the key and/or code to the locked vehicular gates. The easement, created in 1946, reserved a non-exclusive easement for a 28' wide road for ingress and egress across a parcel of land connecting the residential neighborhood and La Brea Avenue. At the time the easement was created, the Park did not exist and was instead a planned reservoir dam. However, after the land was converted into a Park, the easement was unchanged and continued to provide for ingress and egress across a parcel of the Park connecting the residential neighborhood and La Brea Avenue.

Correspondence between the Department and local residents suggests that the 28' wide easement was originally granted to provide the surrounding homeowners with an emergency evacuation route to La Brea Avenue in the event of fire, earthquake, or other natural disaster. Over the years, however, the vehicular gates have been used by key and/or code holders for recreational use of the Park.

Residents of neighborhoods north of the Park that do not have the key and/or code to the vehicular gates do not currently have pedestrian access to the Park and must either drive two to three miles to the Park's main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, or walk along busy La Brea Avenue to existing pedestrian access points at the south end of the Park. The lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Avenue have contributed to a decades long disconnection between the Park and community members living north of the Park.² Consistent with the Department's mission to serve as stewards of public parklands and to advance social equity and cohesion, the Department wishes to provide pedestrian public access at these Park entrances to avoid the inequity of permitting only those with key and/or code access to the Park at these locations.³ This access is also in alignment with the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation General Plan.⁴ The new pedestrian Gates are located directly adjacent to the

¹ From March 1st to October 31st, Park hours are from 6:00am to 8:00pm. From November 1st to February 28th, Park hours are from 6:00am to 6:00pm. More information on Park hours and Holiday hours can be found at <https://parks.lacounty.gov/kenneth-hahn-state-recreation-area/>.

² See La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 78 ("Currently, pedestrian and bike access to open space is limited along the South La Brea Ave. corridor. At this time surrounding community members can access Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area at only three locations. The La Cienega entrance is only accessible by automobile or bus; there are no existing pedestrian or bike paths along this fast moving Class II Highway. The two pedestrian/bike access points into the park are located along KHSRA's southeast boundary at Don Lorenzo Dr. and at Stocker Street. Lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Ave. between Rodeo Rd. and Don Lorenzo Dr. have contributed to a decades long disconnection along this heavily used corridor, especially for community members living north of KHSRA. All three of the entrances make it extremely difficult and nearly impossible for anyone on foot or riding a bike to enter KHSRA.")

³ See *Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation: Department Operations Plan* http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dpr/1108547_DPROperationsPlan2021-22_06102021_Final.pdf at p. 2 ("LA County Parks Operations Plan for fiscal year 2021/2022 was developed with centering equity, access and commitment to programming.").

⁴ See *Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area General Plan Amendment* <http://bhc.ca.gov/webmaster/arc/documents/thePlan.pdf> at p. 3-15 ("Public access shall be a primary consideration for all park design and shall take into consideration coordination with public transit, on-site and off-site parking, connections to local parks, greenways, trails and trailheads. Pedestrian and bicycle access at key

preexisting vehicular gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place, which will remain available for use by easement holders. (See Appendix A, *Location of Pedestrian Gates in relation to Park Amenities at KHSRA*.)

1.1.1 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT APPLICATION

A “Project” is an activity subject to CEQA. Section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines, Preliminary Review, states that the lead agency must first determine if the action or activity is a Project as defined by CEQA. Section 15060, paragraph (c) states:

An activity is not subject to CEQA if:

- (1) The activity does not involve the exercise of discretionary powers by a public agency;
- (2) The activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; or
- (3) The activity is not a Project as defined in Section 15378.

Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines gives further definition to determine if the discretionary action is in fact a Project. Section 15378 states:

(a) “Project” means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and that is any of the following:

- (1) An activity directly undertaken by any public agency including but not limited to public works construction and related activities clearing or grading of land, improvements to existing public structures, enactment and amendment of zoning ordinances, and the adoption and amendment of local General Plans or elements thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 65100–65700.
- (2) An activity undertaken by a person which is supported in whole or in part through public agency contacts, grants, subsidies, loans, or other forms of assistance from one or more public agencies.
- (3) An activity involving the issuance to a person of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or more public agencies.

The Department has determined that operation of the constructed pedestrian Gates, which has some potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment is a Project as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

public access points will be a top priority, and all trails, trailheads, greenways, park entrances, park facilities and parking will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle needs. All park sites should be managed to maximize non-vehicular access, and safe and accessible connections to trails shall be emphasized.”).

1.1.2 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS

When an agency determines that a proposed activity is a project under CEQA, the next step is determine whether the project falls under a statutory or categorical exemption from CEQA. Because the Department considers operating the pedestrian Gates to be a project subject to CEQA, the Department has considered whether operating the pedestrian Gates is exempt from CEQA review under one or more of CEQA's categorical exemptions. Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines states that a project is exempt from CEQA if:

- (1) The project is exempt by statute (see, e.g. Article 18, commencing with Section 15260).
- (2) The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption (see Article 19, commencing with Section 15300) and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.
- (3) The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
- (4) The project will be rejected or disapproved by a public agency. (See Section 15270(b)).
- (5) The project is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Article 12.5 of this Chapter.

Section 15300 et seq. of the CEQA Guidelines identifies classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that are exempt from the provisions of CEQA, provided that none of the exceptions in Section 15300.2 apply.

As further explained below, the Department has determined that operation of the constructed pedestrian Gates is exempt from CEQA under one or more of the following categorical exemptions: Class 1, Class 3, Class 4, Class 11 and Class 23:

(a) Class 1. Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.) The County of Los Angeles also lists County Categorical Exemptions similar to the CEQA Guidelines.⁵ County Categorical Exemption Class 1: Existing Facilities includes the above-mentioned Section 15301 language and also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates would qualify as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no

⁵ See https://planning.lacounty.gov/view/ceqa_guidelines.

evidence to suggest opening the pedestrian Gates will significantly increase that existing use, either by these key holders or other members of the public for the following reasons:

1) The Department does not expect the new Gates to attract a significant number of new users based on the fact that the vast majority of current Park visitors currently opt to access the park via the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard where there is convenient parking, despite the existence of other pedestrian entrances to the Park, all of which experience minimal use according to recent studies and Park staff. Specifically, according to a 2017 study of the Baldwin Hills Parklands by Loyola Marymount University (LMU), most visitors currently drive to the Park and enter through the main entrance.⁶ In terms of parking availability, the Park offers a total of 560 parking spaces, including 400 regular parking spaces, 100 legal curbside parking spaces, and 60 overflow parking spaces. According to 2021 – 2022 data collected by Park staff, Park vehicle entry in March through October was approximately 300 to 450 vehicles per day on weekdays and 400 to 500 vehicles per day on weekends and holidays.⁷ That total number of cars lowered to approximately 250 to 300 vehicles per day on weekdays and 300 to 350 vehicles per day weekends and holidays from November through February. Because the total amount of vehicles entering the Park on weekdays and weekends does not exceed the total number of available parking spaces, it is unlikely that Park visitors would look elsewhere for parking.

Further, in addition to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, the Park offers pedestrian entrances similar to the pedestrian Gates at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea which are free and open to the public.⁸ Photos of the entrances are shown below:

⁶ The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 64 [“an overwhelming majority (84%) of users drove to get to the park, entering through the main entrance (88%) and finding it very convenient (72%) to park”].

⁷ Vehicle counts on weekdays are based on Park staff observations and visual surveys of parking lot capacity conducted multiple times per day by Park staff. Vehicle counts on weekends and holidays are based on the actual number of vehicles paying to enter the Park.

⁸ Pedestrian entry to the main La Cienega entrance is also free, and it is free to park at the main entrance on weekdays. There is a vehicle entrance fee of \$7/day on weekends and holidays (\$5/day for senior citizen or disabled).

Figure 2 – Stocker/La Brea Pedestrian Entrance to the Park



Figure 3 – Don Lorenzo/La Brea Pedestrian Entrance to the Park



There is also another unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea (shown in Figure 4 below) through which visitors can enter the Park by stepping over a low cinder block wall next to the vehicular access gate.

Figure 4 – Additional La Brea Access Point



According to the LMU study, few visitors have been observed using these access points.⁹ Staff expect to see similar results at the pedestrian Gates, with a limited number of visitors using them as access points to enter the Park. Staff expect that these entrances will be primarily used by pedestrian visitors located in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to conveniently access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates. Thus, any increase in use of the Park entrances at Coverdale and Padilla Avenues is likely to come from a small number of neighbors, who, under current conditions, can only access the Park by driving around to the main entrance or risk walking by traffic on the highway to use one of the other pedestrian entrances.¹⁰ The Department received a number of letters from non-key-holding neighbors who currently drive or walk to other Park entrances and would welcome the opportunity to simply walk from their homes into the Park through the new pedestrian Gates.

⁹ The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 8 [Stocker and Don Lorenzo pedestrian entrances removed from pedestrian counts due to volunteers “encountering very few people”].

¹⁰ La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 30 [“One of the main obstacles to accessing open space and outdoor recreational activities for residents within these particular communities is the lack of pedestrian and bike infrastructure along city streets.”] and p. 78 [“Lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Ave. between Rodeo Rd. and Don Lorenzo Dr. have contributed to a decades long disconnection along this heavily used corridor, especially for community members living north of KHSRA.”]; see also, La Brea Avenue & La Cienega Boulevard Greening Study, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) (2021), p. 31, Figure C-1, Existing Sidewalks & Trails (available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a-8p-gn5l97sdRQHtw7GLaMFHQKtw0b/view>).

For example, residents of Village Green in Baldwin Hills¹¹ have noted that opening the pedestrian Gates would enable them to walk to the park "without having to drive round to the entrance on La Cienega," and that opening the Gates "would really support the health of residents in this area." (See Appendix B, *Public Comments in Support of Opening Pedestrian Gates*.) The Department is not aware of anyone other than local neighbors who would be likely to use the new gates.

2) Most of the active recreational Park amenities are located approximately one-mile or 25 to 30-minute hike away from the new Gates. (See Appendix A.)

Park amenities include the following active recreation facilities:

- Four playgrounds
- One half basketball court
- One fishing lake
- Two lighted baseball diamonds
- One lit multi-purpose field
- One sand volleyball court
- One visitor center

Passive recreation amenities includes eight picnic rental shelters and 100 picnic tables throughout the park. There are also eight large barbecue pits and 60 small ones dispersed throughout the park.

¹¹ See La Brea Avenue & La Cienega Boulevard Greening Study, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) (2021), Figures A-1, A-2, and A-3 [showing location of Village Green in relationship to Park].

Figure 5 – Picnic Areas at the Park



As shown in Appendix A, none of these amenities are directly adjacent to the proposed pedestrian Gates. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that people coming to use these amenities would access them by way of the Gates. This is particularly true of activities that require equipment that would have to be carried long distances and families with children.¹² Pedestrian visitors looking to partake in most Park amenities will likely enter the Park from a location in closer proximity to those amenities, such as the main entrance, rather than using the Gates. (See Appendix A: *Location of Pedestrian Gates in Relation to Park Amenities at KHSRA Map.*)

The Park also includes a variety of footpaths and trails. One of these trails is accessible from the Gates. (See Appendix A: *Location of Pedestrian Gates in Relation to Park Amenities*

¹² See also La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 270 [“While it is true that neighborhood parking is limited to street parking, it is also true that the distance from the proposed entry to the picnic areas in KHSRA is nearly three quarters of a mile, making it unlikely that people coming to the park for a BBQ or other social event would try to park at the trail entry and carry all their food and supplies that distance just to avoid the relatively small parking fee assessed at the La Cienega entry to KHSRA”.]

at KHSRA Map.) However, the Department does not expect a significant number of new users to access this trail via the new Gates due to the availability of numerous other access points. Additionally, the Gates would merely provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park; they do not create new features that would draw additional visitors. Thus, the pedestrian Gates would result in negligible to no expansion of the existing use, and the CEQA Class 1 exemption applies.

(b) Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Class 3 consists of “construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. ... Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

...” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.)

County Categorical Exemption Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures includes the above-mentioned Section 15303 language and also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies under this exemption. The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including: cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance. (See Figures 6 and 7, below). Due to the minor nature of the modifications, the Class 3 exemption applies.

(c) Class 4. Minor Alterations to Land

Class 4 consists of “minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...;

...” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.)

County Categorical Exemption Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land includes the above-mentioned Section 15304 language and also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as a minor alteration to land. The Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because, as discussed above, the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates. This is consistent with data from similar pedestrian entrances at the Park.

As stated above, there are other free pedestrian entrances to the Park. These include pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea. Similar to the Gates, these pedestrian entrances are free and open to the public. However, few visitors have been observed using these access points.¹³ Staff expected to see similar results at the proposed Gates, with limited number of visitors using them as access points to enter the Park. Because of limited number of visitors using the Gates, no permanent environmental effects are expected.

Additionally, no trees will be removed. Thus the CEQA Class 4 exemption applies.

(d) Class 11. Accessory Structures

Class 11 consists of “construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.) County Categorical Exemption Class 11: Accessory Structures includes the above-mentioned Section 15311 language and also applies here.

The pedestrian Gates qualify as accessory structures under this exemption. The Gates are minor structures accessory to the Park. The pedestrian Gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Each pedestrian Gate is approximately 3’ 6” (42 inches) in width and 6’ 8” (80 inches) in height as shown in the photos below. A concrete transition was added to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance and small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance were patched. Institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks. Thus, the CEQA Class 11 exemption applies.

¹³ The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 8.

Figure 6 – Padilla Place Access Point

Padilla Place Prior to Installation of Pedestrian Gate:



Padilla Place After Installation of Pedestrian Gate:



Figure 7 – Cloverdale Avenue Access Point

Cloverdale Avenue Prior to Installation of Pedestrian Gate:



Cloverdale Avenue After Installation of Pedestrian Gate:



(e) Class 23. Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings

Class 23 consists of “the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, ‘past history’ shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) County Categorical Exemption Class 23: Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings includes the above-mentioned Section 15323 language and specifically identifies “parks” as falling under this exemption. Thus, County Categorical Exemption Class 23 also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for at

least three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the Gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates. The Department expects these entrances will be used by people living in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates. As evidenced by commenters that live in the surrounding neighborhood, the Gates would provide this limited number of pedestrian visitors access to the Park through a nearby, safe entrance, rather than driving around to the main entrance or risk walking by traffic on the highway to use one of the other pedestrian entrances. The Department is not aware of anyone other than local neighbors who would be likely to use the new pedestrian Gates. Therefore, no change in operation is expected.

1.1.3 EXCEPTIONS TO THE USE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS

CEQA identifies certain exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. All of the potential exceptions to the use of Categorical Exemptions, identified in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines were examined and determined to not apply to the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates. Each exception is discussed below:

Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant.

The proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates falls under the Class 3, Class 4, and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions. There is no particularly sensitive environment in the vicinity of the pedestrian Gates. There are no environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The Park lies within the Baldwin Hills area which is not located in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as designated by the County of Los Angeles. The Baldwin Hills are also not located within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP).¹⁴ Thus, the “location” exception does not apply to the pedestrian Gates.

Cumulative Impact. Categorical exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The Department has no planned future proposals to operate publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations.¹⁵ Thus, there is

¹⁴ Park to Playa Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2013), p. 4-33.

¹⁵ The Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project (“Fence Installation Project”) located at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area involves the installation of a 6-foot-high fence between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place. The Notice of Exemption for the Fence Installation Project was filed on February 24, 2022. The Fence Installation Project is a separate, independent project from the pedestrian Gates. The Fence Installation Project will not provide new public access to the Park and does not involve installation of publicly-accessible pedestrian Gates.

no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

There is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the pedestrian Gates as compared to other projects that typically fall within the CEQA exemptions identified above. Based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

For example, the Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea pedestrian entrances and the unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea are similar to the proposed pedestrian Gates as they provide pedestrian access away from the Park's main entrance. Few visitors have been observed using these access points,¹⁶ further evidencing that there will likely be few visitors using the pedestrian Gates, and there is no evidence of any significant effect on the environment from the use of these other pedestrian gates.

These pedestrian entrances are similar to the proposed Gates and support the finding that there are no unusual circumstances associated with the Project that would cause environmental impacts.

In fact, operation of the Gates may have a beneficial impact on vehicle miles travelled ("VMT") and associated impacts on air quality and noise, since neighbors who currently drive to the main entrance of the Park for access would be able to walk to the Gates from their homes.

Thus, the project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

There are no officially designated scenic routes/highways proximate to the Park.¹⁷ Thus, the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates would not damage such a resource.

¹⁶ The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 8 [Stocker and Don Lorenzo pedestrian entrances removed from pedestrian counts due to volunteers "encountering very few people"].

¹⁷ Addendum No. 2 to the KHSRA General Plan Amendment Final EIR Kenneth Hahn Eastern Ridgeline Project Phase 2 (2012), p. 3-2.

Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The opening of the pedestrian Gates would not involve construction or ground disturbance. There are no locations within the Park, including the pedestrian Gates area, included on the California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.¹⁸

Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

There are no historic resources within the geographic boundaries of the pedestrian Gates area. The Gates are located at an area of the Park where there are no existing buildings and there are no historic structures. The nearest historic structures to the Park, the Village Green multi-family residential community (5300 Rodeo Road) and the Collins-Furthmann Mansion (3691–3801 Lenawee Avenue), are located over 1.5 miles away and would not be affected by the opening of the pedestrian Gates.¹⁹ Therefore, the proposed pedestrian Gates would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

1.2 Consideration of Community Concerns

The Department is aware of concerns from Baldwin Vista residents that allowing the general public to access the Park through the neighborhood would bring traffic, noise, trash, loitering, intruders, and crime to the area and negatively impact the peace and enjoyment of their community. Each of these concerns is addressed in detail below:

Traffic

The Department does not anticipate a significant increase in vehicular traffic in the surrounding neighborhood, because the proposed project would provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park rather than create new features that would draw additional visitors. As discussed above, most visitors enter through the main entrance, even though there are numerous other free pedestrian entrances already available.²⁰ Further, the Gates are not directly adjacent to any active Park feature, and similar pedestrian gates at other parks have not attracted a significant number of new users.

As discussed above, any new use of the Park through the pedestrian Gates would likely come from existing neighbors who would walk to the Gates. Residents expressed in writing and at the two community workshops held on August 16, 2021 and January 12, 2022 that

¹⁸ Addendum No. 2 to the KHSRA General Plan Amendment Final EIR Kenneth Hahn Eastern Ridgeline Project Phase 2 (2012), p. 3-34.

¹⁹ Segment C of the Park to Playa Trail Revised Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2016), pp. 4-44, 4-45.

²⁰ The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 64.

opening the Gates would enable them to more easily access the Park *on foot* rather than drive around to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard. (See Appendix B.)

The Department anticipates that opening the gates could actually decrease vehicular traffic around the Park and surrounding neighborhood and lower VMT from the surrounding neighborhood. VMT measures the per capita number of car trips generated by a project and distances cars will travel to and from a project.²¹ This tool is used to assess a project's greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG"), air quality, and energy use. The Department expects that residents in the surrounding neighborhood who would usually drive to the Park, would now be able to walk to the pedestrian Gates instead. This is supported by letters from members of Village Green community north of the Park who stated that they would walk to the Park instead of driving to the main entrance, which is two to three miles away from the Village Green community. (See Appendix B.) Thus, vehicular traffic and VMT could potentially be reduced by operating the pedestrian Gates.

Furthermore, because Baldwin Vista is in the City of Los Angeles, any traffic issues that might arise are within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) which oversees transportation planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations, and addresses issues such as parking management, regulations, and enforcement, as well as traffic control. Therefore, the Department will cooperate/collaborate with LADOT on these issues if requested by the City of Los Angeles.

Parking

The Department does not anticipate a significant increase in parking demand in the surrounding neighborhood. This is based on the fact that operation of the gates is unlikely to attract a significant number of new users to the Park for the reasons explained above. These include, but are not limited to: the availability of ample parking at the Park's main entrance, which most visitors use despite the existence of other pedestrian access points at the Park²²; the fact that the proposed project would provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park rather than create new features that would draw additional visitors; the fact that many of the Park's main amenities are located far away from the pedestrian Gates; and the fact that other similar pedestrian gates at other parks have not resulted in a significant increase in use of those parks.²³

Opening the Gates during Park operating hours will enable nearby residents to more easily access the Park on foot rather than drive their cars around to the La Cienega and La Brea entrances. Because Baldwin Vista is in the City of Los Angeles, any parking issues that might arise would also need to be handled by LADOT. LADOT administers parking permits for

²¹ See CEQA Guidelines, § 15064.3

²² The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 64.

²³ See also La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 270 ["While it is true that neighborhood parking is limited to street parking, it is also true that the distance from the proposed entry to the picnic areas in KHSRA is nearly three quarters of a mile, making it unlikely that people coming to the park for a BBQ or other social event would try to park at the trail entry and carry all their food and supplies that distance just to avoid the relatively small parking fee assessed at the La Cienega entry to KHSRA. Local residents will comprise the majority of trail users, and those community members are already parking in the neighborhood."]

preferential parking districts which are areas with posted regulations limiting parking by vehicles without permits in order to reduce the impact of non-resident parking. Residents of the area are allowed to purchase permits exempting their vehicles and those of their visitors from posted preferential parking restrictions. Therefore, the Department will cooperate/collaborate with LADOT on these issues if requested by the City of Los Angeles.

Noise

For all of the reasons discussed above, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in use of the Park via the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in noise from the Gates. Under current conditions, noise in the area from Park users consists primarily of human conversation and footsteps. The operation of the Gates is unlikely to increase the existing noise levels due to the limited numbers of people expected to use these Park entrances and that fact that users will be on any one segment of the trail next to the Gates for short periods of time and on an irregular basis.²⁴ Audible noises from these users would also be infrequent.²⁵ Thus, the potential increase in the frequency of hearing voices from users of the pedestrian Gates would not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels.

Safety/Security

The Department does not anticipate a significant increase in crime-related issues. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would continue to provide police protection services at the Park, and enforce County regulations on the use of the Park, trails, and adjacent public areas in the unincorporated County areas and areas under County management. Users of the Park are required to comply with Title 17, Parks, Beaches and Other Public Areas, of the Los Angeles County Code, which details the activity restrictions and regulations at parks and public areas, including hours of operation, prohibited activities, use and access restrictions, and fines and penalties.²⁶

Furthermore, neighbors near the Stoneview Nature Center had similar concerns during the nature center's construction. However, none of their safety concerns have been realized. Staff at the Stoneview Nature Center (located less than a mile away from the Park and just a few feet from a residential neighborhood) confirmed that there has not been any loitering or intruder issues since the opening of the Nature Center. Because of the Stoneview Nature Center's similar proximity to a residential neighborhood and its similar location as the Park, the Department anticipates the similar results at the Park, with limited safety and security issues.²⁷

²⁴ Park to Playa Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2013), p. 4-88.

²⁵ Ibid, p. 4-88

²⁶ Ibid, p. 4-94.

²⁷ See also La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 270 ["With respect to security, the intent is to have an automated entry gate open only during designated hours such as from 7:00 am to sunset; the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks is already using these gates successfully at several of their parks. The existing fencing would remain in place and could be strengthened if deemed advisable by community consensus. Recent studies have concluded, moreover, that residential neighborhoods like this one tend to have lower crime rates than either commercial districts or mixed use developments (Paulsen, 2012)."]

Trash

For all of the reasons discussed above, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in use of the Park via the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in trash. Trash receptacles are available at and/or near the pedestrian Gates and would be subject to regular maintenance, including the collection of trash for off-site disposal.²⁸

Similarly-situated neighborhoods

In addition to the information gathered above, similar concerns were raised by neighborhood residents when the nearby Stoneview Nature Center (located at 5950 Stoneview Dr. Culver City, CA 90232) was proposed. However, none of these issues materialized and the facility has been very well-received by the community since it opened in April 2017. Despite the neighborhood residents initial concerns about traffic, parking, and other issues, the neighborhood residents now regularly use the Nature Center as a meeting and gathering space, and some residents even serve as volunteers at the Nature Center.

²⁸ Park to Playa Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2013), p. 4-19.

Appendix A: Location of Pedestrian Gates in relation to Park Amenities at KHSRA



Appendix B: Public Comments in Support of Opening Pedestrian Gates

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:51:05 PM

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From: Shannon Bellanca [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments

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Hi, and thank you so much for holding a public meeting about the Kenneth Hahn access points at Coverdale and Punta Alta.

I fully support the proposal that LA County Department of Parks & Recs presented in the zoom meeting tonight. Keeping the existing gates for fire access and adding public access gates that will be unlocked during park hours seems like a great option. It satisfies the complaints of the neighbors who want to keep their fire access and the call to have more equitable access to the park for the general public.

I wonder if there are any case studies that have been done or examples in LA county of having park access through neighborhoods and how that can positively and negatively affect the residents. It might be helpful, since most of the arguments against public access are fears of increased crime and litter, but no concrete proof that it would actually happen. It seems like these are existing problems in the neighborhood that are unrelated to access to the park. I wonder if the public park access might even help mitigate these problems.

I live in Baldwin Vista, so I understand it may add some more traffic to the neighborhood as a whole, but I think having equitable access is more important.

I am happy and impressed by the time and thoughtfulness put into this decision. I also am thrilled at the possibility of public access through the neighborhood, as there is no safe, walkable access point via the North side of the park.

Thanks again for your time and consideration in this matter!

Please keep me informed about any more meetings or information regarding the access points to Kenneth Hahn.

Thanks again,
Shannon

Shannon Bellanca
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From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Julie Yom](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn Park Access
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:59:58 PM

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Subject: Kenneth Hahn Park Access

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I wanted to write and say **thank you** again for the presentation you & your colleague gave regarding those Baldwin Vista gates which have long impeded public access to a precious park. Countless neighbors - even if they do not opt to show up to each and every townhall to rant and rave - are expressing appreciation for the work you all have been doing to generate a sound, sensible solution like last night's proposal.

Your agency's aim to promote equitable access to the entire community-at-large is very valuable (not to mention *timely*). I'm sure your office knows well how much KH park is being utilized as the community seeks relief from the woes of the pandemic, and I'd say the winds seem to be blowing in a way that will help support this removal of remaining obstacles to access. Please let me know how I can stay apprised of future meetings, etc., or assist in providing voices of support for your proposal to share parks with more people.

Hope I remembered your email address correctly,

Johnny Blades
[REDACTED]
@ Village Green

p.s. - I'll be using KH park a great deal more when it won't require wasting gasoline or eroding unmarked hillsides just to access it, and if you have any suggestions for discovering volunteer opportunities- to take care of the park, host events, or otherwise bring more members of the community there, I'm all ears! There's the miraculous multiplier effect of opening up access for all

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:44:57 PM

From: ROSANNA BEAUMONT [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of the Baldwin Vista community on Punta Alta Drive. Thank you for granting the opportunity for various citizens to voice concerns and solution options during the August 16, 2021, Zoom Virtual Meeting regarding access to KHSRA via the Baldwin Vista residential community. Given the time limits and number of participants speaking during the meeting, I ask that you accept my remarks via email.

With respect to concerns for equitable access to KSRA through the Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue gates, I am among those who prefer **addition of pedestrian gates at both residential entrances (Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue) to be open during park hours**, for walkable access by all to whom these points of entry are most reasonable and convenient. Such access would be inclusive of resident foot traffic from Village Green and Baldwin Village (also referred to as "the Jungle"), and beyond. As you proposed during the meeting, it is reasonable that locking/unlocking of the added pedestrian gates would be done by park officials, within parameters of KHSRA hours.

In addition to equity of access ("shared access"), I appreciated Julia Cohen's point about **equity of responsibility** ("shared responsibility"). This aspect of equity merits further consideration for a balanced perspective and balanced conversation about equity.

With respect to our community's safety, vehicle traffic, residential congestion, littering and other concerns, these may be mitigated by **litter-fines** signage and posting of a requirement of **residential parking permits** along Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, Veronica, and Cloverdale (at least). Such requirements would likely engender more **revenue** than cost to the city/county.

For those of us with safety concerns related to "street lock" (residents on Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, and Cloverdale), those needing **emergency exit through KHSRA** in times of fire, earthquake, or other natural disaster--we appreciate being able to retain our gate key to access critical ingress/egress points at Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue. We must outreach to assure all current Baldwin Vista street locked households have a gate key for emergencies.

Again, thank you inviting our voices into the conversation and giving our concerns just consideration.

Sincerely,

Rosanna Beaumont

Rosanna Beaumont,

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Millner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and I'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:38 PM

From: Alexandre Vodovar [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Alex Vodovar

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Email : [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:44 PM

From: Felipe Tewes [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Felipe Tewes

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access for All Initiative
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:56 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Gianna Moncada [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access for All Initiative

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Moncada

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:39 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Rita Moncada [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

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Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Rita Moncada Bini

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:15 AM

From: Nick Carmona [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:41 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Mr. Woods,

I'm sending this email to voice my support of opening the gates to Kenneth Hahn via the "access for all" initiative.

I was a resident of the Baldwin hills from 2019-2021, during which time I've personally encountered a lack of access via the Cloverdale and Padilla gates. Access to green space is tremendously important, and this effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits all members of the community.

Thank you for a great proposal, I look forward to hearing great work being done in Kenneth Hahn.

Sincerely,
Nick Carmona

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:19 PM

From: phoebe webster [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It is a great solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Warm regards, Phoebe Webster

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:15:17 AM

From: John Zinonos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort very much aligns with the goals in incentivizing exercise that the Department wishes to support, as well as most importantly promoting equity.

Thank you for this great proposal—which I, and many others of the community, support.

Best,
John Zinonos

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn Access
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:26:33 AM

From: Kyle Pfister [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I've been a resident of the Village Green for 14 years and have always had the combo to one or both entrances, it has only been recently that the residents who have appointed themselves gatekeepers have been unwilling to share access with those of us at the Green.

I was at the town hall and would also like to add my perspective on some of the comments made by the neighbors:

1. Concerns of people parking by the gates are legitimate but the neighbors can easily solve this by getting permit restrictions in their neighborhood and directing their security company to enforce parking restrictions just like we do at the green.
2. Concerns about trash and crime are misleading, the problems the neighbors reported occur entirely lower down the hill where you get spectacular views of downtown and the moon rising over the hills, I myself have gone up there in my car with my wife and had a quarantine date, we of course didn't leave our trash but on my walks up the hill I have def seen evidence of this, however in all my comings and goings at the gate I have never noticed any litter or folks lingering in their cars, up there, these complaints will not go away or get worse with pedestrian access.
3. It is quite a hike up that hill so I would not think that there would in fact be much of an uptick in people coming into the neighborhood, and of course if it becomes a problem the county could of course simply stop unlocking the gate.

Kyle Pfister
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#)
Cc: [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:34:00 PM

From: Stephanie Nordlinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods:

I attended most of your community meeting on August 16. I have lived at my home on Sycamore Avenue in Baldwin Vista since January 1989 – over 32 years. I walk around the neighborhood a lot and have also visited the park many times. I have also attended numerous Veronica-Sanchez-Sycamore Block Club meetings and CAP meetings in the park.

I strongly support your proposal to put pedestrian gates at these two locations. I would use them, and I would not have to park my car near these gates since I walk up the hill and past the existing vehicle gates frequently for exercise.

I would also support a trail up the west end of Baldwin Vista under the existing power lines. I visited a lovely trail near Altadena or Bradbury many years ago as a member of Footloose LA (a walking group). It ran next to nice homes, but it was fenced and well landscaped. It was also used enough to discourage any criminal behavior. I tried to find that trail for you, but I am not sure which one it was.

For decades the people who live at the top of the hill (who often have key access to the park) have opposed any other access to the park's southern boundary. These entrances would not be major entrances for the park. They are not advantageous to non-neighbors except to avoid weekend parking fees, but other entrances on the East, South and West also have free parking. I am 81 and still drive, but I prefer to walk most of the time. For those who cannot drive, these pedestrian gates would be very convenient.

I don't think the pedestrian gates would have any significant effect on burglaries. I read the weekly local police report, and home burglaries are rare in Baldwin Hills except in the Dons. Thefts from autos are mostly on Jefferson near the Outlook, and commercial thefts are on or near La Brea. The Sheriff's station in the park is staffed and could react quickly to any current burglary report. A burglar bringing anything large through a pedestrian gate would be noticed.

He would need a car parked IN the park, so why not park there instead of in the neighborhood. Most burglars do not like dead-end streets where they can be trapped. As the neighborhood gets noticeably richer, it may attract more burglars, but it won't be due to anything at the park.

As to trash, it occurs everywhere. My friend and I pick up and recycle numerous soft drink and alcoholic beverage bottles and cans when we walk from Sanchez to the top of either hill. I and other homeowners pick up trash on or near our homes. The people nearest the gates can ask for 2-hour or other restricted parking, but I think it is unnecessarily expensive. This community has very large lots, and there's always plenty of parking unless a neighbor has a very large party (which is rare).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,

Stephanie Nordlinger

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:28 PM

From: Haleh Shoa [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:27 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Many thanks,
Haleh
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for "Access for All"
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:29 PM

From: Susan Stoebner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 9:43 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for "Access for All"

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I really appreciate all the work you're doing to make access to Kenneth Hahn Park fair and equitable. I'm writing in support of the effort to provide pedestrian access to the park via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It would be enormously beneficial to all who live in the area, making it easy for everyone to enjoy the fresh air and open green space that the lovely park provides. I heartily endorse your Access for All initiative.

Sincerely,
Susan Stoebner
Village Green resident

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:48:06 AM

From: michal shechtman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods-

I attended the forum hosted on zoom and was excited to hear that the County is interested in increasing pedestrian access into the park. I am in full support of your plan to open gates. I am opposed to the privileged access into the park through their locked private use gates that the 50 to 100 homes have. I believe that the concerns of those living at "the top of the hill" about traffic and crime can be addressed by restricting parking in the area to be "permitted only" as most neighborhoods in LA have done. Citizens of LA should be able to walk into their parks safely and your proposal meets this need.

Please move the access to all proposal you presented ahead so that we citizens and community members of the Baldwin Hills neighborhood can enjoy pedestrian access into the park.

Thank you,

Michal Shechtman

Resident, 90016

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Michal Hannah Shechtman

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:01 PM

From: isabel tewes [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:40 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Isabel Tewes

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:05 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Zhang [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Susan Zhang

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:02:22 PM

From: Elizabeth Whittaker [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support. I am a 75 plus woman who walks up to the Cloverdale gate and would love to extend my exercise into the park. It is so important for those of us who value outdoor exercise and live close by.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Whittaker

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:14 PM

From: Zanna Gilbert [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

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Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Zanna Gilbert
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:48 PM

From: Natalie M [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:47 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Nataile Matutschovsky

[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:31 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob McGinness [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Robert McGinness

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:04 PM

From: Lisa E [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Lisa Esselstein
Village Green

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:14 PM

From: Adrienne Beitcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Beitcher

Visitor on Tongva, Chumash and Kizh homelands. For more information please visit: native-land.ca

Pronouns: she/her/hers

"I don't ask for the sights in front of me to change, only the depth of my seeing." Mary Oliver

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:39 PM

From: Tina LeBrun [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 10:06 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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To: Sean Woods, Chief of Planning for the County Dept.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours..

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Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Tina LeBrun

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:11 PM

From: Ellie Song [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:23 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Ellie

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:02 PM

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From: Rick Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:13 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Joel Miller

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:44 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessa Chisari - [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 7:06 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Jessa Chisari

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:18 PM

From: Sophie Lesinska [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my sincere support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals to promote healthy lifestyles and exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, practical solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I embrace.

Yours truly,

Sophie Lesinska, Ph.D.
Head, Doheny Memorial Library
USC Libraries

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:52:54 PM

From: Idierck [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Leigh Dierck

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:13 PM

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From: Antonino Scaglione [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Antonino Scaglione

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:21 PM

From: Kristen Laskaris [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Kristen Laskaris

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Millner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

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Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and I'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:06 AM
Attachments: [smime.p7s](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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From: Bjorn Thoresen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:18 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Bjorn Thoresen

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:24 AM

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From: Robb Hart [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:24:44 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE

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To Sean Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and I would like to add my support to the initiative to open up the gates each day to allow access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the gates located on the streets of Cloverdale and Padilla Place. The Cloverdale entrance would be fantastic for us, since it would mean that we could visit the park without having to drive round to the entrance on La Cienega. Anything that can reduce the use of fossil fuels, encourage healthy exercise and maximize the usage of the county parks has to be a good idea!

Many Thanks,

Robb Hart

[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Access For All!
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:47 AM

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From: Adrienne Beitcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:40:49 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access For All!

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Hi there,

I just wanted to reach out and let you know that I am in support of the Access For All Plan. I live at Village Green and would love to have access to Kenneth Hahn by walking. It is such a shame that it is so close to me but I need to get into my car to go enjoy it. I think that it would greatly benefit the neighborhood and LA in general because it will allow people to enjoy nature and get outside/exercise!

I would also love to set up some trash clean up days there because there is so much litter. Do you know who I could reach out to with regard to this?

Thank you!
Adrienne Beitcher

Visitor on Tongva, Chumash and Kizh homelands. For more information please visit: native-land.ca

Pronouns: she/her

"I don't ask for the sights in front of me to change, only the depth of my seeing." Mary Oliver

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:37 AM

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From: Eileen And Michael D W [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 7:59:18 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green

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Dear Mr Woods:

I am writing to you to express my heartfelt desire as a member of Baldwin Hills to have pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park. Currently the gates at cloverdale that would enable pedestrian access have been limited to those folks owning a lock or having lock combination knowledge, leaving out a large segment of the community who would much rather not drive to access public lands. We are in the middle of a worsening climate crisis and relegating our large community to use cars to gain access to a park seems counter to a lot of betterment of community, and the planet goals that we hopefully all share.

To that end I write to convey my heartfelt support for community wide park-hours non restricted access via Padilla Place and/or Cloverdale for those of us living within walking distance of the park.

Thank you,

Eileen Dorn
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:07:50 AM

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From: Jennifer Velazquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:50:31 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr Woods,

I am writing to you as a resident of Village Green in Baldwin Hills, in support of the new plan to provide local gate access to Kenneth Hahn park via the existing Cloverdale and Padilla Place gates. For years I have enjoyed walking up the hill, saying hello to neighbors along the way. I love nothing more than the times I am able to continue my walk into the park, especially as I do not have regular access to a car, and walking to Kenneth Hahn along La Cienega and La Brea feels risky, at best. Since the gates have become permanently locked, it feels like a huge waste not to be able to enjoy the park that's literally right next door, unless I have a car and cash on hand to park.

Since the bridge and Park to Playa project has opened, I have brought friends from other parts of the city to visit and enjoy the park with its gardens and geese, the bridge, the Nature Center and the Overlook. They've been surprised and have mentioned their desire to return. It has literally put the park - and our neighborhood - on the map for them.

With local gate access I can enjoy the park and its initiatives even more. I very much hope the County approves the opening of the back gates to the public during park business hours so that the neighborhood can enjoy the jewel in our backyard (and show it off to friends!).

Thank you,

Jennifer Velazquez

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:57 AM

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From: Michael L. Schiavoni Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:31:03 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park

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Mr. Woods,

I am contacting you to strongly support the county's proposal to increase local accessibility to Kenneth Hahn park. I live within walking distance of the park, and I have always found it frustrating that I am forced to drive my car in a roundabout route and pay for parking just to enjoy this public land. Because of this, I only visit the park about once per year. If instead I were able to walk from my home in the Village Green up the hill and into the park, I would be motivated to visit much more often - and my well-being would presumably improve due to the positive health effects of this additional exercise.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Schiavoni
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: In support of access to Kenneth Hahn
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:22 AM

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From: Cynthia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:59:12 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: In support of access to Kenneth Hahn

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Hi,

I'm writing in support of access to Kenneth Hahn park from Cloverdale. I'm a resident of Village Green and my husband and my family and I would access the park through the gate at the top of Cloverdale until it was locked. Now, we get in our car and have to drive to the park via La Cienega. This is really unfortunate given that we're within walking distance of it. Please allow access through Cloverdale again so we can enjoy the park and probably visit more often than we do now since now we have to drive there.

Thank you,
Cynthia
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Access for All
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:09:20 AM

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From: Rick Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 6:51:53 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access for All

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Dear Sean and all members of the Parks Department,
First, I'd like to offer a heart-felt thank you for pushing to open Kenneth Hahn Park to walkers, joggers, and hikers from around the area who wish to use the park to exercise, relax, enjoy the views and the greenery.

Having this space in the heart of the Baldwin Hills is truly an asset, and one that I believe should be available. Especially to those who would prefer to leave their cars behind and be able to walking up the hill and into the park. With the recently opened park-to-playa trail, it's been amazing to have a way to roam across the very top of Los Angeles, watching the planes float into LAX to the south or the hawks riding the thermals from the ridge overlooking La Cienega.

This is such a remarkable opportunity for more people to be able access all that is available up here, I do hope it will be made available to people during the daylight operations of the park.

Thank you!

Rick Miller

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:06 AM

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From: Charlie Unkeless [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:59:35 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills

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To: Sean Woods

Chief of Planning

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation

I would like to voice my support of the proposal to open the gates to access the park from the gates at Cloverdale and the Padilla gate for residents who walk in those neighborhoods. I do not mind if the residents closest to the gate restrict street parking but I strongly think that residents who walk up from Baldwin Terrace or the Village Green should have access to the park. Being able to enter the park without driving seems to be a sensible solution and however, you adjudicate a solution along those lines would be a great solution.

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Cheers,

Charlie Unkeless
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access
Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:51:54 PM

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From: Colombene Gorton [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:06:03 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access

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Hello Sean Woods,

I am writing to express strong support to increase access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the north at S. Cloverdale Ave. and/or at Padilla Pl. This would make a big difference for my family and increase our use of the park. It would help us get more exercise while reducing our dependence on cars to do so.

My husband, son and I live in Village Green in Baldwin Hills. We have used the park for years. We use the playgrounds, the exercise equipment, the tracks and hiking trails. Even though it's just a mile away, there is no safe pedestrian or even bike access from where we live. We are disappointed and frustrated that we have to use a car to get there - adding to traffic and burning gas. We have also walked up to Cloverdale and Padilla and see the park through the locked gates that apparently only certain people can access. This situation feels inequitable, ecologically burdensome and illogical.

I heard about this initiative from my neighbors but would love to stay updated on this process and learn more about the specific plans. Please let me know if there's a way to do that.

Thank you for your work. I've often felt disappointed about this situation and was so happy to hear these plans were being proposed.

Sincerely,
Amy Colombene Gorton

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for County's Kenneth Hahn Park proposal
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:25:10 AM

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From: Elizabeth Song [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:44:00 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for County's Kenneth Hahn Park proposal

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Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and write to support the county's plan for fair and increased access to Kenneth Hahn Park. My family and I would spend many cherished weekends in the park when the Cloverdale gates we're open by walking up the hill. The current option to drive in is unworkable on weekends given the limited parking and snarl of traffic just to enter and exit.

I and many other residents look forward a day when the gates can be opened up again to pedestrians.

Thank you for your support,

Ellie

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Hahn Equitable Access
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:00 AM

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From: Daniel Millner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:20:53 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Equitable Access

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Hello Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work on increasing equity and access to Hahn.

Your "Proposal to Provide Equitable Access" to Hahn by opening the gates at Cloverdale and Padilla Place is fantastic. It encourages physical activity, decreased need to drive cars, and establishes equity in the broad community.

Bravo!

Sincerely,
Daniel Millner

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:43 AM

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From: Chinh Nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 6:19:39 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park

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Hi Mr. Woods,

As a fairly new resident of the Village Green, I am writing in support for local pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park for several reasons.

1. I, along with several of my neighbors, absolutely cherish our proximity to Kenneth Hahn Park and all that it has to offer. On a weekly basis, I go on jogs around the park which I use to access through the gate at the end of Cloverdale. Ever since the locks have been changed, I now access the park by walking along the dirt path adjacent to speeding cars along La Brea, which I find dangerous, but I also often see many other residents doing the same. If the pedestrian gates to the park are kept locked to local residence, I believe that people will find other means to access this park – such as this dangerous dirt path along La Brea.
2. This park represent diversity to me. When I go on jogs or workout at Kenneth Hahn, there's a sense of motivation I find with the strangers who are also sharing the same activities. "Keep it up...You got this," are phrases which are said to one another around this park, many of which are from different ethnic backgrounds. As an Asian American (once minority), I feel like I am part of the local diversity that Kenneth Hahn Park represents – once which is uniquely different than the previous Santa Monica neighborhood I previously lived in. It would be wonderful to have such a sacred and culturally diverse park within easy pedestrian access to all of it's local residents, particularly at these gates.
3. It can be argued that anyone can access the park if they drive there, but that would exclude the park from those who don't drive. I've made concerted effort to reduce driving in response to today's environmental climate. I've come to appreciate a lot of what Baldwin Hills has to offer for walkability. Without a car, I feel more engaged with Baldwin Hills. Although Kenneth Hahn is just a viewing distance away from our back patio, the locked gates to the park are a reminder that we're not welcomed if we try to walk there.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

I hope that there can be a common resolution to access Kenneth Hahn Park.

Best and kind regards,

Chinh Nguyen
Resident of the Village Green
Los Angeles, CA 90016

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:07 AM
Attachments: [West Adams & Kenneth Hahn by foot \(2\).pdf](#)

From: Patricia Bijvoet [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:34 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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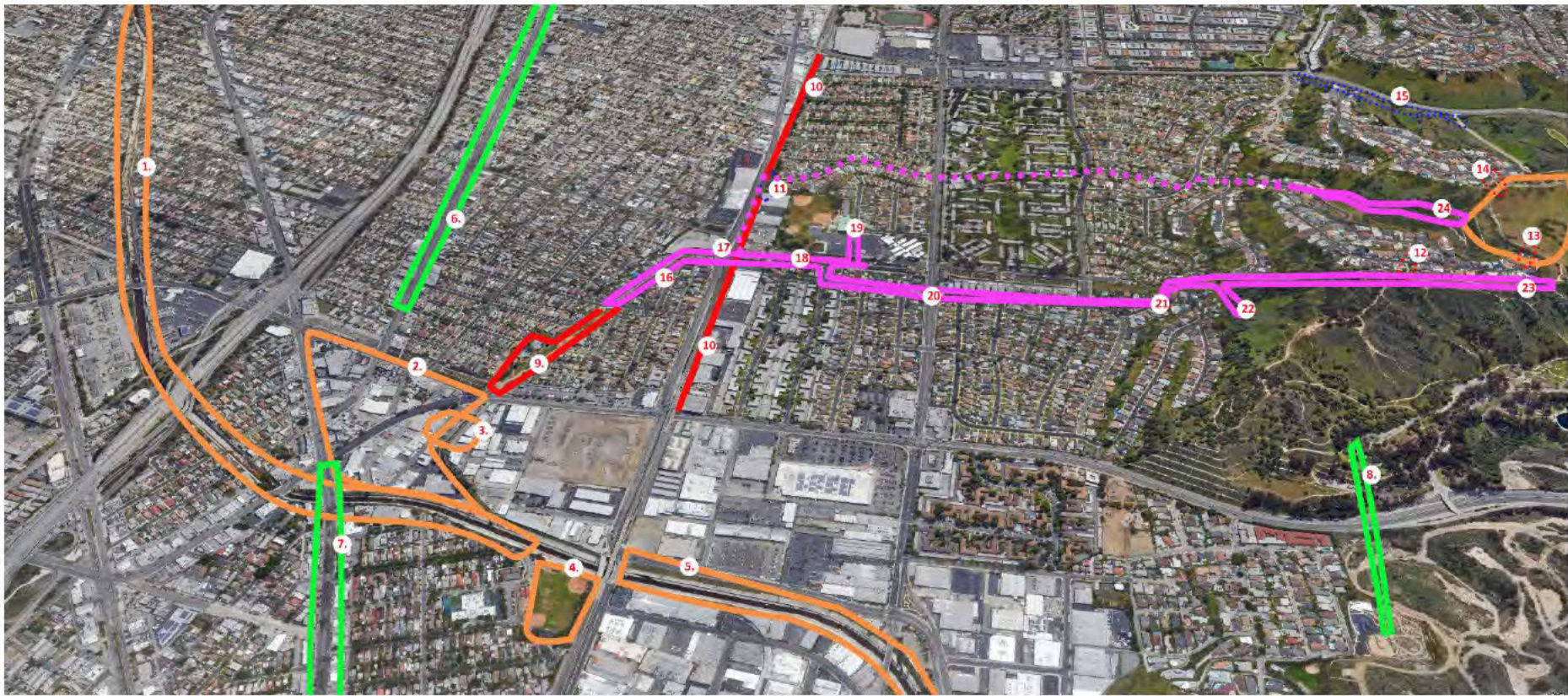
Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

I attach the map I recently made with barriers and opportunities.

Thank you,
Patricia Bijvoet

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

90016



Projects on the way

1. Extension Ballona Creek bike path east
2. Redcar Masterplan
3. John Favaro Housing Blackwelder
4. Sid Kronenthal /Adams stormwater capture
5. Revitalization Ballona Creek BHC

Realized projects

6. West Adams protected bike lanes
7. Washington blvd. Protected bike lanes
8. Park to Play: bridge btw Baldwin Hills- KH

Barriers

9. West side N.Park, 1 entrance
10. Metrorail + industrie prevent neighborhood connections
11. Unofficial pedestrian connection (=opportunity)
12. Permanently locked entrance KH
- 13.-14. Entrance KH Neighbors only
15. Unofficial pedestrian connection (= opportunity).

Opportunities: use of ROW LADWP power lines

16. Neighborhood land trust park
17. Ped. Crossing over Jefferson
18. Pedestrian connector w/ use of existing roads
19. Connecting east-side elementary school
20. Existing pedestrian connector or use Hauser Blvd
21. LADWP entrance to powerlines
22. Connecting with existing trails westside KH (city trail, forest trail)
23. using ROW powerline for separate entrance to KH
24. Green route using cloverdale to KH

West Adams - Kenneth Hahn State Park by foot... how would you get there?

Currently many barriers to enter KH Park by foot if you live in West Adams and not in the Baldwin Hills.

Comprehensive approach is needed and might easily fall through the cracks

Many project in the making that contribute or could contribute to safer, healthier connections

Big developments like Cumulus, the Wrapper, Self-storage, Jefferson (not yet listed) for \$

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:14 AM

Good Morning Clement & Sean,

I will be sending over 20+ emails per Kevin Regan request, below is the first.

Thank you,

Nancy Lepe
County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
1000 S Fremont Ave, A-9 West Building 3rd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91803 ☎ 626.588.5364
Please note this office is closed on Fridays.

From: Machiko Yasuda [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:04 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,
Machiko Yasuda

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:28 AM

From: Andrew Reich [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:05 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county. My family and I would enjoy and use the greater access by bicycle.

Thank you,
Andrew Reich

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:39 AM

From: Amelie Cherlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:10 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Amelie Cherlin
90027
[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:56 AM

From: Michael Siegel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:14 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Michael Siegel
LA 90065

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:07 AM

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From: Adam Linder [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:16 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,

Adam Linder
[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:43 AM

From: Chih-Wei Hsu [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:26 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Chih-Wei Hsu
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From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:27 AM

From: Eli Lipmen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:36 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Cc: O'Brien, Lilly <LOBrien@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,

Eli Lipmen (nearby resident)
90016

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:43 AM

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From: Divya Maus Gmail [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:42 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Hi!

I love Kenneth Hahn, it's one of my favorite parks in LW. Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,
Divya Maus
Los Angeles, 90039

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:58 AM

From: Ed Costello [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:58 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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**Thank you,
Ed Costello
90402**

[Edward J. Costello](#)

“For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong.” H. L. Mencken

The author of this Email is suffering from TPD (Temporary Pandemic Derangement) Please excuse dangling participles, split infinitives, and other offen . . .



From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:30 AM

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From: Casey Law [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:01 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Casey Law
91030

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:44 AM

From: Kasia J [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:02 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. In a city that is so park-poor in relation to the number of residents, it's critical that we provide more access to nature. We need to reduce car dependency and allow every resident an option to enter parks by bus, bike or foot. This is one step in the right direction- an easy and inexpensive way to give more people the ability to enjoy green space. Small design changes like this make a big difference. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA, as there aren't many nearby options outside of Kenneth Hahn. Parks for everyone!

Thank you,
Kasia J
90066

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:55 AM

From: Hannah Gibson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:44 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Hannah Gibson
90032

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:07 AM
Importance: High

From: Lionel Mares [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:27 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Importance: High

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Re: **County Parks to Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access**

Hello **Los Angeles County Parks:**

Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn Park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,

[Lionel Mares](#), MPA

Zip-code: 91352

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:37 AM

From: David Fenn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:49 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
David Fenn
90014

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:48 AM

From: Wesley Reutimann [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:32 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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To whom it may concern,

Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Wes, Kristin, Jasper, and Max Reutimann

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:58 AM

From: Kelly Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:12 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Kelly Wright, MD
90035

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:11 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Andre Villasenor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 9:21 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Ross Rivas
90035

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:36 AM

From: David Michel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:51 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
David Michel
90011

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To: County of Los Angeles
County Clerk
Environmental Filings
Attn: Ms. Darla Neal
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2001
Norwalk, California 90650
(562) 462-2122

From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning & CEQA Section
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40
A-9 West, Third Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

Project Title: Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project

Project Location - Specific: Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves the operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates"), during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Categorical Exemptions

- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15301 (Class 1); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 1
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15303 (Class 3); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 3
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15304 (Class 4); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 4
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15311 (Class 11); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 11
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15323 (Class 23); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 23

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.) The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is

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consistent with the County Class 1 Exemption which provides operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. The operation of the pedestrian Gates would qualify as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no evidence to suggest opening the pedestrian Gates will significantly increase that existing use, either by these key holders or other members of the public because: 1) similar public Park entrances are used infrequently; and 2) most of the active recreational Park amenities are located approximately one-mile or 25 to 30-minute hike away from the new Gates. It is expected the Gates would be primarily used by existing neighbors who are not key holders and, currently, can only access the Park by driving or walking to other entrances two to three miles away.

The project is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which consists of "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. ... Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences. ... (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.) The project is consistent with the County Class 3 Exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including: cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance.

The project is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which consists of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...; ... (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.) The project is consistent with the County Class 4 Exemption which provides for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as a minor alteration to land. The Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 11 which consists of "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.) The project is consistent with the County Class 11 Exemption which provides for construction of replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The pedestrian Gates qualify as accessory structures under this exemption. The Gates are minor structures accessory to the Park. The pedestrian Gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Each pedestrian Gate is approximately 3' 6" (42 inches) in width and 6' 8" (80 inches) in height. A concrete transition was added to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance and small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance were patched. Institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 23 which consists of "the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, 'past history' shall

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mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) The project is consistent with the County Class 23 Exemption which provides for normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same kind of purpose, including parks. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for at least three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the Gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates. The Department expects these entrances will be used by people living in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates.

As discussed below, the proposed use of the Class 1, 3, 4, 11, and 23 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. The proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates falls under the Class 3, Class 4, and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions. There is no particularly sensitive environment in the vicinity of the pedestrian Gates. There are no environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The Park lies within the Baldwin Hills area which is not located in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as designated by the County of Los Angeles. The Baldwin Hills are also not located within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). Thus, the “location” exception does not apply to the pedestrian Gates.

Categorical exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. The Department has no planned future proposals to operate publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations. Thus, there is no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. There is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the pedestrian Gates as compared to other projects that typically fall within the CEQA exemptions identified above. Based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. There are no officially designated scenic routes/highways proximate to the Park. Thus, the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates would not damage such a resource.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The opening of the pedestrian Gates would not involve construction or ground disturbance. There are no locations within the Park, including the

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pedestrian Gates area, included on the California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

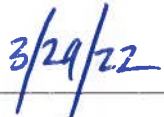
A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. There are no historic resources within the geographic boundaries of the pedestrian Gates area. The Gates are located at an area of the Park where there are no existing buildings and there are no historic structures. The nearest historic structures to the Park, the Village Green multi-family residential community (5300 Rodeo Road) and the Collins-Furthmann Mansion (3691-3801 Lenawee Avenue), are located over 1.5 miles away and would not be affected by the opening of the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the proposed pedestrian Gates would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sean Woods

(Area Code) Telephone/Ext. (626) 588-5345



Signature



Date

Chief of Planning

Title

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To: County of Los Angeles
County Clerk
Environmental Filings
Attn: Ms. Darla Neal
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2001
Norwalk, California 90650
(562) 462-2122

From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning & CEQA Section
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40
A-9 West, Third Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

Project Title: Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project

Project Location - Specific: Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves the installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- ☒ Categorical Section 15302
Class 2 (c)
- ☒ Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)
- ☒ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 2 (e)
- ☒ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15302 Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

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ON February 28 2022UNTIL March 30 2022

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The project is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (e) for new accessory structures.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (e) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project is consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (b) for accessory structures.

The proposed use of Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jui Ing Chien **(Area Code) Telephone/Ext.** (626) 588-5317

If Filed by Applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public Agency approving the project? Yes No


Signature, Jui Ing Chien

2/24/2022
Date

Park Planner
Title



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April 12, 2022

BY EMAIL ONLY

Hon. Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Re: CEQA APPEAL / Public Resources Code § 21151(c)
Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association ("BVHNA"), please accept this letter as a formal appeal of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated March 29, 2022, and issued in connection with the following project description: "[T]he operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates") during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area ["Park"]." (the "Project") A copy of the subject NOE is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

As the County does not specify a formal appeal process in connection with this NOE, we bring this appeal directly to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to California Public Resources Code § 21151(c), which affords the public the right to appeal California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") determinations to the County's "elected decision-making body." (See PRC § 21151(c).)¹ This appeal contends that this NOE was issued incorrectly and in violation of local and state law, based on the following:

1. **Misleading Project Description:** At minimum, a project description should address a Project's location, objectives, and all associated components. The project description must also include all elements and phases of the project that are known at the time of the analysis. As this Project description fails to include *other* related County activities proposed in connection with the construction of this fence (i.e., installation of new gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, County plans for public parking for these

¹ On March 10, 2022, our office contacted the County's appeals coordinator to inquire as to the procedures for bringing an appeal against an NOE, absent an underlying determination. We were advised that no such process exists.

new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.), the NOE's Project description is both inaccurate, and constitutes unlawful piecemealing.²

2. Inapplicable Exemptions: The Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in its NOE. Specifically, it fails to qualify for any of the exemptions based on the following:

Class 1: A Class 1 exemption is inapplicable because it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use. Here, the County is proposing new gates, and an expansion of their use (i.e., two new public entrances). Accordingly, a Class 1 exemption does not apply to this Project.

Class 3: A Class 3 exemption is inapplicable because the County's new policy of establishing two new public access points into the Park does not relate to the construction of a small facility. Moreover, park entrance gates are not the types of accessory structures covered by the Class 3 exemption.

Class 4: A Class 4 exemption is inapplicable because, once again, it has no relevance to the construction of a new gate, or the County's decision to establish two new public entrances as part of this Project.

Class 11: A Class 11 exemption is inapplicable because the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because this exemption does not cover the County's decision to establish two new public entrances to the Park as part of this Project.

Class 23: A Class 23 exemption is inapplicable because the existing gates were not designed to accommodate public access, and the new public entrances proposed in the Project would represent a change in the operation of the Gates and the Park.

Additionally, exceptions provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable. For instance, this Project will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts. As a result of this conflict, and the associated impacts, none of the above exceptions may be used. The Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Additional information relating to these exceptions, as well as others, will be provided prior to the County Board of Supervisor's hearing on this appeal.

² This includes improper piecemealing of this Project from the related "access equity" project detailed in the Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated February 24, 2022, and issued in connection with the "[t]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place."

3. **Lack of Notice.** It is also important to note that the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project. Given the controversial nature of this Project, some notice should have been provided to inform interested parties as to when the final decision had been made, and whether or not it was appealable. Additionally, the Project will have an impact on private property rights (easement holders), and those interested parties should have been made aware of this determination at the time it was made.

We reserve the right to supplement this appeal with additional arguments and grounds in support of this appeal. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to being provided an opportunity to present this appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

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**Re: CEQA APPEAL / Public Resources Code § 21151(c)
Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association ("BVHNA"), please accept this letter as a formal appeal of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated February 24, 2022, and issued in connection with the following project description: "[T]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place." (the "Project") A copy of the subject NOE is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

As the County does not appear to provide for a formal appeal process in connection with this NOE, we bring this appeal directly to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to California Public Resources Code § 21151(c), which affords the public the right to appeal California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") determinations to the County's "elected decisionmaking body." (See PRC § 21151(c).)¹ This appeal contends that this NOE was issued incorrectly and in violation of local and state law, based on the following:

1. **Misleading Project Description:** At minimum, a project description should address a Project's location, objectives, and all associated components. The project description must also include all elements and phases of the project that are known at the time of the analysis. As this Project description fails to include *other* related County activities proposed in connection with the construction of this fence (i.e., installation of gates, changes to public access policies, etc.), the NOE's Project description is both inaccurate, and constitutes unlawful piecemealing.

¹ On March 10, 2022, our office contacted the County's appeals coordinator to inquire as to the procedures for bringing an appeal against an NOE, absent an underlying determination. We were advised that no such process exists.

2. **Inapplicable Exemptions:** The Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in its NOE. Specifically, it fails to qualify for a Class(2) exemption for several reasons, including: (i) that it is not a "replacement" facility, (ii) a fence is not a "utility system," and (iii) the use is intended to serve a substantially different purposes than any existing facilities. It also fails to qualify for a Class 3 exemption, as the Project: (i) also includes the installation of *new* gates and *new* access policies which goes way beyond the simple construction of a fence, and (ii) does not involve an addition to a new non-residential structure. In summary, the identified exemptions are simply inapplicable to the proposed Project. Additionally, multiple exceptions apply which also makes these exemptions inapplicable.
3. **Lack of Notice.** It is also important to note that the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project. Given the controversial nature of this Project, some notice should have been provided to inform interested parties as to when the final decision had been made, and whether or not it was appealable. Additionally, the Project will have an impact on private property rights (easement holders), and those interested parties should have been made aware of this determination at the time it was made.

We reserve the right to supplement this appeal with additional arguments and grounds for appeal. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to being provided an opportunity to present our appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

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Project Title: Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project

Project Location - Specific: Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves the installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- ☒ Categorical Section 15302
Class 2 (c)
- ☒ Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)
- ☒ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 2 (e)
- ☒ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15302 Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

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The project is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (e) for new accessory structures.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (e) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project is consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (b) for accessory structures.

The proposed use of Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jui Ing Chien **(Area Code) Telephone/Ext.** (626) 588-5317

If Filed by Applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public Agency approving the project? Yes No

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**Re: CEQA APPEAL / Public Resources Code § 21151(c)
Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project / Equal Access Project
New Public Entrances to Park at Cloverdale Ave. and Padilla Pl.**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

This firm has been retained by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (the "BVHNA") in response to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("County Parks") proposal to open two previously locked vehicular access gates within the Baldwin Vista residential community (the "Vehicular Access Gates") and add two new pedestrian entrances ("Pedestrian Gates") to allow for general public access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area (or "Park"). In essence, the County is turning what was previously an emergency access road, into a new regional state-park entrance, without considering how doing so will impact the neighborhood, our clients' rights as easement holders, or how it will impact community safety, traffic management, crowd control, noise, security, parking or trash management. Considering that this Park is a regional park that attracts millions of visitors per year, our clients' concerns are both serious and legitimate, and it is unclear why County Parks continues to refuse to acknowledge them.

Even more concerning than this lack of acknowledgment, is that County Parks took these actions without performing any environmental review in connection with its decision to create these new Park entrances. Not until our client brought a lawsuit demanding some action, did County Parks issue an after-the-fact Notice of Exemption attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. We submit this letter to supplement the information set forth in BVHNA's original April 12, 2022, appeal of this NOE (**Exhibit B**), and to once again demand County Parks to return the Vehicular

Access Gates to their original operations until such time as County Parks performs an adequate environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").¹

BACKGROUND

Since the establishment of the Park, the Vehicular Access Gates located at the terminus of Padilla Street and Cloverdale Avenue in the Baldwin Vista community, have been used solely by the Park and the Baldwin Vista community emergency ingress and egress, and for limited access to neighboring residences that held private ingress/egress easement rights along and through the service road. The Vehicular Access Gates were intended to be used for general public access to the Park. Rather, they were created by a conveyance to the governmental agency in a Grant Deed from the original Grantor with a "reservation" to the Baldwin Vista properties of an ingress/egress access easement. After the reservoir failed in 1963, the City's land was repurposed into the current Park, and County Parks continued to fully respect the recorded access easements and the historical use of the Vehicular Access Gates. In fact, these gates have always been locked to the general public, and the County has assured the Baldwin Vista community on numerous occasions over many years that they would always remain so. For instance, in August of 1989, County Parks assured the community that the gates would remain closed to the general public, because "the security of [the] residents had clear priority over requests from hikers and joggers." This commitment has also been memorialized in the Park's Master Plan, including the current Master Plan that remains in effect to this day.

Without explanation, last year County Parks attempted to revoke the local resident's historical right of access by demanding they turn in their keys that afford them their access to the easement right-of-way through the Vehicular Access Gates. After the community vigorously objected, County Parks pivoted – again without an honest explanation - and decided to instead to install two new Pedestrian Gates to convert these limited Vehicular Access Gates to full-fledged public entrances. County Parks argued it was required to do so under the guise of "equal access," but at the same time, has yet to explain why the Park's prior operations was denying anyone of equal access; Which obviously it was not.

Significantly, there was an important reason why Vehicular Access Gates were not made into public access points: the entire park was designed around a primary entrance from La Cienega Boulevard, which provides all of the public access to parking facilities, public restrooms, the visitor center, vending machines, picnic areas, playgrounds, water, trash bins, and barbeque areas. The public's primary means of accessing the park is via personal vehicle which may be parked for free on weekdays, and for a fee of \$7 per day on weekends and holidays. Now, 75 years after the Vehicular Access Gates were installed, the park's operator—County Parks—has converted these limited access ways through our client's single-family residential neighborhood

¹ Attached as **Exhibit C** is a January 25, 2022, letter sent to the Board of Supervisors about this issue, and raising these concerns before the Pedestrian Gates were installed.

into full-fledged regional park entrances, without providing for any of the amenities typically required to accommodate public entrance into a state park.

It is obvious that the ramifications of County Parks' proposal is far more serious than it appreciates. On weekends, a visitor to the Park who uses the main entrance is required to pay \$7 to park, but a visitor that uses the new public access way will be able to park in the residential streets of Baldwin Vista free of charge. When the public realizes it can access the Park through our client's residential community for free, instead of paying a fee, these pedestrian gates will quickly become the public's preferred option for accessing the Park with free parking along residential streets. Attached as **Exhibit D** are several images taken of the new operations, illustrating how this is already becoming a major issue for the community.

THE AFTER-THE-FACT NOE

As noted above, this appeal concerns an after-the-fact NOE adopted by County Parks as an attempt to avoid performing a substantive CEQA review of the Project. The NOE's project description provides as follows: "[T]he operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates") during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area ["Park"]." (the "Project") As noted in the original appeal, this NOE contains a misleading project description and applies five (5) different categorical exemptions, all of which are not applicable to the Project as described. Some of these concerns are outlined below, and we reserve the right to supplement these and other arguments with additional information and evidence prior to the yet to be scheduled appeal hearing.

1. **Misleading Project Description:** As detailed in the original appeal, the Project description contained in this NOE is both inaccurate and incomplete. For instance, the description describes the Project as the "operation of two pedestrian gates," but fails to explain what specifically the "operations" are, and how these operations are different than before. This is of particular significance in this case, because a major part of this so-called project is to *modify* and *expand* the decades of operations of the Vehicular Access Gates by opening them up to the public at large, and yet there is no explanation of what those new operations will entail, and absolutely no acknowledgement that the new operations are designed to and will attract park users to these gates. For example, the NOE fails to state the hours of operations, the means of enforcement, and/or whether new or additional facilities are expected to be constructed (e.g. new rest areas, trash bins, fountains, parking restrictions, bicycle parking) in connection with these operations. This Project description is therefore insufficient to inform the analysis the NOE attempts to perform.

The Project description is also incomplete because it improperly segments this specific "project" from the County's broader project of modifying public access to the Park through a variety of different measures currently being evaluated. County records reveal that County Parks is currently evaluating a suite of measures and

Park improvements that it plans to pursue under its "Access for All" initiative. This includes efforts to review and modify vehicle and pedestrian access into the Park from La Cienega, La Brea, and at Coliseum Street, and to identify new access measures that can be integrated into an updated Park master plan.

County Parks provides no explanation as to why it moved forward with this one aspect of its effort without environmental review and without analyzing the entirety of its Access for All initiative. In doing so, it has piecemealed the County's larger efforts to modify access to the Park, and has burdened the Baldwin Vista neighborhood with all of the impacts that would have otherwise been dispersed by the imposition of other new access measures/entry points. As this Project description fails to include *other* related County activities proposed in connection with this Access for All initiative (i.e., installation of new gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, plans to accommodate parking at new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.), the NOE's Project description is both inaccurate, and constitutes unlawful piecemealing under CEQA.²

2. **Inapplicable Exemptions:** The Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE. Specifically, it fails to qualify for any exemptions based on the following:

Class 1: A Class 1 exemption is inapplicable to this Project because it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use. Here, the County is proposing new gates, and an expansion of their use (i.e., two new public entrances to a regional park). Nonsensically, the NOE claims that these new gates – which are specifically intended to *increase* public access to the park through an entirely residential neighborhood – will not in fact result in increased public use of the park. This is obviously disingenuous and untrue, and if it is true, it begs the question as to why the County is taking any action at all. The fact is, that the new gates will absolutely result in an expansion of the public's use of these park entrances, and this is directly evidenced by the substantial testimony provided to the County as to this specific point. The NOE fails to provide any credible evidence that this is not the case, and it disregards the voluminous records in the County's possession that specifically support the obvious fact that these "operations" will significantly increase the public's use of these Gates and the park as a whole. Accordingly, this Project fails to qualify for a Class 1 exemption.

² This includes improper piecemealing of this Project from the related "access equity" project detailed in the Notice of Exemption, dated February 24, 2022, and issued in connection with the "[t]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place." This appeal is also incorporated by reference hereto.

Class 3: A Class 3 exemption may be applied to the simple construction of small structures (e.g., a fence.). It is not applicable in this instance, however, where the Project also involves a new "*operations*" that result in the creation of new public access points into one of the state's largest urban regional parks. The actual "structure" improvement is secondary to the primary change being made to Park "*operations*," which is now treating these two Gates as new public entrances. The NOE asserts that, notwithstanding these operational changes, the increased usage by the public would be "minor because the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates." As noted above, this conclusion is contradicted by the County's own records, which includes ample testimony from the County and the public alike, that the whole point of this Project was to *expand* access to the park. It is also in conflict with the actual impacts on the ground, as use of these gates by the public has drastically increased since these new operations went into effect earlier in the year. Accordingly, even accepting the incomplete Project description included in the NOE, this Project does not qualify for a Class 3 exemption.

Class 4: A Class 4 exemption applicable to minor alterations to land is inapplicable because, once again, it has no relevance to the construction of the Gates or the County's decision to permanently change its *operations* of the Gates so they may function as new public entrances to the Park. Moreover, to the extent this exemption is applicable, the NOE fails to actually describe what "minor alteration of land" is involved in this Project.

Class 11: A Class 11 exemption applies to Projects that involve the construction, or replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities (e.g., signs, small parking areas, and seasonal improvements.). Once again, this exemption is inapplicable because the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because it does not apply to the County's decision to change its *operations* of the Gates - the primary aspect of the Project.

Class 23: A Class 23 exemption may be applied to a Project that involves the normal operations of existing facilities for which the facilities were designed, and where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. Again, this exemption does not apply, as the Gates were never designed nor intended to accommodate general public access into the Park, a fact unquestionably recognized by the County's own records and the Park's Master Plan. The entire purpose of this Project is to change the operations of these entrances, and therefore this exemption is inapplicable.

Additionally, exceptions provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable. For instance, this Project will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan

restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts. As a result of this conflict, and the associated impacts, none of the above exceptions may be used. The Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Additional information relating to these exceptions, as well as others, will be provided prior to the County Board of Supervisor's hearing on this appeal.

The exemptions listed above are also inapplicable because of unusual circumstances. These Gates have a long history of being used for limited access for private easement holders, for service vehicles and for emergency vehicles, and this Project will have a significant impact on the Gates' usage. Moreover, because the County cannot regulate the public's use of the streets immediately adjacent to the Gates, this condition constitutes an unusual circumstance. Finally, the NOE's analysis of the cumulative impacts caused by this Project is nonsense. It fails to even acknowledge the suite of actions being conducted by the County to regulate access to the Park through its "Access for All" initiative, including the installation of new fencing and gates, and its consideration of alternative public entrances to the Park. These likely projects should have been considered in the County's cumulative impact analysis, but they were not.

3. **Lack of Notice.** It is also important to note that the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project. Given the controversial nature of this Project, some notice should have been provided to inform interested parties as to when the final decision had been made, and whether or not it was appealable. Additionally, the Project will have an impact on private property rights (easement holders), and those interested parties should have been made aware of this determination at the time it was made.

We reserve the right to supplement this appeal with additional arguments and grounds in support of this appeal. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to being provided an opportunity to present this appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

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Project Title: Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project

Project Location - Specific: Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves the operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates"), during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Categorical Exemptions

- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15301 (Class 1); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 1
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15303 (Class 3); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 3
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15304 (Class 4); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 4
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15311 (Class 11); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 11
- ☒ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15323 (Class 23); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 23

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.) The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is

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consistent with the County Class 1 Exemption which provides operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. The operation of the pedestrian Gates would qualify as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no evidence to suggest opening the pedestrian Gates will significantly increase that existing use, either by these key holders or other members of the public because: 1) similar public Park entrances are used infrequently; and 2) most of the active recreational Park amenities are located approximately one-mile or 25 to 30-minute hike away from the new Gates. It is expected the Gates would be primarily used by existing neighbors who are not key holders and, currently, can only access the Park by driving or walking to other entrances two to three miles away.

The project is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which consists of "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. ... Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences. ... (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.) The project is consistent with the County Class 3 Exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including: cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance.

The project is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which consists of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...; ... (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.) The project is consistent with the County Class 4 Exemption which provides for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as a minor alteration to land. The Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 11 which consists of "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.) The project is consistent with the County Class 11 Exemption which provides for construction of replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The pedestrian Gates qualify as accessory structures under this exemption. The Gates are minor structures accessory to the Park. The pedestrian Gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Each pedestrian Gate is approximately 3' 6" (42 inches) in width and 6' 8" (80 inches) in height. A concrete transition was added to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance and small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance were patched. Institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 23 which consists of "the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, 'past history' shall

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mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) The project is consistent with the County Class 23 Exemption which provides for normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same kind of purpose, including parks. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for at least three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the Gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates. The Department expects these entrances will be used by people living in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates.

As discussed below, the proposed use of the Class 1, 3, 4, 11, and 23 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. The proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates falls under the Class 3, Class 4, and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions. There is no particularly sensitive environment in the vicinity of the pedestrian Gates. There are no environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The Park lies within the Baldwin Hills area which is not located in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as designated by the County of Los Angeles. The Baldwin Hills are also not located within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). Thus, the “location” exception does not apply to the pedestrian Gates.

Categorical exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. The Department has no planned future proposals to operate publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations. Thus, there is no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. There is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the pedestrian Gates as compared to other projects that typically fall within the CEQA exemptions identified above. Based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. There are no officially designated scenic routes/highways proximate to the Park. Thus, the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates would not damage such a resource.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The opening of the pedestrian Gates would not involve construction or ground disturbance. There are no locations within the Park, including the

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pedestrian Gates area, included on the California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

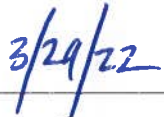
A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. There are no historic resources within the geographic boundaries of the pedestrian Gates area. The Gates are located at an area of the Park where there are no existing buildings and there are no historic structures. The nearest historic structures to the Park, the Village Green multi-family residential community (5300 Rodeo Road) and the Collins-Furthmann Mansion (3691-3801 Lenawee Avenue), are located over 1.5 miles away and would not be affected by the opening of the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the proposed pedestrian Gates would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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**Re: CEQA APPEAL / Public Resources Code § 21151(c)
Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association ("BVHNA"), please accept this letter as a formal appeal of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated March 29, 2022, and issued in connection with the following project description: "[T]he operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates") during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area ["Park"]." (the "Project") A copy of the subject NOE is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

As the County does not specify a formal appeal process in connection with this NOE, we bring this appeal directly to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to California Public Resources Code § 21151(c), which affords the public the right to appeal California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") determinations to the County's "elected decision-making body." (See PRC § 21151(c).)¹ This appeal contends that this NOE was issued incorrectly and in violation of local and state law, based on the following:

1. **Misleading Project Description:** At minimum, a project description should address a Project's location, objectives, and all associated components. The project description must also include all elements and phases of the project that are known at the time of the analysis. As this Project description fails to include *other* related County activities proposed in connection with the construction of this fence (i.e., installation of new gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, County plans for public parking for these

¹ On March 10, 2022, our office contacted the County's appeals coordinator to inquire as to the procedures for bringing an appeal against an NOE, absent an underlying determination. We were advised that no such process exists.

new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.), the NOE's Project description is both inaccurate, and constitutes unlawful piecemealing.²

2. **Inapplicable Exemptions:** The Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in its NOE. Specifically, it fails to qualify for any of the exemptions based on the following:

Class 1: A Class 1 exemption is inapplicable because it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use. Here, the County is proposing new gates, and an expansion of their use (i.e., two new public entrances). Accordingly, a Class 1 exemption does not apply to this Project.

Class 3: A Class 3 exemption is inapplicable because the County's new policy of establishing two new public access points into the Park does not relate to the construction of a small facility. Moreover, park entrance gates are not the types of accessory structures covered by the Class 3 exemption.

Class 4: A Class 4 exemption is inapplicable because, once again, it has no relevance to the construction of a new gate, or the County's decision to establish two new public entrances as part of this Project.

Class 11: A Class 11 exemption is inapplicable because the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because this exemption does not cover the County's decision to establish two new public entrances to the Park as part of this Project.

Class 23: A Class 23 exemption is inapplicable because the existing gates were not designed to accommodate public access, and the new public entrances proposed in the Project would represent a change in the operation of the Gates and the Park.

Additionally, exceptions provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable. For instance, this Project will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts. As a result of this conflict, and the associated impacts, none of the above exceptions may be used. The Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Additional information relating to these exceptions, as well as others, will be provided prior to the County Board of Supervisor's hearing on this appeal.

² This includes improper piecemealing of this Project from the related "access equity" project detailed in the Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated February 24, 2022, and issued in connection with the "[t]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place."

3. **Lack of Notice.** It is also important to note that the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project. Given the controversial nature of this Project, some notice should have been provided to inform interested parties as to when the final decision had been made, and whether or not it was appealable. Additionally, the Project will have an impact on private property rights (easement holders), and those interested parties should have been made aware of this determination at the time it was made.

We reserve the right to supplement this appeal with additional arguments and grounds in support of this appeal. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to being provided an opportunity to present this appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



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Re: Project Modifying Access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area
Our Client: Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

This firm has been retained by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (the "BVHNA") in response to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("County Parks") proposal to develop two new public entrances into the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area (or "park") at two presently locked gates within the Baldwin Vista residential community. In essence, the County is turning our client's neighborhood into state-park entrances, without considering how doing so will impact the neighborhood, our clients' rights as access easement holders, or how it will impact community safety, traffic management, crowd control, noise, security, parking or trash management. County Parks' proposal would be a clear violation of our clients' rights as easement holders. Even if the County had the authority to open the entrance to the park in our client's neighborhoods, County Parks' proposal amounts to a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and therefore would require review and action under CEQA prior to implementation. We therefore demand that the Board of Supervisors direct County Parks to immediately cease further efforts to open the existing closed gates pending a complete environmental review.

BVHNA is an unincorporated association formed by the homeowners and residents of the Baldwin Vista community in order to oppose this County Parks proposal and protect their neighborhood. This residential community includes, but is not limited to, homeowners and residents along S. Cloverdale Avenue, Terraza Drive, Punta Alta Drive, Mantova Drive, Veronica Street, and El Mirador Drive--streets that are surrounded on three sides with different segments of the park. The streets climb up the Baldwin Hills area and end at cul-de-sacs located at the park's northern boundaries at Padilla Place and S. Cloverdale Avenue. The communities are entirely within the City of Los Angeles, as are the locked gates that provide controlled access for BVHNA homeowners that own recorded ingress and egress easement rights to the portion of the park.

The access ways served by the gates were never intended to provide access to the park by the general public. Rather, they were created by a conveyance to the governmental agency in a Grant Deed from the original Grantor with a "reservation" to the Baldwin Vista properties of an ingress/egress access easement. This limited access to the Baldwin Hills reservoir pursuant to these recorded documents are part of the property rights benefitting the Baldwin Vista properties. After the reservoir failed in 1963, the City's land was repurposed into the current park with no changes made to the recorded access easements. Hence, to this day the properties within Baldwin Vista have continued to enjoy this private property right. In fact, when the reservoir was changed into a public park, the Baldwin Vista community was assured that the gates placed at the Cloverdale and Padilla streets would remain closed to public access. Accordingly, throughout their existence, the gates have always been locked to the general public and accessible by the residents of the Baldwin Vista community whose properties included the easement. In fact, the entire park was designed around a single primary entrance for the public from La Cienega Boulevard, which provides public access to parking facilities, public restrooms, the visitor center, vending machines, picnic areas, playgrounds, water, trash bins, and barbeque areas. The public's primary means of accessing the park is via personal vehicle which may be parked for free on weekdays, and for a fee of \$7 per day on weekends and holidays.

Now, 75 years after the easements were created giving the local residents limited use of the gates for ingress and egress onto City lands, the park's operator—County Parks—seeks to convert the private access ways into public entrances without any public hearing, environmental review, appeal, or sign-offs by the parties to the easement. It is obvious that the ramifications of County Parks' proposal is far more serious than it appreciates. On weekends, a visitor to the park who uses the main entrance is required to pay \$7 to park, but a visitor that uses the new public access way will be able to park in the residential streets of Baldwin Vista free of charge. When the public realizes it can access the park through our client's community for free, instead of paying a fee, these gates will quickly become the public's preferred entrance. This will have significant impacts on our client's community, and as the creation of these new public entrances is a "project" under CEQA - i.e., it is both discretionary and requires the exercise judgment - some environmental review is required to analyze these impacts under CEQA. (*Friends of Juana Briones House v City of Palo Alto* (2010) 190 CA4th 286, 301.)

Moreover, County Parks' proposal also violates the easement rights owned by our client's members, which were always intended to provide our clients limited and restricted ingress and egress rights through the gates. By opening the access ways to the general public, the County would be frustrating the limited purpose of the easements and over-burdening them. (*Scrubby v Vintage Grapevine, Inc.* (1995) 37 CA4th 697, 702, the servient owner may not unreasonably interfere with the use of the easement by the easement holder.) Our client's members valued and purchased their home, in part, in reliance on the existence of the easements. County Parks' proposal would therefore undermine their property rights and amount to a public taking of their

private easement rights without compensation in violation of the California and United States Constitutions.¹

Finally, County Park's claim that it is required to open the gates to the public because the current arrangement creates an "equity issue" is absurd. We are aware of no evidence whatsoever suggesting that the current entrance works to restrict classes of individuals from accessing the park. County Parks has cited no evidence that anybody who wishes to use the park is unable to do so or is somehow burdened by using a public entry way served by major highways. The private access ways serving the members of our client's properties serve to provide private, pedestrian access to residents who live in the immediate area and do not, therefore, drive to the park. (*Cf. Cooley v. Superior Court* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 228, 253, the initial inquiry in an equal protection inquiry is not whether persons are similarly situated for all purposes, but "whether they are similarly situated for purposes of the law challenged.") Thus, it is County Parks' proposal that creates an "equity issue" because it would cause the residents of Baldwin Vista who live adjacent to the park to bear the traffic, noise, parking, and other neighborhood intrusion impacts that do not exist today.

In summary, we hope we can assist the County to bring a reasonable resolution to this issue, and we have every reason to believe the County can preserve adequate public access to the park without harming or destroying our client's community or violating their property rights. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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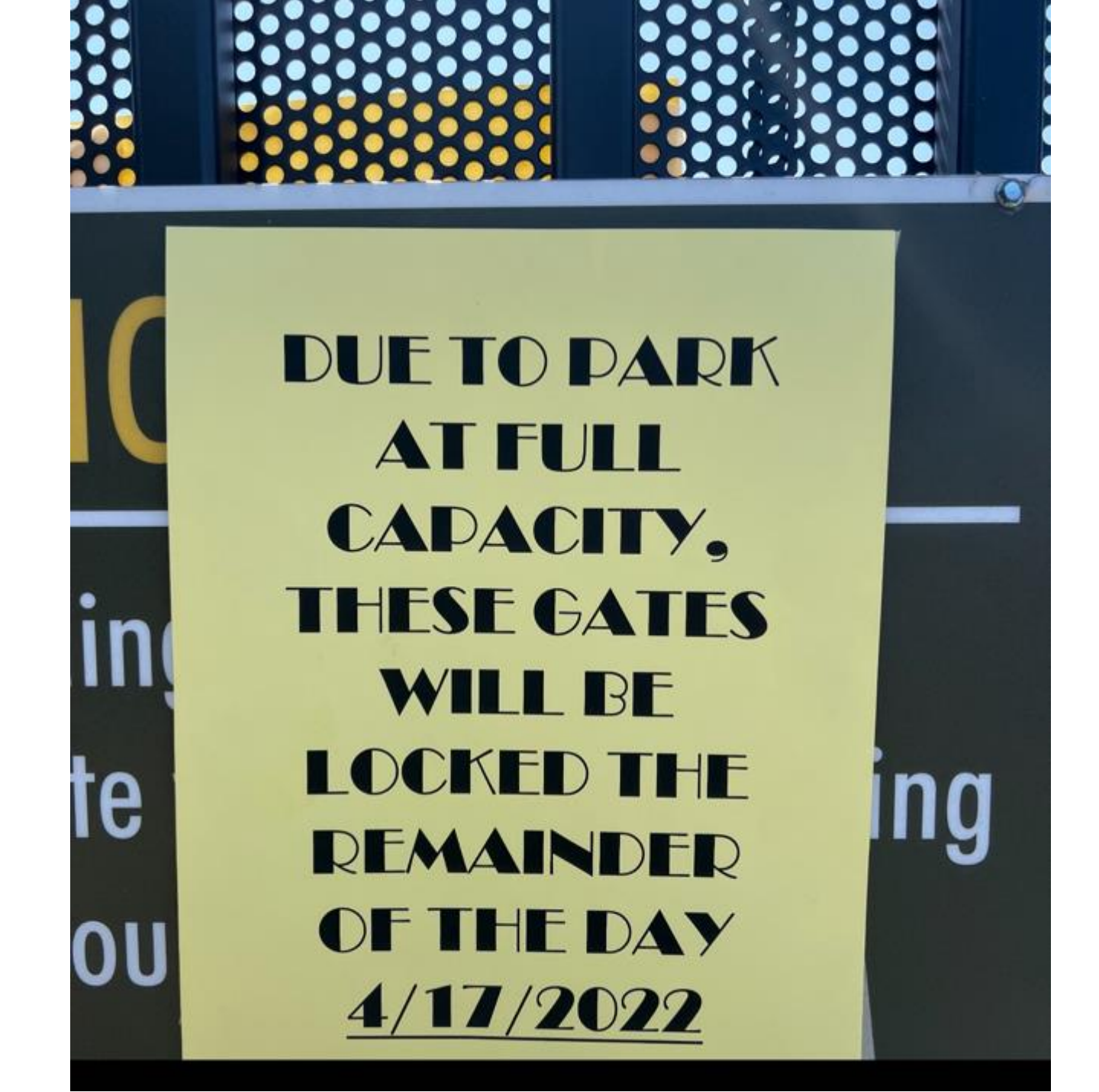
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¹ As this segment of the park is owned by the City of Los Angeles, and only operated by County Parks, it is likely that County Parks lacks the authority as the operator to establish new public entrances to the park in the City of Los Angeles without at minimum the approval of the City Council. Without such authority, we contend the County may not modify access to these gates.

Exhibit D



Unmanaged and disorganized parking on residential streets after new gate operations went into effect.



**DUE TO PARK
AT FULL
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WILL BE
LOCKED THE
REMAINDER
OF THE DAY
4/17/2022**

Existing Park parking cannot accommodate existing needs. Vehicles turned away from parking lot will use Baldwin Vista residential streets as alternative parking.



Photo showing pedestrian gate left open after Park hours and after 8:00pm.



Park visitors climbing gates to avoid parking in main lot.

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DRAFT KHSRA Appeal Response

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RESPONSE TO CEQA APPEALS OF
KENNETH HAHN FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT AND THE OPERATION OF
PEDESTRIAN GATES AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE
PROJECT**

I. APPELLANTS' STATED BASIS FOR APPEAL

On March 10, 2022, Appellants Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association ("Appellants") appealed the February 24, 2022, Notice of Exemption ("NOE") from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") filed by County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation ("Department") for the installation of 6-foot-high fencing at Kenneth Hahn State Park ("Park") between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place ("Fence Project").

On April 12, 2022, Appellants appealed the March 28, 2022 NOE the Department filed for the operation of two pedestrian gates providing access into the Park at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place ("Gates Project") in the City of Los Angeles.

According to the June 15, 2022, CEQA Appeal letter from Benjamin Reznik of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP ("CEQA Appeal"), Appellants allege (1) the project description in the NOE for the Gates Project is misleading and incomplete; (2) the Gates Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE; (3) the exemptions are inapplicable because the Gates Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and (4) lack of notice for the Department's decision to operate the gates. (See CEQA Appeal, pp. 3-6.) Appellants also incorporate by reference their CEQA appeal of the Fence Project. (*Id.*, p. 4, FN 2.)

II. FACTUAL MISSTATEMENTS IN CEQA APPEAL

This response to the CEQA Appeal incorporates by reference the facts set forth in the December 6, 2022, letter to the Honorable Board of Supervisors ("CEQA Appeal Board Letter") and does not repeat those here. The CEQA Appeal, however, misstates a number of facts, which require further response and clarification.

First, Appellants assert their appeal responds to the Department's "proposal to open two previously locked vehicular access gates within the Baldwin Vista residential community (the 'Vehicular Access Gates') and add two new pedestrian entrances ('Pedestrian Gates') to allow for general public access to [the Park]." (CEQA Appeal, p. 1.) In fact, the Gates Project NOE did not address any proposal to open the two locked vehicular access gates, and the Department is not proposing to open these two locked vehicular access gates. It is, therefore, incorrect that installation of the new pedestrian gates would "convert these limited Vehicular Access Gates to full-fledged public entrances" as Appellants claim. (See *id.*, p. 2.) It is similarly inaccurate that the Gates Project would "modify and expand the decades of operations of the Vehicular Access Gates by opening them up to the public at large." (See *id.*, p. 3.) As described in the Gates Project NOE and discussed throughout this response, as well as in the Department's March 2022 CEQA Evaluation of the Gates Project ("CEQA Evaluation"), the two preexisting vehicular access gates located at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place will remain undisturbed, locked to the public, and only available for use by easement holders.

Second, Appellants claim the Department created the new Park entrances "without performing any environmental review." (CEQA Appeal, p. 1.) That is incorrect. The Department opened the

gates for operation on April 4, 2022. In the months before it decided to open the pedestrian gates, the Department prepared an internal evaluation, which documents the evidence supporting its determination that the operation of the two pedestrian gates is exempt from CEQA. (See CEQA Evaluation, Attachment A to CEQA Appeal Board Letter.) Once the Department made this determination, it filed the Gates Project NOE on March 29, 2022, six days before opening the gates for operation. Thus, the Department appropriately considered whether CEQA applied to the gates before opening them for operation, and Appellants' characterization of the NOE as "after-the-fact" is inaccurate.

Third, Appellants state "the entire park was designed around a primary entrance from La Cienega Boulevard, which provides all of the public access to parking facilities, public restrooms, the visitor center, vending machines, picnic areas, playgrounds, water, trash bins, and barbeque areas." (CEQA Appeal, p. 2.) This is incorrect. While the Park's main entrance is on La Cienega Boulevard, the Park offers pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea, which are free and open to the public. There is also another unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea through which visitors can enter the Park by stepping over a low cinder block wall next to the vehicular access gate. These additional entrances provide alternative access to the Park's amenities.

Fourth, Appellants allege the Department "is currently evaluating a suite of measures and Park improvements that it plans to pursue under its 'Access for All' initiative" including, "efforts to review and modify vehicle and pedestrian access into the Park from La Cienega, La Brea, and at Coliseum Street, and to identify new access measures that can be integrated into an updated Park master plan." (CEQA Appeal, pp. 3-4.) Appellants claim this initiative also includes "installation of new gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, plans to accommodate parking at new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.)." (*Ibid.*) These claims are incorrect. While the Department promotes equitable public access to the County's parks, it is not pursuing a formal "Access for All" initiative, nor is the Department pursuing the specific efforts Appellants allege, with the exception of the Fence Project, further discussed below.

Finally, Appellants refer to "substantial testimony" and evidence they allege prove the gates have created a "major issue for the community" and that use of the pedestrian gates has "drastically increased since these new operations went into effect..." (CEQA Appeal, pp. 3, 4, 5.) The only "evidence" submitted in support of these claims are four photographs included as Exhibit D to the CEQA Appeal. Department staff have reviewed the four photographs. The photographs cannot be relied upon as evidence for several reasons. First, none of the photographs are dated, making it impossible to verify when they were taken. Second, none of the photographs include any geographic location, making it impossible to verify where they were taken. Nor do Appellants provide any information in their CEQA Appeal that would prove the reliability of these photographs. Thus, the photographs lack foundation, reliability, and credibility as evidence.

For example, Appellants allege that the first photograph shows "[u]nmanaged and disorganized parking on residential streets after new gate operations went into effect." As a preliminary matter, it is not clear to an objective observer that the parking depicted in the photograph is either "unmanaged" or "disorganized." To the contrary, the six cars depicted in the photograph appear to be parked in an orderly fashion. There is also no evidence that this photograph was taken after April 4, 2022 when gate operation commenced. Even if the photograph was taken after April 4, 2022, there is no evidence that any of the six cars depicted in the photograph are there as a result

of the pedestrian gates and not for some other reason. Thus, the photograph does not, and cannot, provide evidence about parking-related effects of the pedestrian gates.

The second image depicts a sign that notifies Park visitors that “[d]ue to Park at full capacity, these gates will be locked the remainder of the day 4/17/2022”. Appellants claim this sign shows “[e]xisting Park parking cannot accommodate existing needs. Vehicles turned away from parking lot will use Baldwin Vista residential streets as alternative parking.” Appellants’ assumptions are incorrect. In fact, the Department posted this sign at the Cloverdale and Padilla Place pedestrian gates on Easter weekend to notify Park visitors that the *pedestrian gates themselves* would be locked for the remainder of the day because the Park was at full capacity. Easter is the busiest day at all Los Angeles County parks. As expected, the Park reached capacity on the afternoon of April 17, 2022. At that point, the Department took the extraordinary measure of closing all gates and posted the sign shown in the second photograph. Thus, it is not the case that vehicles turned away at the main gate could have accessed the Park via the pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place. To the contrary, the sign was posted at the pedestrian gates to prevent park visitors from parking in the residential streets and accessing the Park from the gates.

The third photograph purports to be a “[p]hoto showing pedestrian gate left open after Park hours and after 8:00pm.” Similar to the first photograph, it is impossible to verify the location, date, or time the photo was taken. As a result, the photograph does not, and cannot, provide evidence. Appellants claim the fourth photograph shows “[p]ark visitors climbing gates to avoid parking in main lot.” Once again, it is impossible to verify the location, date, or time the photo was taken. Furthermore, if this photo was taken during Park hours at one of the pedestrian gates, the gates would have been unlocked, making it unnecessary for any Park visitors to climb the gates to access the Park. Thus, this photo is not credible or reliable and cannot provide evidence.

Moreover, the Department’s records demonstrate that since the opening of the Gates staff have not observed any excessive trash and litter, large loitering groups, graffiti, or vandalism in or around the pedestrian gates or adjacent residential streets.

III. DEPARTMENT’S RESPONSE TO THE STATED BASIS FOR APPEAL

The Department has carefully reviewed the CEQA Appeal, including the specific concerns with the NOEs Appellants assert, and has found that none of these concerns have merit, as explained below.¹

A. “Misleading Project Description”

Appellants claim that the “Project description contained in the [Gates Project] NOE is both inaccurate and incomplete.” (CEQA Appeal, p. 3.) Specifically, Appellants allege the description of the Gates Project fails to explain what “operations” for the Gates Project includes and how these operations differ from pre-existing conditions. Appellants further allege “the NOE fails to state the hours of operations, the means of enforcement, and/or whether new or additional facilities are expected to be constructed (e.g. new rest areas, trash bins, fountains, parking

¹ Appellants’ June 15, 2022 CEQA Appeal does not identify any specific concerns related to the Fence Project NOE. However, Appellants’ March 10, 2022 appeal of the Fence Project raised similar issues. Thus, all further references to the NOE are to the Gates Project NOE.

restrictions, bicycle parking) in connection with these operations.” (*Ibid.*) Appellants also allege the Gates Project is related to other projects as part of the County’s “Access for All” initiative and that the Gates Project should have included those other projects, including “[t]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place.” (*Id.*, pp. 3-4.)

As a preliminary matter, when an agency determines a project is exempt from CEQA, it may, but is not required to, file an NOE. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15062, subd. (a).) When, as here, the agency decides to file an NOE, it must include, among other things, a “brief description of the project.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15062, subd. (a)(1).) In compliance with this requirement, the NOE the Department filed for the Gates Project describes it as “the operation of two pedestrian gates (the ‘Gates’), during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.” (NOE, Attachment B-2 to CEQA Appeal Board Letter.) This description accurately describes the Gates Project, including hours of operation. Appellants’ fault the NOE for failing to describe “whether new or additional facilities are expected to be constructed (e.g. new rest areas, trash bins, fountains, parking restrictions, bicycle parking) in connection with these operations,” but CEQA does not require a lead agency to speculate about future, unplanned facilities. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15144 [“foreseeing the unforeseeable is not possible”].) There is no evidence that the examples of facilities Appellants’ lists are expected to be constructed, and the Department had no obligation to describe speculative, unplanned additional facilities. The NOE’s project description was accurate.

Regarding Appellants’ claim that the project description “improperly segments” what Appellants’ allege is a broader public access initiative, as explained above the Department it is not pursuing a formal “Access for All” initiative or any of the specific efforts Appellants allege, with the exception of the Fence Project, further discussed below. Moreover, Appellants’ provide no explanation or legal context for what they allege is improper. Appellant appears to be alleging a piecemealing claim. For purposes of a CEQA, a “project” includes “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378, subd. (a).) The failure to consider “the whole of the action” is a CEQA violation referred to as “piecemealing.” (*Banning Ranch Conservancy v. City of Newport Beach* (2012) 211 Cal.App.4th 1209, 1222 (“*Banning Ranch I*”).) The California Supreme Court has adopted the following test for such claims: a CEQA analysis “must include an analysis of environmental effects of future expansion or other action if: (1) it is a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the initial project; and (2) the future expansion or action will be significant in that it will likely change the scope or nature of the initial project or its environmental effects.” (*Laurel Heights Improvement Assn. v. Regents of University of California* (1988) 47 Cal.3d 376, 396.) The key words in this test are “reasonably foreseeable consequence”: the second activity must be a “reasonably foreseeable consequence” of the first activity for CEQA to require the agency to review them together. (*Banning Ranch I*, *supra*, 211 Cal.App.4th at p. 1225.) Here, there is no evidence that any of the activities Appellants allege is a reasonably foreseeable consequence of operating the pedestrian gates at the Park, or that it would change the scope or nature of operating the pedestrian gates at the Park. Thus, Appellants’ allegations are entirely speculative and should be rejected. (See, e.g., *Berkeley Keep Jets Over the Bay Com. v. Board of Ports Cmrs.* (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 1344, 1361 [airport EIR could omit future projects that “existed only as concepts in long-range plans that were subject to constant revision”].)

Similarly, there is no connection between the Gates Project and the Fence Project that would require these activities to be analyzed as part of a single “project.” Unlike the new pedestrian

gates, the Fence Project does not include any new public access to the Park. Instead, the Fence Project limits unlawful access. Further, the Fence Project is proceeding independently of the Gates Project and is neither a consequence of the pedestrian gates project nor would it change the nature or scope of the Gates Project. There is no improper piecemealing.

B. Applicability of Categorical Exemptions to Gates Project

Appellants claim the “[Gates] Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE.” (CEQA Appeal, p. 4.) As discussed in the CEQA Appeal Board letter dated December 6, 2022, Department staff reviewed Section 15300 et seq. of the CEQA Guidelines and determined that operation of the Gates Project is exempt from CEQA under the following categorical exemptions: Class 1, Class 3, Class 4, Class 11 and Class 23. Appellants argue all of these are inapplicable. As explained below, Appellants are incorrect, and the Gates Project qualifies for the cited exemptions.

1. Class 1

Class 1 consists of “the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.)

Appellants allege the Class 1 exemption is inapplicable because “it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use.” (CEQA Appeal, p. 4.) Appellants incorrectly assume that providing public access at the pedestrian gates will increase use of the Park.

To the contrary, and as further demonstrated in the CEQA Evaluation document, the existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no evidence to suggest that the Gates Project will significantly increase use of this area, either by these key holders or other members of the public. (CEQA Evaluation, pp. 5-11.) The Department does not expect the new Gates to attract a significant number of new users based on the fact that the vast majority of current Park visitors currently opt to access the park via the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard where there is convenient parking, despite the existence of other pedestrian entrances to the Park, all of which experience minimal use according to recent studies and Park staff. Moreover, most of the active recreational Park amenities are located 25 to 30 minutes away from the new Gates. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that people coming to use these amenities would access them by way of the Gates. This is particularly true of activities that require equipment that would have to be carried long distances and families with children. Pedestrian visitors looking to partake in most Park amenities will likely enter the Park from a location in closer proximity to those amenities, such as the main entrance, rather than using the Gates. Any new use of the Park through the pedestrian Gates would likely come from existing neighbors who would walk to the Gates. Residents expressed in writing and at the two community workshops held on August 16, 2021 and January 12, 2022 that opening the Gates would enable them to more easily access the Park on foot rather than drive around to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard.

2. *Class 3*

Class 3 consists of “construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. ... Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

...” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.)

Appellants claim that the Class 3 exemption is inapplicable because the Gates Project involves new operations that result in the creation of new public access points, and that the structural improvement discussed in the Class 3 exemption is “secondary to the primary change being made to Park ‘operations...’”. (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.)

Appellants are incorrect. An agency may combine several exemptions to find an entire project exempt. (*Surfrider Found. v California Coastal Comm'n* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 151, 155.) The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including: cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance. The CEQA Evaluation Document found that, due to the minor nature of the modifications, the Class 3 exemption applies. (CEQA Evaluation, p. 11.) This is correct.

3. *Class 4*

The Class 4 exemption consists of “minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...;

...” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.)

Appellants claim that the Class 4 exemption is inapplicable because “it has no relevance to the construction of the Gates or the County's decision to permanently change it *operations* of the Gates so they may function as new public entrances to the Park.” (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.) Appellants also claim that the NOE fails to state what minor alteration of land the Gates Project involves.

As discussed in the CEQA Evaluation Document, the Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because the number of people using the Park would

not substantially increase as a result of the Gates Project, which is consistent with data from similar pedestrian entrances at the Park. As stated above, there are other free pedestrian entrances to the Park. These include pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea. Similar to the Gates, these pedestrian entrances are free and open to the public. However, few visitors have been observed using these access points. Staff expected to see similar results at the proposed Gates, with limited number of visitors using them as access points to enter the Park. Because of limited number of visitors using the Gates, no permanent environmental effects are expected. (CEQA Evaluation, pp. 11-12.)

4. Class 11

Class 11 consists of “construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.)

Appellants claim that the Class 11 exemption is inapplicable because “the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because it does not apply to the County’s decision to change its operations of the Gates.” (Appeal, p. 5.)

The CEQA Evaluation document found that Gates Project constitutes minor structures accessory to the Park because the Project’s gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Furthermore, institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks. (CEQA Evaluation, p. 12.) Thus, the exemption applies.

5. Class 23

Class 23 consists of “the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, ‘past history’ shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) County Categorical Exemption Class 23: Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings includes the abovementioned Section 15323 language and specifically identifies “parks” as falling under this exemption.

Appellants claim that the Class 23 exemption is inapplicable because “the Gates were never designed nor intended to accommodate general public access into the Park.” (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.)

Appellants’ reference to “the Gates” is unclear. The Project gates were designed and are specifically intended to provide public access, making Appellants’ statement inaccurate to the extent it applies to the new pedestrian gates. To the extent “the Gates” refers to the pre-existing, locked, vehicular gates, the Gates Project does not include any change to those gates, as explained above.

Further, operation of the Gates Project qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for much longer than three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park

from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the pedestrian gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates Project, as explained above. (CEQA Evaluation, pp. 14-15.) Thus, the exemption applies.

C. Applicability of Categorical Exemptions to Fence Project

Appellants' March 10, 2022 appeal of the Fence Project NOE claims the Fence Project does not qualify for exemptions identified in the NOE, alleging that the Fence Project includes the "installation of *new* gates and *new* access policies." (March 10, 2022 Letter, p. 2.) As explained above, the Fence Project is separate from the Gates Project and does not include any new gates or access policies. Thus, the Fence Project qualifies for a Class 3 exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including new accessory structures.

D. Exceptions to the Exemptions

CEQA identifies certain exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. As discussed in the CEQA Appeal Board Letter dated December 6, 2022, the CEQA Evaluation Document examined all of the potential exceptions to the use of Categorical Exemptions, identified in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines and determined none of them apply to the Gates Project.

Appellants claim exceptions to the exemptions "provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable." (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.) Specifically, Appellants claim that the Gates Project "will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts." (*Id.*, pp. 5-6.) Appellants also claim "the Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment." (*Id.*, p. 6.) Appellants further claim the limited use of the preexisting vehicular gates, as well as the Department's inability to regulate the public's use of the streets, create "unusual circumstances." (*Ibid.*)

Appellants do not cite any evidence in support of these claims, nor do Appellants identify any specific "applicable general plan restrictions" with which the Gates Project is allegedly in conflict.

Notably, the CEQA Evaluation Document found that the access provided by the Gates Project is in alignment with the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation General Plan, which states that "[p]ublic access shall be a primary consideration for all park design Pedestrian and bicycle access at key public access points will be a top priority, and all trails, trailheads, greenways, park entrances, park facilities and parking will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle needs. All park sites should be managed to maximize nonvehicular access, and safe and accessible connections to trails shall be emphasized."² Furthermore, the CEQA Evaluation Document evaluated Appellants' resource areas of concern, and found them to be without cause. (See Appendix A, pp. 17-20.)

² See Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area General Plan Amendment
<http://bhc.ca.gov/webmaster/arc/documents/thePlan.pdf> at p. 3-15.

Regarding Appellants' claim that "the Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment," Appellants do not provide any evidence of these alleged impacts on recreation resources or their connection to environmental impacts. Contrary to Appellants' claim, the Department does not anticipate an increase in use of recreational resources. This is because the Gates Project would merely "provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park rather than create new features that would draw additional visitors; the fact that many of the Park's main amenities are located far away from the pedestrian Gates; and the fact that other similar pedestrian gates at other parks have not resulted in a significant increase in use of those parks." (CEQA Evaluation, p. 18.) Further, any new use of the Park through the pedestrian Gates would likely come from existing neighbors who welcome the opportunity to walk to the Gates.

Regarding Appellants' claim that the exemptions are inapplicable because of unusual circumstances, there is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the Gates Project as compared to other projects that typically qualify for the cited categorical exemptions. As discussed in the CEQA Evaluation, and based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment. (CEQA Evaluation, p. 16.)

For example, the Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea pedestrian entrances and the unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea are similar to the Gates Project as they provide pedestrian access away from the Park's main entrance. Few visitors have been observed using these access points, further evidencing that there will likely be few visitors using the pedestrian Gates, and there is no evidence of any significant effect on the environment from the use of these other pedestrian gates. These pedestrian entrances are similar to the proposed Gates and support the finding that there are no unusual circumstances associated with the Gates Project that would cause environmental impacts.

In fact, operation of the Gates may have a beneficial impact on vehicle miles travelled ("VMT") and associated impacts on air quality and noise, since neighbors who currently drive to the main entrance of the Park for access would be able to walk to the Gates from their homes. Thus, the Gates Project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Appellants also claim the NOE's analysis of cumulative impacts is inadequate and fails to acknowledge the proposed actions under the "Access for All" initiative. As explained above, the Department is not pursuing a formal "Access for All" initiative or any of the specific efforts Appellants allege, with the exception of the Fence Project, discussed above. The Department also has not proposed any additional publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations. Thus, there is no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

Regarding the Fence Project, Appellants' March 10, 2022 letter claims "multiple exceptions apply" to the exemptions identified in the Fence Project NOE, but does not identify any specific exception, and the June 15, 2022 CEQA Appeal does not further address this claim. Thus, the argument is waived. Additionally, the Fence Project NOE describes the evidence supporting the

Department's determination that none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply to the Fence Project.

E. Lack of Notice

Appellants claim "the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project" and that notice should have been provided to the interested parties. (CEQA Appeal, p. 6.)

A notice of exemption is a notice filed "when a public agency decides that a project is exempt from [CEQA]." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15062.) As mentioned above, filing the notice is voluntary. (*Ibid.*) In this case, the County filed the NOE on March 29, 2022. The County provided special notice of the NOE to Appellants' counsel on March 30, 2022.

No other notice was required.³ Nevertheless, as discussed in the CEQA Appeal Board Letter, the Department held community meetings discussing the pedestrian gates throughout 2021 and 2022. Additionally, it released a "Park Update" regarding the status of the Gates Project on March 15, 2022. Further, on March 31, 2022, the Department posted notices at the pedestrian gates stating that they would be open for public access to the Park during regular park hours starting on April 4, 2022.

Thus, Appellants' claims regarding lack of notice are without merit.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Gates Project NOE and the Fence Project NOE complied with CEQA in all respects. Substantial evidence in the administrative record demonstrates that the description of the Projects is accurate and complete, that the claimed classes of exemption apply to the Projects, that none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply, and, while not required, sufficient notice was provided.

In light of all the materials in the administrative record before it, the Department respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors deny the Appeal of the February 24, 2022 NOE for the Fence Project; deny the Appeal of the Department's March 29, 2022 NOE for the Gates Project; affirm the decision of the Department that the Fence Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities); and Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); affirm the decision of the Department that the Gates Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures); and Section 15323 (Class 23, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings), and find that the photos in Exhibit D to the CEQA Appeal, lack credibility and cannot be considered as evidence.

³ Similarly, no notice was required of the Fence Project NOE.

Attachment E: Comments and Correspondences

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:51:05 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Shannon Bellanca [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi, and thank you so much for holding a public meeting about the Kenneth Hahn access points at Coverdale and Punta Alta.

I fully support the proposal that LA County Department of Parks & Recs presented in the zoom meeting tonight. Keeping the existing gates for fire access and adding public access gates that will be unlocked during park hours seems like a great option. It satisfies the complaints of the neighbors who want to keep their fire access and the call to have more equitable access to the park for the general public.

I wonder if there are any case studies that have been done or examples in LA county of having park access through neighborhoods and how that can positively and negatively affect the residents. It might be helpful, since most of the arguments against public access are fears of increased crime and litter, but no concrete proof that it would actually happen. It seems like these are existing problems in the neighborhood that are unrelated to access to the park. I wonder if the public park access might even help mitigate these problems.

I live in Baldwin Vista, so I understand it may add some more traffic to the neighborhood as a whole, but I think having equitable access is more important.

I am happy and impressed by the time and thoughtfulness put into this decision. I also am thrilled at the possibility of public access through the neighborhood, as there is no safe, walkable access point via the North side of the park.

Thanks again for your time and consideration in this matter!

Please keep me informed about any more meetings or information regarding the access points to Kenneth Hahn.

Thanks again,
Shannon

Shannon Bellanca
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Julie Yom](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn Park Access
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:59:58 PM

From: Johnny Blades [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Park Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I wanted to write and say **thank you** again for the presentation you & your colleague gave regarding those Baldwin Vista gates which have long impeded public access to a precious park. Countless neighbors - even if they do not opt to show up to each and every townhall to rant and rave - are expressing appreciation for the work you all have been doing to generate a sound, sensible solution like last night's proposal.

Your agency's aim to promote equitable access to the entire community-at-large is very valuable (not to mention *timely*). I'm sure your office knows well how much KH park is being utilized as the community seeks relief from the woes of the pandemic, and I'd say the winds seem to be blowing in a way that will help support this removal of remaining obstacles to access. Please let me know how I can stay apprised of future meetings, etc., or assist in providing voices of support for your proposal to share parks with more people.

Hope I remembered your email address correctly,

Johnny Blades
[REDACTED]
@ Village Green

p.s. - I'll be using KH park a great deal more when it won't require wasting gasoline or eroding unmarked hillsides just to access it, and if you have any suggestions for discovering volunteer opportunities- to take care of the park, host events, or otherwise bring more members of the community there, I'm all ears! There's the miraculous multiplier effect of opening up access for all

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:44:57 PM

From: ROSANNA BEAUMONT [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of the Baldwin Vista community on Punta Alta Drive. Thank you for granting the opportunity for various citizens to voice concerns and solution options during the August 16, 2021, Zoom Virtual Meeting regarding access to KHSRA via the Baldwin Vista residential community. Given the time limits and number of participants speaking during the meeting, I ask that you accept my remarks via email.

With respect to concerns for equitable access to KSRA through the Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue gates, I am among those who prefer **addition of pedestrian gates at both residential entrances (Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue) to be open during park hours**, for walkable access by all to whom these points of entry are most reasonable and convenient. Such access would be inclusive of resident foot traffic from Village Green and Baldwin Village (also referred to as "the Jungle"), and beyond. As you proposed during the meeting, it is reasonable that locking/unlocking of the added pedestrian gates would be done by park officials, within parameters of KHSRA hours.

In addition to equity of access ("shared access"), I appreciated Julia Cohen's point about **equity of responsibility** ("shared responsibility"). This aspect of equity merits further consideration for a balanced perspective and balanced conversation about equity.

With respect to our community's safety, vehicle traffic, residential congestion, littering and other concerns, these may be mitigated by **litter-fines** signage and posting of a requirement of **residential parking permits** along Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, Veronica, and Cloverdale (at least). Such requirements would likely engender more **revenue** than cost to the city/county.

For those of us with safety concerns related to "street lock" (residents on Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, and Cloverdale), those needing **emergency exit through KHSRA** in times of fire, earthquake, or other natural disaster--we appreciate being able to retain our gate key to access critical ingress/egress points at Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue. We must outreach to assure all current Baldwin Vista street locked households have a gate key for emergencies.

Again, thank you inviting our voices into the conversation and giving our concerns just consideration.

Sincerely,

Rosanna Beaumont

Rosanna Beaumont,

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Millner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and I'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:38 PM

From: Alexandre Vodovar [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Alex Vodovar

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Email : [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:44 PM

From: Felipe Tewes [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Felipe Tewes

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access for All Initiative
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:56 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Gianna Moncada [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access for All Initiative

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Moncada

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:39 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Rita Moncada [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Rita Moncada Bini

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:15 AM

From: Nick Carmona [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:41 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Mr. Woods,

I'm sending this email to voice my support of opening the gates to Kenneth Hahn via the "access for all" initiative.

I was a resident of the Baldwin hills from 2019-2021, during which time I've personally encountered a lack of access via the Cloverdale and Padilla gates. Access to green space is tremendously important, and this effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits all members of the community.

Thank you for a great proposal, I look forward to hearing great work being done in Kenneth Hahn.

Sincerely,
Nick Carmona

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:19 PM

From: phoebe webster [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It is a great solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Warm regards, Phoebe Webster

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:15:17 AM

From: John Zinonos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort very much aligns with the goals in incentivizing exercise that the Department wishes to support, as well as most importantly promoting equity.

Thank you for this great proposal—which I, and many others of the community, support.

Best,
John Zinonos

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn Access
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:26:33 AM

From: Kyle Pfister [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I've been a resident of the Village Green for 14 years and have always had the combo to one or both entrances, it has only been recently that the residents who have appointed themselves gatekeepers have been unwilling to share access with those of us at the Green.

I was at the town hall and would also like to add my perspective on some of the comments made by the neighbors:

1. Concerns of people parking by the gates are legitimate but the neighbors can easily solve this by getting permit restrictions in their neighborhood and directing their security company to enforce parking restrictions just like we do at the green.
2. Concerns about trash and crime are misleading, the problems the neighbors reported occur entirely lower down the hill where you get spectacular views of downtown and the moon rising over the hills, I myself have gone up there in my car with my wife and had a quarantine date, we of course didn't leave our trash but on my walks up the hill I have def seen evidence of this, however in all my comings and goings at the gate I have never noticed any litter or folks lingering in their cars, up there, these complaints will not go away or get worse with pedestrian access.
3. It is quite a hike up that hill so I would not think that there would in fact be much of an uptick in people coming into the neighborhood, and of course if it becomes a problem the county could of course simply stop unlocking the gate.

Kyle Pfister
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#)
Cc: [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:34:00 PM

From: Stephanie Nordlinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods:

I attended most of your community meeting on August 16. I have lived at my home on Sycamore Avenue in Baldwin Vista since January 1989 – over 32 years. I walk around the neighborhood a lot and have also visited the park many times. I have also attended numerous Veronica-Sanchez-Sycamore Block Club meetings and CAP meetings in the park.

I strongly support your proposal to put pedestrian gates at these two locations. I would use them, and I would not have to park my car near these gates since I walk up the hill and past the existing vehicle gates frequently for exercise.

I would also support a trail up the west end of Baldwin Vista under the existing power lines. I visited a lovely trail near Altadena or Bradbury many years ago as a member of Footloose LA (a walking group). It ran next to nice homes, but it was fenced and well landscaped. It was also used enough to discourage any criminal behavior. I tried to find that trail for you, but I am not sure which one it was.

For decades the people who live at the top of the hill (who often have key access to the park) have opposed any other access to the park's southern boundary. These entrances would not be major entrances for the park. They are not advantageous to non-neighbors except to avoid weekend parking fees, but other entrances on the East, South and West also have free parking. I am 81 and still drive, but I prefer to walk most of the time. For those who cannot drive, these pedestrian gates would be very convenient.

I don't think the pedestrian gates would have any significant effect on burglaries. I read the weekly local police report, and home burglaries are rare in Baldwin Hills except in the Dons. Thefts from autos are mostly on Jefferson near the Outlook, and commercial thefts are on or near La Brea. The Sheriff's station in the park is staffed and could react quickly to any current burglary report. A burglar bringing anything large through a pedestrian gate would be noticed.

He would need a car parked IN the park, so why not park there instead of in the neighborhood. Most burglars do not like dead-end streets where they can be trapped. As the neighborhood gets noticeably richer, it may attract more burglars, but it won't be due to anything at the park.

As to trash, it occurs everywhere. My friend and I pick up and recycle numerous soft drink and alcoholic beverage bottles and cans when we walk from Sanchez to the top of either hill. I and other homeowners pick up trash on or near our homes. The people nearest the gates can ask for 2-hour or other restricted parking, but I think it is unnecessarily expensive. This community has very large lots, and there's always plenty of parking unless a neighbor has a very large party (which is rare).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,

Stephanie Nordlinger

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:28 PM

From: Haleh Shoa [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:27 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Many thanks,
Haleh
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for "Access for All"
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:29 PM

From: Susan Stoebner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 9:43 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for "Access for All"

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I really appreciate all the work you're doing to make access to Kenneth Hahn Park fair and equitable. I'm writing in support of the effort to provide pedestrian access to the park via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It would be enormously beneficial to all who live in the area, making it easy for everyone to enjoy the fresh air and open green space that the lovely park provides. I heartily endorse your Access for All initiative.

Sincerely,
Susan Stoebner
Village Green resident

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:48:06 AM

From: michal shechtman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr Woods-

I attended the forum hosted on zoom and was excited to hear that the County is interested in increasing pedestrian access into the park. I am in full support of your plan to open gates. I am opposed to the privileged access into the park through their locked private use gates that the 50 to 100 homes have. I believe that the concerns of those living at "the top of the hill" about traffic and crime can be addressed by restricting parking in the area to be "permitted only" as most neighborhoods in LA have done. Citizens of LA should be able to walk into their parks safely and your proposal meets this need.

Please move the access to all proposal you presented ahead so that we citizens and community members of the Baldwin Hills neighborhood can enjoy pedestrian access into the park.

Thank you,

Michal Shechtman

Resident, 90016

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Michal Hannah Shechtman

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:01 PM

From: isabel tewes [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:40 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Isabel Tewes

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:05 PM

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From: Susan Zhang [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Susan Zhang

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:02:22 PM

From: Elizabeth Whittaker [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support. I am a 75 plus woman who walks up to the Cloverdale gate and would love to extend my exercise into the park. It is so important for those of us who value outdoor exercise and live close by.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Whittaker

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:14 PM

From: Zanna Gilbert [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Zanna Gilbert
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:48 PM

From: Natalie M [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:47 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Nataile Matutschovsky

[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:31 PM

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From: Bob McGinness [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Robert McGinness

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:04 PM

From: Lisa E [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Lisa Esselstein
Village Green

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:14 PM

From: Adrienne Beitcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Beitcher

Visitor on Tongva, Chumash and Kizh homelands. For more information please visit: native-land.ca

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From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:39 PM

From: Tina LeBrun [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 10:06 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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To: Sean Woods, Chief of Planning for the County Dept.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours..

This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Tina LeBrun

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:11 PM

From: Ellie Song [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:23 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Ellie

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:02 PM

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From: Rick Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:13 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Joel Miller

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:44 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessa Chisari - [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 7:06 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Jessa Chisari

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:18 PM

From: Sophie Lesinska [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my sincere support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals to promote healthy lifestyles and exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, practical solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I embrace.

Yours truly,

Sophie Lesinska, Ph.D.
Head, Doheny Memorial Library
USC Libraries

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:52:54 PM

From: Idierck [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Leigh Dierck

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:13 PM

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From: Antonino Scaglione [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Antonino Scaglione

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:21 PM

From: Kristen Laskaris [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Kristen Laskaris

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Millner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and I'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: FW: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:06 AM
Attachments: [smime.p7s](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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From: Bjorn Thoresen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:18 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Bjorn Thoresen

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:24 AM

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From: Robb Hart [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:24:44 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To Sean Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and I would like to add my support to the initiative to open up the gates each day to allow access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the gates located on the streets of Cloverdale and Padilla Place. The Cloverdale entrance would be fantastic for us, since it would mean that we could visit the park without having to drive round to the entrance on La Cienega. Anything that can reduce the use of fossil fuels, encourage healthy exercise and maximize the usage of the county parks has to be a good idea!

Many Thanks,

Robb Hart

[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Access For All!
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:47 AM

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From: Adrienne Beitcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:40:49 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access For All!

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi there,

I just wanted to reach out and let you know that I am in support of the Access For All Plan. I live at Village Green and would love to have access to Kenneth Hahn by walking. It is such a shame that it is so close to me but I need to get into my car to go enjoy it. I think that it would greatly benefit the neighborhood and LA in general because it will allow people to enjoy nature and get outside/exercise!

I would also love to set up some trash clean up days there because there is so much litter. Do you know who I could reach out to with regard to this?

Thank you!
Adrienne Beitcher

Visitor on Tongva, Chumash and Kizh homelands. For more information please visit: native-land.ca

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From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:37 AM

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From: Eileen And Michael D W [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 7:59:18 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods:

I am writing to you to express my heartfelt desire as a member of Baldwin Hills to have pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park. Currently the gates at cloverdale that would enable pedestrian access have been limited to those folks owning a lock or having lock combination knowledge, leaving out a large segment of the community who would much rather not drive to access public lands. We are in the middle of a worsening climate crisis and relegating our large community to use cars to gain access to a park seems counter to a lot of betterment of community, and the planet goals that we hopefully all share.

To that end I write to convey my heartfelt support for community wide park-hours non restricted access via Padilla Place and/or Cloverdale for those of us living within walking distance of the park.

Thank you,

Eileen Dorn
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:07:50 AM

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From: Jennifer Velazquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:50:31 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods,

I am writing to you as a resident of Village Green in Baldwin Hills, in support of the new plan to provide local gate access to Kenneth Hahn park via the existing Cloverdale and Padilla Place gates. For years I have enjoyed walking up the hill, saying hello to neighbors along the way. I love nothing more than the times I am able to continue my walk into the park, especially as I do not have regular access to a car, and walking to Kenneth Hahn along La Cienega and La Brea feels risky, at best. Since the gates have become permanently locked, it feels like a huge waste not to be able to enjoy the park that's literally right next door, unless I have a car and cash on hand to park.

Since the bridge and Park to Playa project has opened, I have brought friends from other parts of the city to visit and enjoy the park with its gardens and geese, the bridge, the Nature Center and the Overlook. They've been surprised and have mentioned their desire to return. It has literally put the park - and our neighborhood - on the map for them.

With local gate access I can enjoy the park and its initiatives even more. I very much hope the County approves the opening of the back gates to the public during park business hours so that the neighborhood can enjoy the jewel in our backyard (and show it off to friends!).

Thank you,

Jennifer Velazquez

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:57 AM

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From: Michael L. Schiavoni Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:31:03 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Mr. Woods,

I am contacting you to strongly support the county's proposal to increase local accessibility to Kenneth Hahn park. I live within walking distance of the park, and I have always found it frustrating that I am forced to drive my car in a roundabout route and pay for parking just to enjoy this public land. Because of this, I only visit the park about once per year. If instead I were able to walk from my home in the Village Green up the hill and into the park, I would be motivated to visit much more often - and my well-being would presumably improve due to the positive health effects of this additional exercise.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Schiavoni
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: In support of access to Kenneth Hahn
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:22 AM

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From: Cynthia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:59:12 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: In support of access to Kenneth Hahn

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Hi,

I'm writing in support of access to Kenneth Hahn park from Cloverdale. I'm a resident of Village Green and my husband and my family and I would access the park through the gate at the top of Cloverdale until it was locked. Now, we get in our car and have to drive to the park via La Cienega. This is really unfortunate given that we're within walking distance of it. Please allow access through Cloverdale again so we can enjoy the park and probably visit more often than we do now since now we have to drive there.

Thank you,
Cynthia
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Access for All
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:09:20 AM

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From: Rick Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 6:51:53 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access for All

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Dear Sean and all members of the Parks Department,
First, I'd like to offer a heart-felt thank you for pushing to open Kenneth Hahn Park to walkers, joggers, and hikers from around the area who wish to use the park to exercise, relax, enjoy the views and the greenery.

Having this space in the heart of the Baldwin Hills is truly an asset, and one that I believe should be available. Especially to those who would prefer to leave their cars behind and be able to walking up the hill and into the park. With the recently opened park-to-playa trail, it's been amazing to have a way to roam across the very top of Los Angeles, watching the planes float into LAX to the south or the hawks riding the thermals from the ridge overlooking La Cienega.

This is such a remarkable opportunity for more people to be able access all that is available up here, I do hope it will be made available to people during the daylight operations of the park.

Thank you!

Rick Miller

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:06 AM

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From: Charlie Unkeless [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:59:35 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills

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To: Sean Woods

Chief of Planning

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation

I would like to voice my support of the proposal to open the gates to access the park from the gates at Cloverdale and the Padilla gate for residents who walk in those neighborhoods. I do not mind if the residents closest to the gate restrict street parking but I strongly think that residents who walk up from Baldwin Terrace or the Village Green should have access to the park. Being able to enter the park without driving seems to be a sensible solution and however, you adjudicate a solution along those lines would be a great solution.

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Cheers,

Charlie Unkeless
[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access
Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:51:54 PM

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From: Colombene Gorton [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:06:03 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access

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Hello Sean Woods,

I am writing to express strong support to increase access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the north at S. Cloverdale Ave. and/or at Padilla Pl. This would make a big difference for my family and increase our use of the park. It would help us get more exercise while reducing our dependence on cars to do so.

My husband, son and I live in Village Green in Baldwin Hills. We have used the park for years. We use the playgrounds, the exercise equipment, the tracks and hiking trails. Even though it's just a mile away, there is no safe pedestrian or even bike access from where we live. We are disappointed and frustrated that we have to use a car to get there - adding to traffic and burning gas. We have also walked up to Cloverdale and Padilla and see the park through the locked gates that apparently only certain people can access. This situation feels inequitable, ecologically burdensome and illogical.

I heard about this initiative from my neighbors but would love to stay updated on this process and learn more about the specific plans. Please let me know if there's a way to do that.

Thank you for your work. I've often felt disappointed about this situation and was so happy to hear these plans were being proposed.

Sincerely,
Amy Colombene Gorton

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for County's Kenneth Hahn Park proposal
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:25:10 AM

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From: Elizabeth Song [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:44:00 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for County's Kenneth Hahn Park proposal

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Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and write to support the county's plan for fair and increased access to Kenneth Hahn Park. My family and I would spend many cherished weekends in the park when the Cloverdale gates we're open by walking up the hill. The current option to drive in is unworkable on weekends given the limited parking and snarl of traffic just to enter and exit.

I and many other residents look forward a day when the gates can be opened up again to pedestrians.

Thank you for your support,

Ellie

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Hahn Equitable Access
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:00 AM

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From: Daniel Millner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:20:53 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Equitable Access

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Hello Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work on increasing equity and access to Hahn.

Your "Proposal to Provide Equitable Access" to Hahn by opening the gates at Cloverdale and Padilla Place is fantastic. It encourages physical activity, decreased need to drive cars, and establishes equity in the broad community.

Bravo!

Sincerely,
Daniel Millner

From: [Sean Woods](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Julie Yom](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:43 AM

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From: Chinh Nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 6:19:39 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park

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Hi Mr. Woods,

As a fairly new resident of the Village Green, I am writing in support for local pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park for several reasons.

1. I, along with several of my neighbors, absolutely cherish our proximity to Kenneth Hahn Park and all that it has to offer. On a weekly basis, I go on jogs around the park which I use to access through the gate at the end of Cloverdale. Ever since the locks have been changed, I now access the park by walking along the dirt path adjacent to speeding cars along La Brea, which I find dangerous, but I also often see many other residents doing the same. If the pedestrian gates to the park are kept locked to local residence, I believe that people will find other means to access this park – such as this dangerous dirt path along La Brea.
2. This park represent diversity to me. When I go on jogs or workout at Kenneth Hahn, there's a sense of motivation I find with the strangers who are also sharing the same activities. "Keep it up...You got this," are phrases which are said to one another around this park, many of which are from different ethnic backgrounds. As an Asian American (once minority), I feel like I am part of the local diversity that Kenneth Hahn Park represents – once which is uniquely different than the previous Santa Monica neighborhood I previously lived in. It would be wonderful to have such a sacred and culturally diverse park within easy pedestrian access to all of it's local residents, particularly at these gates.
3. It can be argued that anyone can access the park if they drive there, but that would exclude the park from those who don't drive. I've made concerted effort to reduce driving in response to today's environmental climate. I've come to appreciate a lot of what Baldwin Hills has to offer for walkability. Without a car, I feel more engaged with Baldwin Hills. Although Kenneth Hahn is just a viewing distance away from our back patio, the locked gates to the park are a reminder that we're not welcomed if we try to walk there.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

I hope that there can be a common resolution to access Kenneth Hahn Park.

Best and kind regards,

Chinh Nguyen
Resident of the Village Green
Los Angeles, CA 90016

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:07 AM
Attachments: [West Adams & Kenneth Hahn by foot \(2\).pdf](#)

From: Patricia Bijvoet [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:34 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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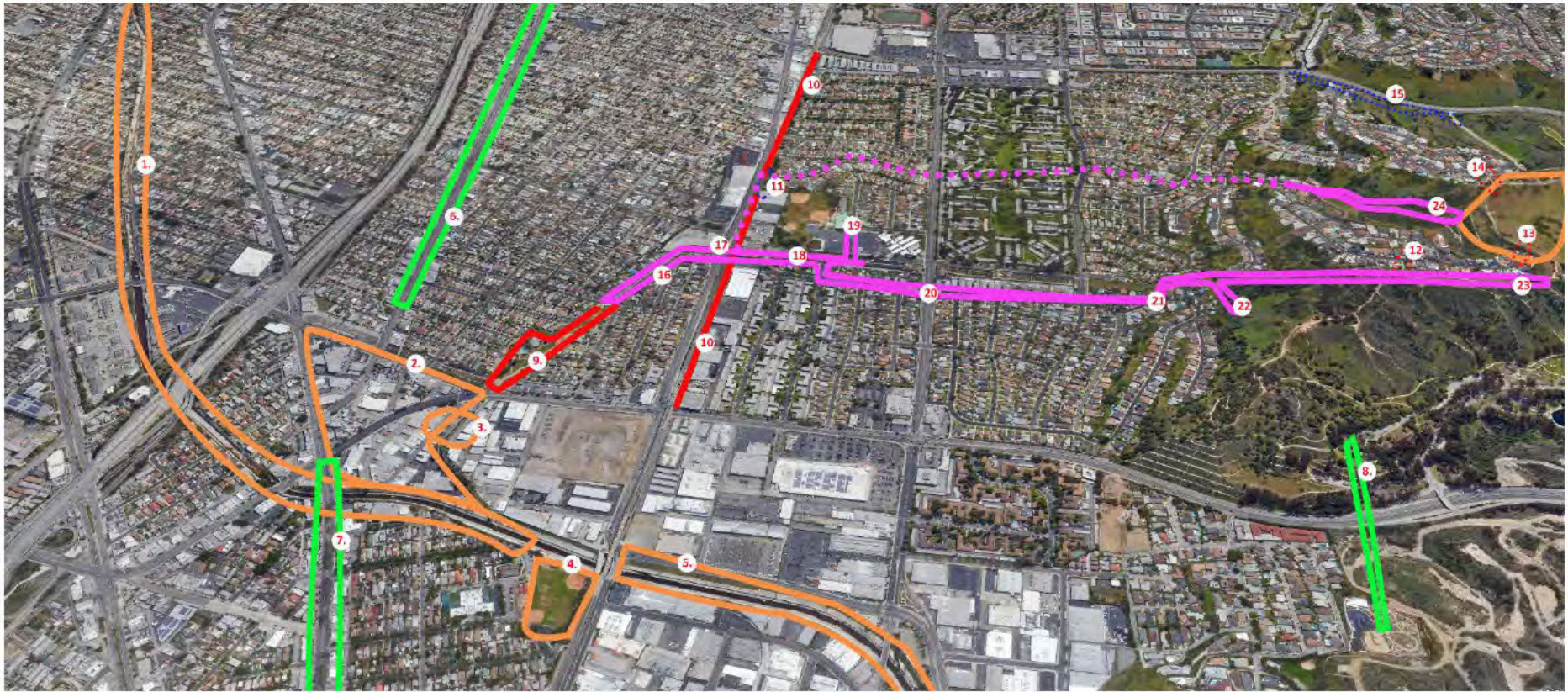
Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

I attach the map I recently made with barriers and opportunities.

Thank you,
Patricia Bijvoet

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

90016



Projects on the way

1. Extension Ballona Creek bike path east
2. Redcar Masterplan
3. John Favaro Housing Blackwelder
4. Sid Kronenthal /Adams stormwater capture
5. Revitalization Ballona Creek BHC

Realized projects

6. West Adams protected bike lanes
7. Washington blvd. Protected bike lanes
8. Park to Play: bridge btw Baldwin Hills- KH

Barriers

9. West side N.Park, 1 entrance
10. Metrorail + industrie prevent neighborhood connections
11. Unofficial pedestrian connection (=opportunity)
12. Permanently locked entrance KH
- 13.-14. Entrance KH Neighbors only
15. Unofficial pedestrian connection (= opportunity).

Opportunities: use of ROW LADWP power lines

16. Neighborhood land trust park
17. Ped. Crossing over Jefferson
18. Pedestrian connector w/ use of existing roads
19. Connecting east-side elementary school
20. Existing pedestrian connector or use Hauser Blvd
21. LADWP entrance to powerlines
22. Connecting with existing trails westside KH (city trail, forest trail)
23. using ROW powerline for separate entrance to KH
24. Green route using cloverdale to KH

West Adams - Kenneth Hahn State Park by foot... how would you get there?

Currently many barriers to enter KH Park by foot if you live in West Adams and not in the Baldwin Hills.

Comprehensive approach is needed and might easily fall through the cracks

Many project in the making that contribute or could contribute to safer, healthier connections

Big developments like Cumulus, the Wrapper, Self-storage, Jefferson (not yet listed) for \$

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:14 AM

Good Morning Clement & Sean,

I will be sending over 20+ emails per Kevin Regan request, below is the first.

Thank you,

Nancy Lepe
County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
1000 S Fremont Ave, A-9 West Building 3rd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91803 ☎ 626.588.5364
Please note this office is closed on Fridays.

From: Machiko Yasuda [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:04 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Machiko Yasuda

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:28 AM

From: Andrew Reich [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:05 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Andrew Reich

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:39 AM

From: Amelie Cherlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:10 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Amelie Cherlin
90027
[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:56 AM

From: Michael Siegel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:14 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Michael Siegel
LA 90065

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:07 AM

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From: Adam Linder [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:16 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,

Adam Linder
[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:43 AM

From: Chih-Wei Hsu [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:26 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Chih-Wei Hsu
90016

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:27 AM

From: Eli Lipmen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:36 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Cc: O'Brien, Lilly <LOBrien@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,

Eli Lipmen (nearby resident)
90016

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:43 AM

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From: Divya Maus Gmail [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:42 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Hi!

I love Kenneth Hahn, it's one of my favorite parks in LW. Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,
Divya Maus
Los Angeles, 90039

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:58 AM

From: Ed Costello [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:58 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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**Thank you,
Ed Costello
90402**

[Edward J. Costello](#)

“For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong.” H. L. Mencken

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From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:30 AM

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From: Casey Law [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:01 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Casey Law
91030

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:44 AM

From: Kasia J [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:02 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. In a city that is so park-poor in relation to the number of residents, it's critical that we provide more access to nature. We need to reduce car dependency and allow every resident an option to enter parks by bus, bike or foot. This is one step in the right direction- an easy and inexpensive way to give more people the ability to enjoy green space. Small design changes like this make a big difference. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA, as there aren't many nearby options outside of Kenneth Hahn. Parks for everyone!

Thank you,
Kasia J
90066

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:55 AM

From: Hannah Gibson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:44 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Hannah Gibson
90032

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:07 AM
Importance: High

From: Lionel Mares [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:27 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Importance: High

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Re: **County Parks to Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access**

Hello **Los Angeles County Parks:**

Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn Park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,

[Lionel Mares](#), MPA

Zip-code: 91352

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:37 AM

From: David Fenn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:49 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
David Fenn
90014

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:48 AM

From: Wesley Reutimann [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:32 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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To whom it may concern,

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Wes, Kristin, Jasper, and Max Reutimann

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:58 AM

From: Kelly Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:12 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Kelly Wright, MD
90035

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Clement Lau](#); [Sean Woods](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:11 AM

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From: Andre Villasenor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 9:21 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Ross Rivas
90035

From: [Nancy Lepe](#)
To: [Sean Woods](#); [Clement Lau](#)
Subject: FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:36 AM

From: David Michel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:51 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
David Michel
90011

Re: Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Co... [Download](#) [Save to OneDrive](#)**Re: Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Concerns**

MD

McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>

Fri 1/28/2022 7:50 AM

To: ROSANNA BEAUMONT [REDACTED]

Cc: Laura Muraida; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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Good Morning Ms. Beaumont,

I appreciate your email regarding the gates and the County's intent to allow for equitable public access. We are aware of the concerns raised by some members of the Baldwin Vista community as well as the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association. The Conservancy is a partner and funder agency with the park operator, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation. We also acknowledge that as a recipient of public funding for improvements and/or acquisitions at Kenneth Hahn, the County is prohibited from discriminating or granting preferential treatment to use the facility based upon an individual's place of residence or membership in an organization. This prohibition is also consistent with the State's policy of non-discrimination and equal access.

While this matter is presently in the hands of the County and its legal counsel, we will continue to monitor the situation. We are confident the situation will be managed in a manner that adheres to the lawful rights of all parties and impacted stakeholders.

I am forwarding your recommendations to LA County Parks so it can be added to the written recommendations they have received to date.

Sincerely,

David McNeill
www.bhc.ca.gov



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New Address

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
4859 West Slauson Ave #364
Los Angeles 90056

From: ROSANNA BEAUMONT [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:41 AM**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>**Cc:** LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>**Subject:** Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Concerns

Dear Honorable Supervisor Mitchell:

As residents of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Community we implore your attention and action related to our concerns for the safety and integrity of our diverse Los Angeles City community within the County of Los Angeles. Our representatives, Benjamin Reznik and Daniel Freeman of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP, outline the core of our concerns in the letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors dated January 25, 2022 (sent via email).

County Parks' representatives have failed to provide us, the community, evidence of any environmental or community impact studies to assuage our concerns, while County Parks unilaterally moves forward on the pretext of access equity. This contradicts logic that County officials (including County Parks) and State officials in fact did design access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) with equity in mind. This is reflected in existing public entries on the west side of KHSRA (for vehicle and foot traffic via LaCienega), and the east side of KHSRA for foot traffic (via LaBrea and Don Lorenzo Drive) which is an ungated/unlocked FREE entrance without fee.

We greatly appreciate your considerate attention to the 1/25/22 emailed document from Mr. Reznik and Freeman regarding the community's concerns.

Sincerely,

*Rosanna Beaumont**Michael Beaumont*

Rosanna and Michael Beaumont
Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Residents

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McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>

Fri 1/28/2022 7:51 AM

To: John Caruso [REDACTED]

Cc: Sean Woods

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Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:33 AM
To: McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Subject: Baldin Vista Gate Proposal

Dear Mr McNeil

I am writing as a resident of Baldwin Vista and a member of BVHNA. Our attorney has encapsulated what most of us who live here feel. That this plan is incredibly short-sighted, that no research has been done on it, and that it is not about equity in any sense of that word, as it would change the character of a neighborhood forever.

When I moved here, after living in Santa Monica for over 15 years, what struck me was what a neighborhood this was. In a week I knew the names of more of my neighbors than I did in 15 years in Santa Monica. I was invited into more homes, and people showed up to welcome me with everything from plants to a bottle of wine. They waved hello when they saw me, and they looked out for each other.

There are two closed gates that allow restricted access to the park. There was a brief period when Waze or Google had identified those as entrances, when walking my dog I cannot tell you how many cars would come up the hill asking where the entrance was after they arrived at the closed gate.

We live in a time of the internet and quick and accessible information. In the last online meeting the qualities of the park were being extolled and one of the architects behind the Baldwin Hills Overlook was also extolling the virtues of that. I was wondering if he considered how crowded the parking is on Jefferson Blvd. as he was comparing it. Jefferson Blvd. is a huge street with tons of available parking and it is zoned commercial. The park charges people to park on weekends. Why would someone pay \$7 to park when they can park for free on a residential street? Has the impact that would have on the residents been considered? It's not just that.... the city does not sweep the streets here. We residents clean up garbage and condoms from people who park at night to do whatever they choose to do in their cars as they look down at the amazing view of our city. Multiply that garbage by a factor of 10 within 18 months if this were to become a public entrance.

That this is being spoken of as an equity issue is nonsense. The park has several means of access, and they all have some available parking, some of which you have to pay for. No one is being denied access to the park, they are being denied access to an easement that has been in place for 75 years, and they are being denied because it was never intended to be a public access gate to the park.

I'm reminded of the quote "No one's life, liberty, or property is safe when the legislature is in session. Please do not act in such a way that the cynicism and nihilism of that quote becomes what you serve."

Respectfully

John C Caruso

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Cc: Sean Woods

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From: Felice Chan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:55 PM
To: McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Subject: Baldwin vista attorney letter

Dear David McNeill,

I am a resident of Baldwin Vista and wanted to bring to light the letter regarding the new entrance being built in our neighborhood to Kenneth Hahn state park. This entrance will cause increased safety concerns, traffic, crowds, and unregulated trash and parking. Please take the time to look at the letter written by our attorney Mr. Reznik and Mr. Freeman. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Felice

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To: shauna clark [REDACTED]

Cc: Laura Muraida; Sean Woods

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From: shauna clark [REDACTED]**Date:** Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 11:15 PM**Subject:** Baldwin Vista / Kenneth Hahn Gate Access**To:** <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>

I am a resident of the Baldwin Vista neighborhood and am very concerned as well as frightened by the decision of the Parks and Rec Department to open the Kenneth Hahn park gates at the Padilla Place and Cloverdale entrances. The increase in traffic on the narrow streets of this area will only bring trash and increased crime to our community. Not to mention the parking nightmare that will ensue as a result of this park access. This area was not designed for public parking for entrance to this park. Consider installing sidewalks on LaBrea and/or La Cienega to obtain Access For All. That would be a safer solution for all involved.

Please refer to the letter sent by Attorney Benjamin Reznik.

Thank You for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Shauna M. Clark

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To: Christopher Connors [REDACTED]

Cc: Sean Woods

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From: Christopher Connors [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:21 AM**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Public Access

My wife and I are greatly concerned about the proposed new public access to Kenneth Hahn through our residential neighborhood.

These new access points will increase crime, traffic and trash for an area that was never designed to be public.

This is a quiet, small residential area that will be impacted greatly with one road in and one road out.

We also don't understand why the existing public access areas on both La Cienega and La Brea are not sufficient and equitable, with parking already available.

Thank you.

Chris Connors and Kathryn Lundeen

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To: Gail Garcia [REDACTED]

Cc: Sean Woods

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From: Gail Garcia [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:46 AM**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>**Subject:** Proposed gate changes to Kenneth Hahn Park

Dear Mr. McNeill,

We are writing to call your attention to the letter from our attorney, Benjamin Resnik, regarding the legality of the proposed gate changes and its impact on our neighborhood and our street.

Gail and Harold Garcia

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Fri 1/28/2022 7:52 AM

To: Joe Grauman [REDACTED]

Cc: HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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From: Joe Grauman [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:06 AM
To: HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Subject: Access ot Kenneth Hahn Park

Good Morning,

My name is Joe Grauman and I am a member of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association. I am writing to you today as a follow up to the letter sent to you by our attorney, Benjamin Reznik.

I am full support of this letter. The Department of Parks and Recreation is attempting to trample on our rights as homeowners and taxpayers under the false pretense of social and environmental justice. There is not only designated access to the park off La Cienega as Mr. Reznik mentioned but also at the intersection of La Brea and Don Lorenzo Drive. As Mr. Reznik has stated, the gates at Cloverdale and Padilla Place were never built for the purpose of public access to the park.

Thank you in advance for helping us preserve our neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Joe Grauman

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Fri 1/28/2022 7:43 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Laura Muraida; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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From [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:13 PM

To: HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>

Cc: LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>

Subject: URGENT, Access to Kenneth Hahn State Park

Courtney Hines
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Fri 1/28/2022 7:49 AM

To: Sandy Iverson

Cc: bmr@jmbm.com; Angela Baber; 5227_Veronica; +4 others

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With regard to the above mentioned subject, please know that as a resident in the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association, I am extremely alarmed at the way the County has proceeded in the opening of existing closed residential gates. Please see the attached letter from our Attorney Benjamin Reznik to immediately cease and desist.

We will not accept the County's decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Iverson, homeowner

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From: Jack Choate [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:54 AM
To: McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Cc: Caitlin Choate [REDACTED]
Subject: Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association - Kenneth Hahn Park Access Gates

Dear David,

My family lives at 4125 Punta Alta Dr., three doors down from the Padilla Pl gate into Kenneth Hahn Park. We have recently moved into the neighborhood and love the quiet, the lack of street cleaning as well as other parking restrictions on the street. We of course love the PEDESTRIAN access that we and our neighbors enjoy to Kenneth Hahn, until now.

The unilateral decision that LA County Parks has made based upon the veil of equitable access is not only a bad decision and unfair, but dangerous and short sighted. The attorneys for our neighborhood association have laid out the legal reasons in the attached letter which in and of itself is enough to stop the current disassembling of the gate and reverse the decision, but the logistical and safety reasons not considered or listened to when voiced by our neighborhood should most definitely be.

Our neighborhood streets are too narrow and already too pedestrian to add the additional vehicle load that this decision will bring. There is plenty of access to the park for all Angelenos through the current entrances off of La Cienega & La Brea. This decisive action by LA County Parks is illegal, unprofessional and the result of a minority complaining that "they don't have". We did not buy our house on Punta Alta for the gate access, we are fortunate that it was legally granted to us through actions taken over 50 years ago. That said, we would rather do without our access entirely than open it willy nilly to the public.

If additional public access is deemed necessary, we would hope that a full review would take place where all sides were able to present their points of view to then be considered by the proper authorities. Not just a unilateral decision based off of a few people stirring up a ruckus. If public gate access is the outcome then we would hope all of the appropriate measures would be put in place ie park ranger gatehouse, parking restrictions as well as street cleaning, and regular police monitoring before any open access occurs.

At the end of the day if it comes down to open to all or closed to all (for emergency use only), we choose the latter. Close it to all. Imagine if your family lived in my house.

Caitlin, Jack, Red (age three) and Steve (the dog).

Jack Choate
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From: Cora Johnson Johnson [REDACTED]
Date: January 27, 2022 at 9:51:44 AM PST
To: HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov
Subject: Baldwin Vista- Gate Opening at Kenneth Hahn Park

Dear Mr. David Mc Neil

I have been a home owner in the Baldwin Vista community for the past 18 years . Almost daily, my dog and I visit the Kenneth Hahn Park. As someone very familiar with the dynamics of the close proximity of the park activity, and the Baldwin Vista neighborhood, I am extremely disturbed by action taken by the county of Los Angeles, granting public access to the park through the two residential access gates.

If the county supervisors, had conducted a thorough review of this action, they would have recognized the following critical implications for Baldwin Vista residents and park visitors.

1. Increase in Crime in the park-

By opening multiple avenues for exiting the Kenneth Hahn Park, securing the park will be far more difficult. Detering crime was the primary reason the gates were installed over 40 years ago.

I have personally witnessed a round up of the Bloods /gang members, meeting in the park by LAPD. And, the Kenneth Hahn Park single exit layout allowed for expedient mobilization of this gang activity and other criminal behavior on the park grounds.

2. Trespassing-

The access gates will be locked at a certain time each day. And it should be anticipated, that frequently, park goers who intend to exit the park, will fail to leave in time to pass through the open gate before closure. Those visitors locked inside the park, will likely resort to cutting through yards of surrounding homes to have access to the street after the gate has been locked.

3. Trash and Littering-

Litter should be an expected consequence of foot traffic through the gate and increase parking around it. The Baldwin Vista neighborhood has never been provided with city street sweepers. Who has been assigned to address the clean-up duty around the neighborhood when this gate is utilized by the public?

4. Challenge the peace and safety of the Baldwin Vista community-

Particularly on holidays, residences around the gate, should expect an increase in: noise, thief, parking issues, and traffic. In addition, the smoking of various substances and drinking by park visitors , prohibited in the park; will go undetected by the Kenneth Hahn Park security outside these unsupervised gates.

All of the items listed, are problems the Baldwin Vista neighborhood has been regularly challenged by on a small scale throughout the years. Introducing an open, unsupervised entrance to the park, is cause for extreme concern. Offering park goers, some kind of short cut to Kenneth Hahn Park, without examining the implications for the adjacent residential area that is to absorb the intrusion, is totally irresponsible.

If you were to attempt this same drastic exposure, having park goers, trampling through Hancock Park or Cheviot Hills, you can be sure, more prior consideration would have been given.

Please respect the peace and safety of home owners of the Baldwin Vista community. Please resend the implementation of the open access gates in Baldwin Vista.

Sincerely,
Cora Johnson

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From: Janice Jones [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:03 PM**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>**Subject:** Stoppage of Pedestrian Gates Opening Baldwin Vista

As a member of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association, I request the stoppage of the opening of the gates at Padilla and Cloverdale as referenced by our attorney on the environmental and easement violations that have not been addressed by the board of supervisors.

Janice and Vertis Hayes

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From: Jeff Lancaster [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:37 PM**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>**Subject:** Baldwin Hills Neighborhood Legal Action

Mr. McNeill,

We are very much opposed to the opening of the Baldwin Hills gates to Kenneth Hahn Park and would refer you to letter from Mr. Benjamin Reznik regarding the procedures that should have taken place and the highly negative impact this will have on this neighborhood. Currently we suffer from lack of police support and there are people out on the street in front of our homes smoking cannabis sitting on the hoods of their cars, leaving their trash and used condoms behind for us to clean up and racing their cars up and down the street as they drive under the influence. But never will you see the LAPD here in our neighborhood. Opening the gates opens the door to more problems.

Regards,

Jeff Lancaster and Pam Fujimoto
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Re: Baldwin Vista- New Kenneth Hahn P... [Download](#) [Save to OneDrive](#)**Re: Baldwin Vista- New Kenneth Hahn Pedestrian Gate**

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McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>

Fri 1/28/2022 7:42 AM

To: Kay Payne [REDACTED]

Cc: Sean Woods

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From: Kay Payne [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:09 PM**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>**Subject:** Baldwin Vista- New Kenneth Hahn Pedestrian Gate

Hello David,

On behalf of the residents of Baldwin Vista, I wanted to join in and express my concern about opening up the gate at Padilla Court (off Punta Alta Dr.) to the public. There is much concern that our street/neighborhood could turn into a Runyon Canyon situation where all types of people and animals are now overcrowding our peaceful neighborhood, littering, setting up lemonade stands, and increasing parking in the area.

Please see attached letter from our attorney and reconsider this project. There is no need for another entry point to the park when EVERYONE can enter off of Lacienea and we residents only have access as a safety precaution in case we cannot drive down the hill.

I am actually curious to know why this gate is being opened to the public now when it never has been opened before.

Thank you,
Kay Payne
(Baldwin Vista Resident)

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FW: Kenneth Hahn Park Access Modification

Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>

Mon 1/31/2022 7:12 AM

To: Jill Sourial <JSourial@parks.lacounty.gov>; Clement Lau <clau@parks.lacounty.gov>; Julie Yom <jyom@parks.lacounty.gov>

Cc: Sonia Chan <SChan@counsel.lacounty.gov>; Rory Allen <RAllen@counsel.lacounty.gov>

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From: Anthony Hunter [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 10 18 PM

To: david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov; Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>; Joe Grauman

[REDACTED]; Joel Richardson [REDACTED]; Angela Baber

[REDACTED]; Robin Hunter [REDACTED]; Leonard Maddox [REDACTED];

HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: Kenneth Hahn Park Access Modification

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David McNeil,

It is very disappointing how the rhetoric has changed relative to entrances to the park through neighborhoods with single roadway access and narrow streets. When initial discussions on the park development (mid 1970's) were ongoing, the key concern then, as it is today, was access through the confined neighborhoods that border the park development. At one of the community meetings, prior to the park development, I distinctly recall a county official stating "it would be ridiculous to have public access to the park via the boarding neighborhoods, that's what the major thoroughfares are for (La Cienega & La Brea). The city and county officials initial "promises and guarantees" that there would be no public park access through the bordering neighborhoods was the primary reason these neighborhoods supported the park development and the city and county officials. In those days the elected city and county officials actually attended the meetings and encouraged dialog through comments and feedback (unlike the last web meeting on this matter where no comments or questions were allowed). There should be no mystery why there is apprehension and misgivings with our elected officials.

Access to the park area (dam area at the time), for those residing in the bordering neighborhoods, was provided out of necessity as a result of an emergency where the roadway/street was blocked with no access in or out. Access through the dam/park area was made available to residents to mitigate any potential emergency and allow for police, fire, utility crews, etc. entry and egress.

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Tony Hunter

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Re: Baldwin Vista -- no public access to Kenneth Hahn

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To: Barry Sullivan [REDACTED]

Cc: Sean Woods

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From: Barry Sullivan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:04 AM
To: McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Subject: Baldwin Vista -- no public access to Kenneth Hahn

Hello,

I'm writing as a homeowner in the Baldwin Vista neighborhood.

My wife and I have been shocked by the process to date and proposed outcomes wrt providing public park access to Kenneth Hahn thru our neighborhood.

We and our neighbors have secured legal counsel to help voice our concern.

Please hear us -- we are property owners that will be (deeply) impacted, and we have not been consulted. We've been ignored at best and dismissed at worst. Our current position is summarized in the attached letter from our counsel.

Take care, stay healthy, and best for 2022

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...from my personal account
Barry Sullivan
[REDACTED]

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Cc: Sean Woods

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From: Kathy Ward [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 6:42 AM
To: McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Subject: Baldwin Visa Community Gate Opening

Hello my name is Kathy Ward

I am a a homeowner of the the Baldwin Visa neighborhood. I am writing you to voice some of my concerns about the opening of the gate in my community.

The issue That I will like for you to consider is public parking.

The entrance on the East has adjacent public parking.

The entrance on the west has public parking throughout the park.

However, the new proposed entrance does not have any public parking.

Park guest will be compelled to park on the residential streets eliminating parking for residents

Sincerely
Kathy Ward
[REDACTED]

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Re: KENNETH HAHN PARK ACCESS FROM

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McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>

Fri 1/28/2022 7:41 AM

To: Jeffery Whitmore [REDACTED]

Cc: Laura Muraida; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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From: Jeffery Whitmore [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 5:17 PM**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>; LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>**Subject:** KENNETH HAHN PARK ACCESS FROM

At this time you are in receipt of a letter from the attorney retained by our home owners association outlining our concerns and the legalities supporting our position regarding opening access to Kenneth Hahn Park via the gates at Padilla Ct. and Cloverdale Dr. I am pledging my time and money to fight this action until its reversal.

I am dismayed at the tack and approach taken by your office in this matter. You have to realize that opening these gates will create havoc in our neighborhood. Traffic, trash, noise and crime will be an increasing problem, and you don't seem to care. Further, these decisions are being made with little input from the people who will be most affected.

I strongly encourage you to reverse your position in this matter. I'd rather have access to the gates closed completely than to have people running amok in our neighborhood.

Sent from my iPad

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Cc: Sean Woods

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Dear Mr. McNeil:

Regarding Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association

I am a resident of Baldwin Vista, adjacent to Kenneth Hahn Park.
I agree with the letter sent to you from Attorney Reznik which addresses the concerns of the community over public access of the gate into the Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen A. Wilson
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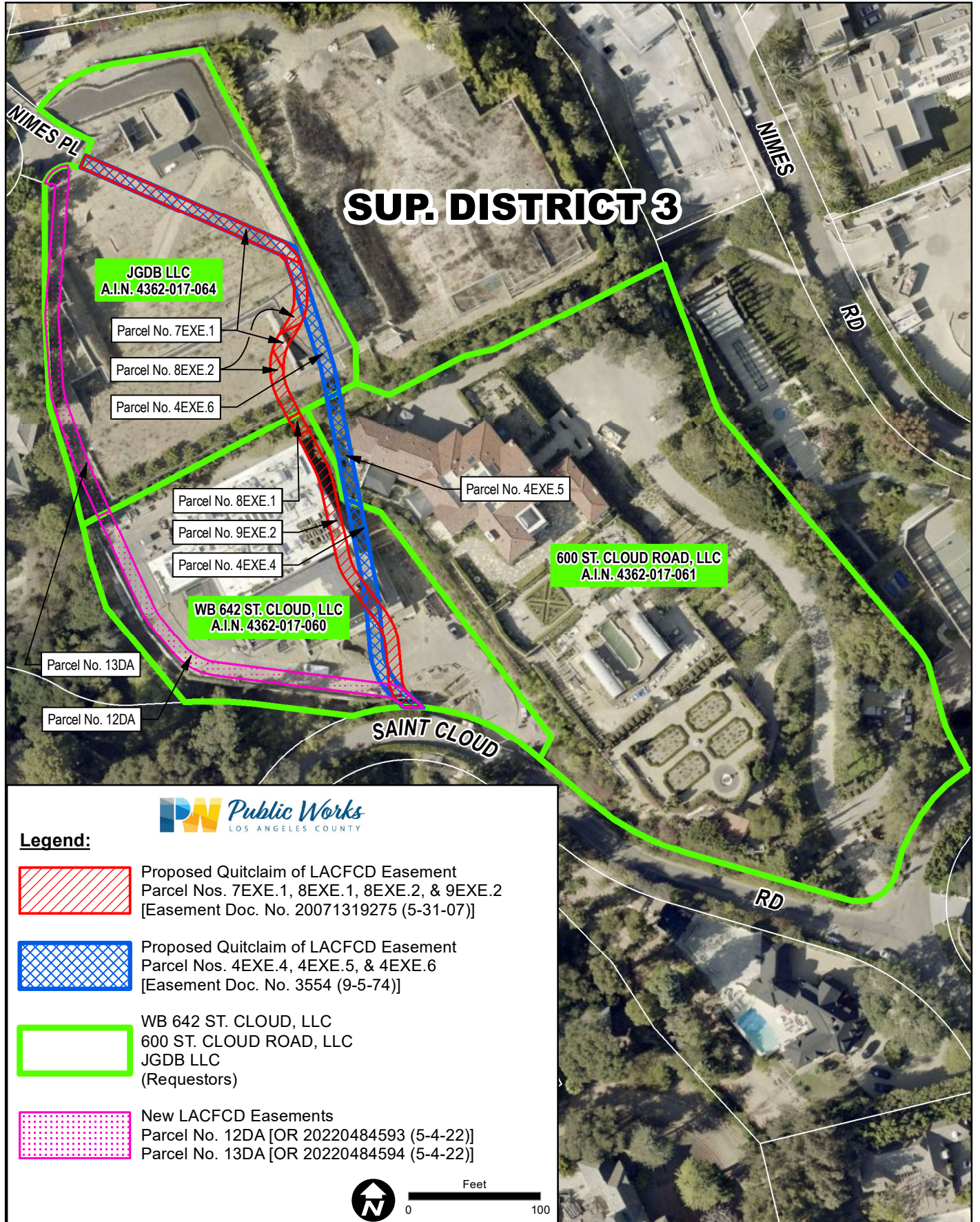
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| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | | |
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| DEPARTMENT(S) | Public Works | | |
| SUBJECT | WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO 600 ST. CLOUD ROAD, LLC, WB 642 ST. CLOUD, LLC, AND JGDB LLC, PROJECT NO. 275-641, MADRONO LANE, PARCELS 4EXE.4, 4EXE.5, 4EXE.6, 7EXE.1, 8EXE.1, 8EXE.2, AND 9EXE.2, IN THE BEL AIR COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES) | | |
| PROGRAM | None | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | | | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: \$0.00 | | Funding source: |
| | TERMS (if applicable): | | |
| | Explanation: Replacement easements have been granted to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District at no cost. | | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | Quitclaim of easements to 600 St. Cloud Road, LLC, WB 642 St. Cloud, LLC, and JGDB LLC due to relocation of the easements. | | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | In 1974 and 2007, the District acquired storm drain and ingress and egress easements for Project No. 275-641, Madrono Lane. The storm drain and ingress and egress easements were relocated and new easements were granted along the new alignment, resulting in these easements no longer being required by the District. | | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | | |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Sustainability—The quitclaim of easements will reduce the District's exposure to potential liability. | | |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Shari Afshari, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4008, safshari@pw.lacounty.gov | | |

**PROJECT 275-641
MADRONO LANE
BEL AIR COMMUNITY CITY OF LOS ANGELES**





MARK PESTRELLA, Director

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **SMP-6**

December 6, 2022

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:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
TO 600 ST. CLOUD ROAD, LLC, WB 642 ST. CLOUD, LLC, AND JGDB LLC,
PROJECT NO. 275-641, MADRONO LANE,
PARCELS 4EXE.4, 4EXE.5, 4EXE.6, 7EXE.1, 8EXE.1, 8EXE.2, AND 9EXE.2,
IN THE BEL AIR COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to quitclaim its easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and ingress and egress purposes in Parcels 4EXE.4, 4EXE.5, 4EXE.6, 7EXE.1, 8EXE.1, 8EXE.2, and 9EXE.2 related to Project No. 275-641, Madrono Lane, in the Bel Air community of the City of Los Angeles, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owners, 600 St. Cloud Road, LLC, WB 642 St. Cloud, LLC, and JGDB LLC.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Find that the easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and ingress and egress purposes in Parcels 4EXE.4, 4EXE.5, 4EXE.6, 7EXE.1, 8EXE.1, 8EXE.2, and 9EXE.2 related to Project No. 275-641, Madrono Lane, in the Bel Air community of the City of Los Angeles, are no longer required for the purposes of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.
3. Approve the project, which is the quitclaim of easements from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owners, 600 St. Cloud Road, LLC, WB 642 St. Cloud, LLC, and JGDB LLC.
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute the Quitclaim of Easements documents and authorize delivery to 600 St. Cloud Road, LLC, WB 642 St. Cloud, LLC, and JGDB LLC.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to quitclaim its easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and ingress and egress purposes in Parcels 4EXE.4, 4EXE.5, 4EXE.6, 7EXE.1, 8EXE.1, 8EXE.2, and 9EXE.2 related to Project No. 275-641, Madrono Lane, located in the Bel Air community of the City of Los Angeles, as shown on the enclosed map, to the underlying fee property owners, 600 St. Cloud Road, LLC, WB 642 St. Cloud, LLC, and JGDB LLC.

In 1974 and 2007, the District acquired easements for storm drain and ingress and egress purposes as part of the land needed for Project No. 275-641, Madrono Lane. The storm drain and ingress and egress were relocated and the new easements were granted to the District along the new alignment, resulting in the parcels no longer being required by the District.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The quitclaim of easements will reduce the District's exposure to potential liability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no significant impact to the County General Fund.

Replacement easements have been granted to the District at no cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed quitclaims are authorized by Section 2, Subsection 13, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This section provides as follows: "The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic and has the following powers 13. To lease, sell or dispose of any property (or any interest therein) whenever in the judgement of the board of supervisors of the property, or any interest therein or part thereof, is no longer required for the purposes of the district..."

The Quitclaim of Easements documents have been approved by County Counsel as to form and they will be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project, which is the quitclaim of easements, is exempt from CEQA. The quitclaim of easements for the subject properties are within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15312 of the CEQA guidelines and Class 12 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The subject properties do not have significant values for wildlife habitat or other environmental purposes and are incapable of independent development. In addition, based on the proposed project records, they will comply with all applicable regulations; they are not sensitive environments; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5; or indications that they may cause a substantial adverse change in the significant of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This transaction will eliminate the need to maintain the property and reduce the cost of the District's expenses and potential liabilities.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
December 6, 2022
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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Project Management Division.

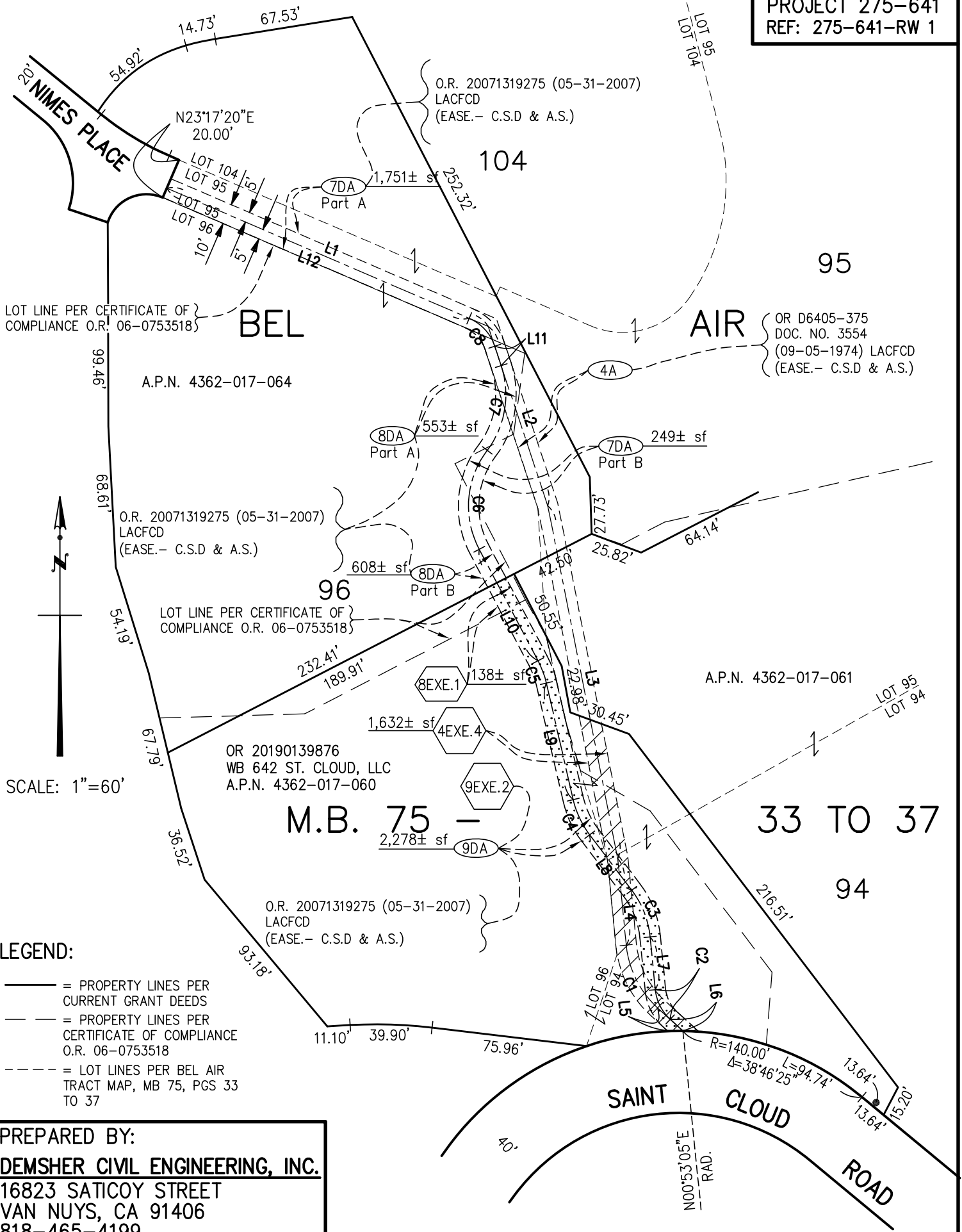
Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
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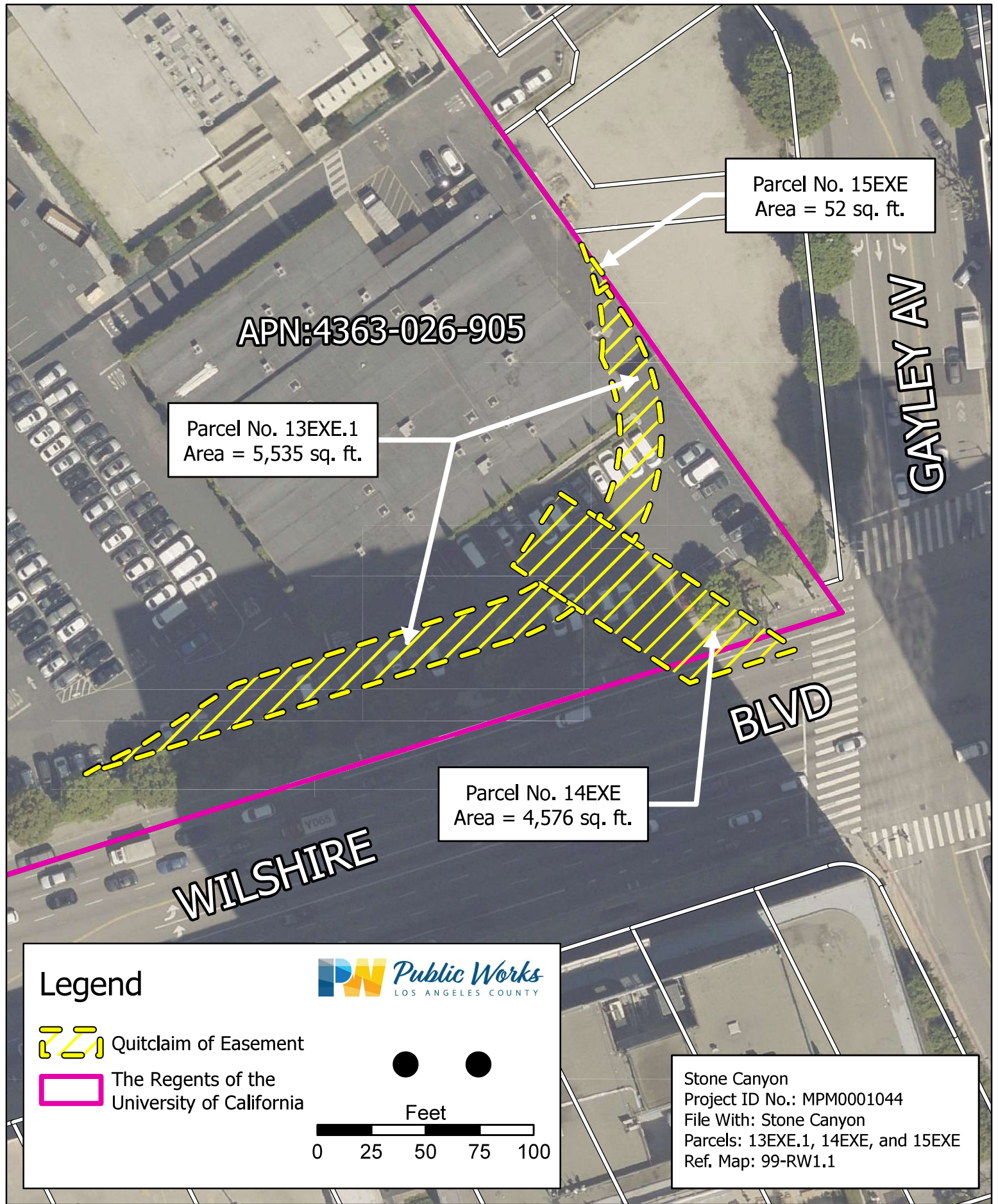
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| SUBJECT | WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA STONE CANYON, PARCELS 13EXE.1, 14EXE, AND 15EXE, IN THE WESTWOOD COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES) | | |
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| | \$ | | |
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| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | Quitclaim of easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and flood control purposes to The Regents of the University of California. | | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | In 2021 the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority realigned a portion of Stone Canyon drain located on the University of California, Los Angeles, campus as part of its Westside Subway Extension Project and a new easement was granted to the District for the realigned storm drain. Therefore, the District has no further need for the original easements. | | |
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STONE CANYON

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES





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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
TO THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
STONE CANYON, PARCELS 13EXE.1, 14EXE, AND 15EXE,
IN THE WESTWOOD COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to quitclaim its easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and flood control purposes in Parcels 13EXE.1, 14EXE, and 15EXE related to Stone Canyon, in the Westwood community of the City of Los Angeles, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owner, The Regents of the University of California.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Acting as a responsible agency for the Westside Subway Extension Transit Corridor Project, consider the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared and certified by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as the lead agency for the project; certify that the Board of Supervisors has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental

effects of the County of Los Angeles' approvals related to the project as shown in the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report; adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as applicable, finding that it is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during the project implementation; and determine that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific considerations of the project as outlined in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which findings and statement are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as applicable.

2. Find that the easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and flood control purposes in Parcels 13EXE.1, 14EXE, and 15EXE related to Stone Canyon, in the Westwood community of the City of Los Angeles, are no longer required for the purposes of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.
3. Approve the quitclaim of easements from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owner, The Regents of the University of California.
4. Instruct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Quitclaim of Easements document and authorize delivery to The Regents of the University of California.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act as a responsible agency and to obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to quitclaim its easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and flood control purposes in Parcels 13EXE.1, 14EXE, and 15EXE related to Stone Canyon drain, located in the Westwood community of the City of Los Angeles, as shown on the map attached to the enclosed Quitclaim of Easements document, to the underlying fee property owner, The Regents of the University of California.

In 1961 the District acquired easements for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures and flood control purposes for the construction of Stone Canyon drain. In 2021 the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority realigned a portion of Stone Canyon drain located on the University of California, Los Angeles, campus as part of its Westside Subway Extension Transit Corridor Project and a new easement was granted to the District for the realigned storm drain. Therefore, the District has no further need for the original easements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by allowing the County to relinquish the easements since replacement easements have been granted over the new alignment. This action will optimize operational efficiencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no significant impact to the County General Fund.

There will be no monetary consideration for the quitclaim of easements since UC Regents granted to the District a replacement easement in exchange for the quitclaim of easements.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed quitclaim is authorized by Section 2, Subsection 13, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This section provides as follows: "The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic and has all the following powers...13. To lease, sell or dispose of any property (or any interest therein) whenever in the judgment of the board of supervisors of the property, or any interest therein or part thereof, is no longer required for the purposes of the district..."

The Quitclaim of Easements document has been approved by County Counsel as to form and it will be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The District is acting as a responsible agency for the Westside Project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study, consulted with the District, and certified an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Westside Project on May 24, 2012. The District is the responsible agency to quitclaim its easements to UC Regents due to the relocation of the storm drain as detailed in the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report and is within the scope of impacts analyzed in the Addendum.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is at Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 10th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, Real Estate Services Section, and they are also available at the following California Environmental Quality Act website:

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Project/2009031083>

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact to current services or projects.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
December 6, 2022
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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and the executed original Quitclaim of Easements document to Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

MP:GE:db

Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Enclosure A

STONE CANYON

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES

APN:4363-026-905

Parcel No. 13EXE.1
Area = 5,535 sq. ft.

Parcel No. 15EXE
Area = 52 sq. ft.

Parcel No. 14EXE
Area = 4,576 sq. ft.

GAYLEY AV

BLVD

WILSHIRE

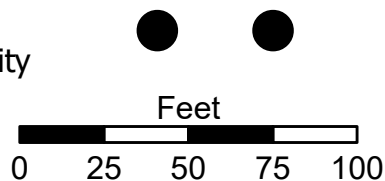
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Quitclaim of Easement



Regents of the University
of California



Stone Canyon
Project ID No.: MPM0001044
File With: Stone Canyon
Parcels: 13EXE.1, 14EXE, and 15EXE
Ref. Map: 99-RW1.1

Enclosure B

RECORDING REQUESTED BY
AND MAIL TO:

The Regents of the University of California
1111 Franklin Street, 6th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607-5200
Attn: Real Estate Strategies and Services Group

THIS DOCUMENT IS EXEMPT FROM DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX
PURSUANT TO SECTION 11922 OF THE REVENUE & TAXATION CODE.

Assessor's Identification Number:
4363-026-905 (Portion)

THIS DOCUMENT IS EXEMPT FROM RECORDING FEES PURSUANT TO
SECTION 27383 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE.

THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR(S) DECLARE(S) DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX is \$ Zero

For a valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic, does hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim to THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, a California corporation, all its right, title, and interest in and to the following easements, insofar and only insofar as they exist on the real property in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, described in Exhibit A and shown on and delineated on Exhibit B, both of which are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

A portion of an easement to construct, reconstruct, operate, and maintain a covered storm drain and appurtenant structures, acquired by Easement document, recorded on August 28, 1961, as Document No. 4930, in Book D1336, page 639, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, described as Parcel No. 13EXE.1 in said Exhibit A and shown on and delineated on said Exhibit B.

An easement for flood control purposes, acquired by Easement document, recorded on August 28, 1961, as Document No. 4930, in Book D1336, page 639, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, described as Parcel No. 14EXE in said Exhibit A and shown on and delineated on said Exhibit B.

A portion of an easement for flood control purposes, acquired by Easement document, recorded on August 28, 1961, as Document No. 4930, in Book D1336, page 639, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, described as Parcel No.15EXE in said Exhibit A and shown on and delineated on said Exhibit B.

P:CONF:SMQCEFLDTOREGENTSOFTHEUNIVERSITYOFCASTONECYN 13EXE.1 et al RRVSD 041422

Dated _____

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors of the
Los Angeles County Flood Control District

(LACFCD-SEAL)

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisor
of the County of Los Angeles

Deputy

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On January 6, 1987, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code that authorized the use of facsimile signatures of the Chair of the Board on all papers, documents, or instruments requiring the Chair's signature.

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this ____ day of _____, 20____, the facsimile signature of _____, Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, was affixed hereto as the official execution of this document. The undersigned further certifies that on this date a copy of the document was delivered to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

In witness whereof, I have also hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year above written.

CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

(LACFCD-SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy

APPROVED as to title and execution,

_____, 20____.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division

Supervising Title Examiner

By _____

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE OF THE REGENTS'
ACCEPTANCE OF A CONVEYANCE OF REAL
PROPERTY AND ITS CONSENT TO RECORDATION**

This is to certify that the interests in real property located in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, described in Exhibit A and shown on and delineated on Exhibit B, both attached hereto, conveyed by Quitclaim of Easements from the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic, to THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, a California corporation, is hereby accepted by the undersigned officer on behalf of The Regents of the University of California pursuant to authority granted under Bylaw 23.5(a) and the grantee hereby consents to recordation thereof by its duly authorized officer.

Dated _____

Anne L. Shaw
Secretary and Chief of Staff
to The Regents of the University of California

EXHIBIT A

STONE CANYON 13EXE.1

Includes: **Parcels Nos. 14EXE and 15EXE**

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A.I.N. 4363-026-905

I.M. 129-137

S.D. 3

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL NO. 13EXE.1 (Quitclaim of portion of easement):

Those portions of that certain 19-foot-wide strip of land in Lot 1, Block 23, Subdivision of Rancho San Jose de Buenos Ayres, as shown on map recorded in Book 26, pages 19 through 25, of Miscellaneous Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, described as Part I of A, an Easement to construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain a covered storm drain and appurtenant structures, in deed to LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, recorded on August 28, 1961, as Document No. 4930, in Book D1336, page 639, of Official Records, in the office of said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, lying southerly, southeasterly, easterly, and northeasterly of the following described line, said line being hereby designated as Line "A":

Commencing at the easterly terminus of that certain course having a bearing and length of N. 72° 21' 23" E. 508.24 feet in the centerline of said certain 19-foot-wide strip of land; thence at right angles from said certain course, South 17°38'37" East 9.50 feet to the southerly sideline of said 19-foot-wide strip of land; thence South 72°21'23" West, along said southerly sideline, a distance of 205.62 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said southerly sideline, North 61°23'35" East 17.30 feet; thence North 64°44'24" East 12.40 feet; thence North 56°45'10" East 206.04 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave to the northwest and having a radius of 89.50 feet; thence northeasterly, along said curve, through a central angle of 76°00'15", an arc distance of 118.72 feet; thence non-tangent to said curve, North 19°35'05" West 12.33 feet to the northeasterly line of that certain parcel of land described as Part I of B, an Easement for flood control purposes, in said deed to LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, said northeasterly line also being the southwesterly line of Lot 2,

EXHIBIT A

Block 3, Tract No. 9768, as shown on map recorded in Book 147, pages 70 through 73, of Maps, in the office of said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Containing: 5,535± square feet.

PARCEL NO. 14EXE (Quitclaim of easement):

That certain 40-foot-wide strip of land in above-mentioned Lot 1, described as Part II of B, an Easement for flood control purposes, in above-mentioned deed to LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

Containing: 4,576± square feet.

PARCEL NO. 15EXE (Quitclaim of portion of easement):

That portion of that certain parcel of land in above-mentioned Lot 1, described as Part I of B, an Easement for flood control purposes, in above-mentioned deed to LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, lying easterly and northeasterly of the above-described Line "A".

Containing: 52± square feet.



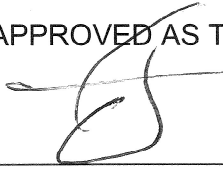
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| APPROVED AS TO DESCRIPTION | |
| By |  |
| | LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR Los Angeles County Public Works |
| Dated | <u>July 22, 2021</u> |

EXHIBIT B

SUBDIVISION OF RANCHO SAN JOSE DE BUENOS AYRES

MR 26 - 19 - 25

(BLK) 23

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A/N 4363-026-905

TRACT NO 9768

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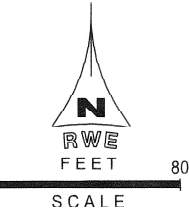
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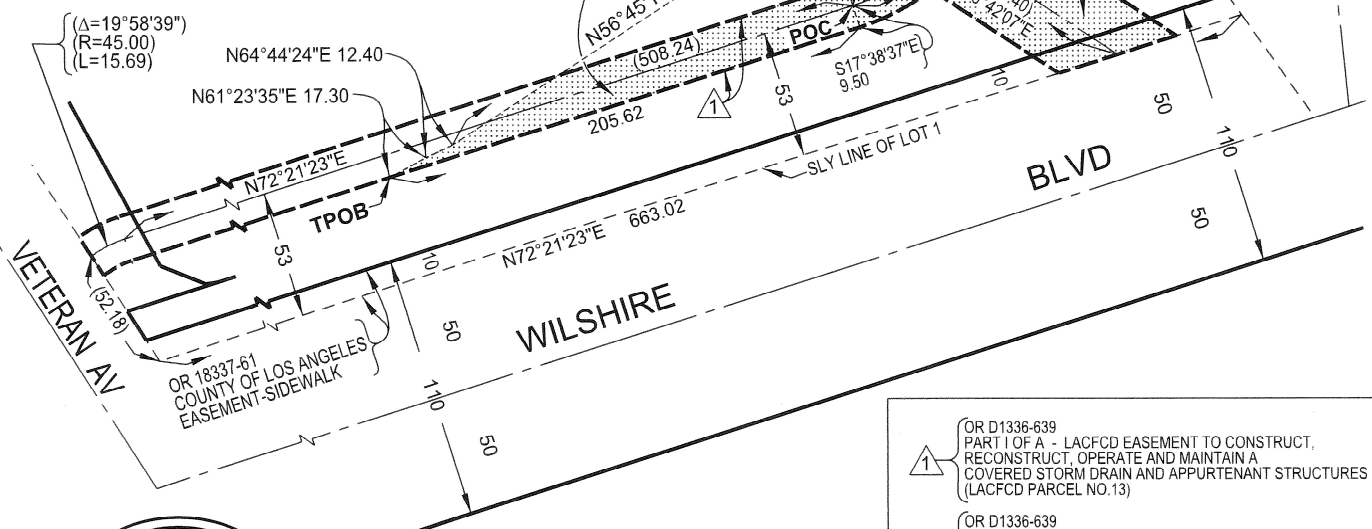
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LEGEND:

() DENOTES RECORD DIMENSIONS.
DIMENSIONS ARE IN FEET.

- QUITCLAIM OF LACFCD EASEMENT.



BY:

LICENSED SURVEYOR

7-22-21

DATE

- 1 OR D1336-639
PART I OF A - LACFCD EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT,
RECONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A
COVERED STORM DRAIN AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES
(LACFCD PARCEL NO. 13)
- 2 OR D1336-639
PART II OF A - LACFCD EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT,
RECONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A
COVERED STORM DRAIN AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES
(LACFCD PARCEL NO. 13)
- 3 OR D1336-639
PART I OF B - LACFCD EASEMENT FOR FLOOD
CONTROL PURPOSES
(LACFCD PARCEL NO. 15)
- 4 OR D1336-639
PART II OF B - LACFCD EASEMENT FOR FLOOD
CONTROL PURPOSES
(LACFCD PARCEL NO. 14)

ALL IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (S.D. 3)

STONE CANYON
PROJECT ID NO. MPM0001044
FILE WITH : STONE CANYON
PARCELS 13EXE.1, 14EXE, AND 15EXE
REF. MAP: 99-RW-1.1

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

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| CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE | 11/9/2022 | |
| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | |
| SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th | |
| DEPARTMENT(S) | Public Works | |
| SUBJECT | Two 3-year Memoranda of Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for permit review expediting | |
| PROGRAM | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | Current agreements expire December 31, 2022 | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: \$2,000,000 | Funding source: Flood Fund |
| | TERMS (if applicable): | |
| | Explanation: | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute two Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for expedited permit evaluation and related services by the USACE for Public Works projects. | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | <p>Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute two MOAs with the USACE, Los Angeles District, to provide funds to expedite the USACE permitting review process pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and 33 U.S.C. Section 408. The MOAs will establish a mutual framework for the acceptance and expenditure of funds contributed by Public Works to expedite the normal permit evaluation process under the permitting jurisdiction of the USACE. The recommended action ensures Public Works' ability to perform its necessary functions in an expeditious manner thereby providing a safer environment and enriching the lives for the residents of the County.</p> <p>On January 14, 2014, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into two MOAs with the USACE for the expedited processing of applications for USACE permits issued under CWA Section 404, RHA Section 10 and 33 U.S.C. Section 408, for three years and up to a total amount not to exceed \$1,800,000. In 2016, 2018, and 2021, Public Works executed amendments for both MOAs extending the terms to December 31, 2022.</p> | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | |

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| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Adoption of the MOAs for Expediting Permit Review with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Board letter supports Board Priorities #5 (Environmental Health Oversight and Monitoring) and #7 (Sustainability). These agreements will support resilient regional water resources, water conservation, and flood hazard mitigation projects, all of which support environmental compliance, public health, and sustainability. The recommended actions will strengthen the County's capacity to effectively prepare for emergent environmental and natural hazards and address the threat of climate change. |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Keith A. Lilley Deputy Director. Office Phone: (626) 458-4012; Cell Phone: (626) 320-9841; Email: klilley@pw.lacounty.gov |



MARK PESTRELLA, Director

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

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ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331
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<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
P.O. BOX 1460
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

December 6, 2022

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: **SWP-2**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICES AREA
LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPEDITING
PERMIT REVIEW BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works or his designee on behalf of the County of Los Angeles to enter into two Memoranda of Agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District to provide funds to expedite the United States Army Corps of Engineers permitting review process pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and 33 U.S.C. Section 408. The estimated total cost of the two Memoranda of Agreements for the County of Los Angeles is \$2,000,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environment Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the project records.
2. Authorize the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works or his designee to enter into two Memoranda of Agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, one Memoranda of Agreement related to United States Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction under Clean Water Act Section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10, and one Memoranda of Agreement related to United States Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction under 33 U.S.C. Section

408, to provide funds in the total amount of \$2,000,000 over a 3-year term, through and including December 31, 2025, for expedited permit evaluation and related services by the USACE for Public Works projects under the United States Army Corps of Engineers permitting jurisdiction.

3. Authorize the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works or his designee to execute amendments to the Memoranda of Agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to extend the term of one or both Memoranda of Agreements by up to an additional three years if the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works or his designee determines that there is a demand for the services, the services have been satisfactorily performed in the prior contract years, and no additional funding is required by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the extension period, to revise the list of priority projects for each Memoranda, and to make other, minor modifications to each Memoranda if the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works or his designee determines that any such amendment is in the best interests of the County of Los Angeles or its special districts.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Los Angeles County Public Works has many high-priority and urgent projects subject to permitting by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and 33 U.S.C. Section 408. However, the USACE permit process requires substantial amounts of their time, effort, and resources that can create delays in obtaining required permits. The delays continue to grow as a result of increased regulatory complexity and restrictive alterations to the permitting process. This has led to the implementation of Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, which allows the USACE to accept and expend funds from non-Federal public agencies to expedite USACE's permitting process.

The Board previously authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into similar Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) with the USACE for the years 2014-22. These MOAs are set to expire on December 31, 2022.

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into two new MOAs with the USACE, substantially similar in form and content to the enclosed MOAs, to continue providing funds to the USACE to expedite the USACE permitting review process for priority projects designated by Public Works. The initial term of the MOAs is three years, at an aggregate cost for both MOAs of \$2,000,000. Public Works is requesting authority to extend the terms of one of both MOAs by up to an additional three years provided no additional funds are required by USACE for the extension period. One MOA will pertain to the USACE permitting review process

under CWA Section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 and the other MOA will pertain to the USACE permitting review process under 33 U.S.C. Section 408.

These MOAs are not intended as an exclusive means of obtaining review of a project, but to establish a mutual framework for the acceptance and expenditure of funds contributed by Public Works to expedite the normal permit evaluation process under the permitting jurisdiction of the USACE. Public Works believes that it is in the best interest of the public to provide funds to expedite the USACE evaluation of priority permit applications designated by Public Works. Public Works currently estimates that expedited permit review costs will be approximately \$2,000,000 in total over the 3-year term; however, the anticipated costs are expected to vary from year-to-year, and it is possible that there will be a surplus at the end of the initial 3-year term. This estimate includes an initial payment, due upon execution of these MOAs, for the current fiscal year and subsequent deposits in future Federal fiscal years throughout the term of the MOAs.

The current lists of projects that are anticipated to require expedited permit processing from the USACE, were developed based on several factors including: (1) the importance of the project to the community, (2) the proposed construction start date, (3) the anticipated length and complexity of the USACE permit review, and (4) any circumstances that make the project urgent from a public health and safety perspective. As the County's principal representative under these MOAs, the Director of Public Works or his designee would have the authority to revise the list of projects and adjust the project priorities to accommodate any changed or unanticipated circumstances that may arise in the future, as well as extend the MOAs for up to three additional 1-year terms as necessary. Public Works intends to adaptively manage the list of expedited projects and will continue to consider equity in identifying and prioritizing projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations support County Strategic Plan Goal III.3 - Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended action ensures Public Works' ability to perform its necessary functions in an expeditious manner thereby providing a safer environment and enriching the lives of residents of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total aggregate cost of both MOAs is estimated to be \$2,000,000 over the initial 3-year term. The estimated cost was developed based on the current list of projects with consideration to historical expenditures. The current list of projects, which are anticipated to require expedited permit processing from the USACE, are all Flood Fund projects. Sufficient funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Flood Fund Budget to cover

costs for the first year of the proposed MOAs of up to \$600,000. Funds to finance future years will be incorporated into the annual budget process.

Should Public Works determine that any non-Flood Fund priority project(s) requires expedited permit processing under these MOAs, the appropriate fund source will be used to pay the USACE for the expedited permit processing related to Non-Flood Fund project(s).

Any unspent funds deposited with the USACE from the previous year may carry over to subsequent years. Total annual expenditures by the USACE may differ from the anticipated amount stated on each MOA in some years, based on Public Works projected permit review requests. If a fund balance remains for either MOA at the end of the initial 3-year term, Public Works requests authority to extend the term of the MOA, for up to an additional 3-years, until the fund balance is depleted. The total aggregate cost for both MOAs will not exceed \$2,000,000 over the 3-year initial term plus all subsequent extensions. The USACE will refund unexpended funds if these MOAs expire or are terminated prior to expending all the funds provided to the USACE.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The USACE has regulatory jurisdiction and permitting authority over certain activities, including the discharge of dredge or fill material into the waters of the United States pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA, projects affecting the navigability of waters of the United States pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and the modification to any Federally constructed flood control facility, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. Section 408.

Under Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, the USACE is allowed to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the permit evaluation process for projects designated by the contributing local agencies.

On January 14, 2014, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into two MOAs with the USACE for the expedited processing of applications for USACE permits issued under CWA Section 404 and 33 U.S.C. Section 408 related to County-designated projects, for three years and up to a total amount not to exceed \$1,800,000. Pursuant to the terms of those MOAs, the County deposited the sum of \$1,800,000 with the USACE and the USACE would draw from the deposit as it provided the expedited processing services throughout the 3-year terms.

On November 14, 2016, Public Works executed an amendment to both MOAs extending the respective terms by two years, to December 14, 2018. On December 11, 2018, the Board approved an amendment for a second extension of the MOAs to December 31, 2021. On November 30, 2021, the Board approved an amendment for a third extension

of the MOAs to December 31, 2022. The amendments did not increase the not-to-exceed amount or the amount of the required deposit.

The enclosed MOAs have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed amendments are not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. We will return to the Board as necessary for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA prior to any commencement of any activities under these MOAs that may constitute a project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current services. This action allows Public Works to reduce the time required to implement priority projects, which may be critical to public safety.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Stormwater Planning Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel (Mark Yanai)
Executive Office

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MOA”) is entered into between the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter the “County”) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (hereinafter the “Corps”), collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Corps has regulatory jurisdiction over certain activities occurring in waters of the United States pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (“CWA”) of 1972, as amended, and navigable waters of the United States pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (“RHA”) of 1899, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 214 of the Federal Water Resources Development Act (“WRDA”) of 2000, as amended, codified at 33 U.S.C. 2352, authorizes the Secretary of the Army, after public notice, to accept and expend funds contributed by a non-Federal public entity to expedite the permit application review process related to a project or activity for a public purpose under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Army has delegated the responsibility of carrying out Section 214 of the WRDA 2000, as amended, to the Chief of Engineers and his delegated representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) by memorandum dated January 19, 2018 has authorized the District and Division Engineers of the Corps to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities subject to certain limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Corps has indicated it is unable, without additional resources, to expedite the evaluation of County permit applications related to projects or activities for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County is a non-Federal public entity and believes it is in its best interest to provide funds to the Corps pursuant to this MOA to streamline and expedite the Corps’ review under Section 404 of the CWA and/or Section 10 of the RHA for County-designated priority projects, as more fully described in this MOA; and

WHEREAS, in a memorandum dated [insert date], the Corps' District Engineer determined that expenditure of funds received from the County is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, it is understood and acknowledged by all Parties that the Corps' review of the County permit applications for County-designated priority projects will be completely impartial and in accordance with all applicable Federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, this MOA is intended to: (1) enable the Parties to fully consider, address, and protect environmental resources early in the development of proposed actions; (2) avoid conflicts late in project development through close coordination during early planning and development stages; (3) provide sufficient information to the Corps for timely analysis of project effects and to assist the County in developing appropriate mitigation measures; (4) maximize the effective use of limited Corps personnel resources by focusing attention on projects that would most affect aquatic resources; (5) provide a mechanism for expediting project coordination when necessary; and (6) provide procedures for resolving disputes in this resource partnering effort; and

WHEREAS, the Parties had entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in 2014, as amended ("2014 MOA") for expedited and priority review by the Corps, which will expire December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Corps estimates there will be an unexpended balance of advance payments in the amount of approximately \$_____ at the time the MOA expires; and

WHEREAS, the County has allowed the Corps to use the unexpended balance of advance payments from the 2014 MOA (i.e., not refund the monies) as part of the initial funding in accordance with this MOA.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

Article I. - PURPOSE AND AUTHORITIES

A. This MOA is entered into by the Parties for the purpose of establishing a mutual framework governing the respective responsibilities of the Parties for the Corps' acceptance and expenditure of funds contributed by the County to provide expedited permit application evaluation-related services for County-designated priority projects requiring Corps' approval pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA and/or Section 10 of the RHA, as listed in **Appendix A** to this MOA ("Priority Projects"). This MOA is not intended as the exclusive means of obtaining review of Priority Projects proposed by the County; it is a vehicle by which the County will obtain expedited permit application evaluation-related services, outside of the ordinary Corps review process for permit applications.

B. The County enters into this MOA pursuant to its authority under, inter alia, section 23004 of the California Government Code.

C. The Corps enters into this MOA pursuant to its authority under 33 U.S.C. 2352.

Article II. - SCOPE OF WORK

A. The Corps will expedite permit application evaluation-related services for County Priority Projects under the jurisdiction of the Corps in exchange for funds provided by County as set forth below. The Corps' Regulatory Program is funded as a congressionally appropriated line item in the annual Federal budget. Funds received from the County will be added to the Regulatory Division budget of the Corps, in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 2352.

B. The Corps will provide staffing resources exclusively dedicated to expediting permit application evaluation-related services, as described below, for County Priority Projects and/or other programmatic efforts to support efficient decision-making related to the County's CWA Section 404 and/or RHA Section 10 permitting needs.

C. The Corps will establish a separate internal financial account to track receipt and expenditure of the funds associated with its review of permit applications submitted by the County for Priority Projects. Corps Regulatory personnel will charge their time and expenses against the account when they perform work to either expedite permit application evaluation-related requests for Priority Projects or undertake other programmatic efforts requested by the County to support efficient decision-making related to the County permitting needs.

D. Funds contributed by the County hereunder will be expended by the Corps to defray the costs of Regulatory Division personnel (including salary, associated benefits, overhead and travel expenses) and other costs in order to expedite the evaluation of Priority Project permit applications. Activities covered by this MOA will include, but not be limited to, the following: application intake review, permit database entry, drawing correction, jurisdictional determinations, site visits, travel, preparing and distributing public notices, preparing and conducting public hearings, preparing correspondence, performing the public interest review, preparing draft permit decision documents, meetings with the County and other agencies, and relevant training to County staff.

E. The Corps may expend funds provided by the County to hire contractors to perform select duties, including but not limited to the following: site visits; preparing and providing technical materials, including environmental documentation; GIS-related services; and meeting coordination for the purpose of augmenting the resources available to the Corps for expediting its review of County Priority Projects. If such expenditures when combined with the costs of the Regulatory Division personnel require funding in excess of the amount available under this MOA, then the Corps, as appropriate, shall not hire said contractors until and unless additional funds are provided by the County and the Parties execute a written amendment to this MOA.

F. The Corps will not expend funds provided by the County for costs associated with the review of the Corps' work undertaken by supervisors or other persons or elements of the Corps in the decision-making chain of command. However, if a supervisor is performing staff work and not supervisory oversight, funds may be used. The Corps will not expend funds provided by the County to defray the costs of activities related to the Corps' enforcement

functions, but may use funds provided by the County to defray costs of activities related to permit compliance functions for County Priority Projects, such as compliance inspections. Enforcement functions are defined as activities not permitted by the Corps but requiring Corps authorization. Permit compliance functions are defined as Corps oversight of Corps-permitted activities.

G. If the funds provided by the County are expended and not replenished, any remaining County Priority Projects will be handled through the ordinary Corps review process for permit applications.

Article III. - INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

To provide for consistent and effective communication between the Parties, each party will appoint a Principal Representative to serve as its central point of contact on matters relating to this MOA. The Principal Representatives are identified in Article IV. B. Additional representatives may also be appointed to serve as points of contact on specific actions or issues. Principal Representatives may be changed upon written notification to the other party without requiring an amendment to this MOA.

Article IV. - NOTICES

A. Any notices, requests, demands, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this MOA shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally, or sent by email, or mailed by first-class, registered, or certified mail to the applicable Principal Representative. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication made pursuant to this Article shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at the earlier of such time as it is actually received or seven (7) business days after it is mailed.

B. All inquiries during the term of this MOA will be directed to the Principal Representatives listed below:

If to County:

Los Angeles County Public Works
Stormwater Planning Division
900 South Fremont Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803

If to the Corps:

Chief, Los Angeles & San Bernardino Counties Section
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District
915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1109
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3409

With a copy in all instances to:

District Counsel
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District
915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1109
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3409

Article V. - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The County will provide adequate resources to fund existing or additional Corps Regulatory personnel for the purpose of expediting the review of County Priority Projects and other activities eligible to be paid for with funds provided by the County. To facilitate the Corps' reviews and activities, the County will:

1. Provide adequate information regarding County Priority Projects, scheduling requirements, and other specific activities to initiate permit evaluation. Information required for the Corps to deem a permit application complete thereby allowing initiation of the permit review process can be found in Corps regulations at 33 C.F.R. §§ 325.1(d), 325.3(a), and in the General Conditions of the Nationwide Permit Program. Upon request, the County shall provide supplemental information necessary to complete the permit application. Additional information [33 C.F.R. § 325.1(e)] required to complete the permit evaluation process may exceed what is needed to initiate the process. On a case-by-case basis, if requested by the Corps, the County shall provide such additional information to ensure the Corps can effectively accomplish the required review.

2. In consultation with the Corps, establish the specific order of priority of the County Priority Projects as listed in **Appendix A** to this MOA. The County Priority Projects included in Appendix A and the order of priority of those County Priority Projects may be changed by the County's Principal Representative without requiring an amendment to this MOA. Such changes shall be submitted to the Corps' Principal Representative in writing in the manner provided by Article IV and will be effective upon receipt thereof.

3. To the best of its ability, ensure the participation of all essential personnel during the permit evaluation or compliance process.

4. Work closely with the Corps to adjust priorities and schedules in order to optimize available Regulatory Division staff resources. While the County will make every effort not to overlap project schedules, occasional overlaps may occur and the County's Principal Representative will work with the Corps to prioritize such overlaps.

5. Provide funding pursuant to the terms of this MOA.

B. The Corps shall use the funds provided to defray the costs of salaries and associated benefits, relevant training to County, and to reimburse travel expenses in order to:

1. Expedite review of the County Priority Projects in accordance with the purpose, terms, and conditions of this MOA or any amendments thereto. The Corps shall not redirect resources from, or otherwise postpone, permit applications related to non-Priority Projects submitted by the County through the standard Corps review process.

2. Render decisions for non-notifying Nationwide Permit verification applications for Priority Projects submitted by County within 45 calendar days of receipt of a complete application, to the greatest extent possible.

3. Following any pre-application meetings and/or discussions to clarify the scope of anticipated permit application review processes, provide the County with an estimated completion date for the permit evaluation process for each complete application submitted. The County shall be able to comment on the estimated completion date and adjust the order of priority or list of Priority Projects per Appendix A, or provide additional resources per Article VI.

4. Consult with the County regarding an adjustment of priorities or establishment of relative priorities if the current or projected workload of Priority Projects and activities exceeds the Corps' ability to provide the services specified herein.

5. Provide the County a brief quarterly summary report of progress made under this MOA within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the end of each quarter. Progress will be itemized for each permit application review completed during the quarter and for each permit application pending at the end of the quarter. This report will describe achievements, including any improvements the Corps has documented in coordinating and improving the efficiency of environmental/permit reviews, and will summarize expenditures to date. The report also will identify any recommendations for improving consultation and coordination among the Parties to this MOA and will provide an estimate of costs expected for the ensuing quarter. The report shall not be more than five (5) pages.

6. Designate a Regulatory Project Manager(s) and his/her specific responsibilities for each Priority Project.

7. Meet with County as needed to discuss progress under this MOA.

8. Prior to expiration of the MOA, hold a final meeting with the County to review a summary of permit streamlining and other activities under this MOA, as well as provide recommendations for future coordination between the Parties.

Article VI. - FUNDING

A. Within 30 days of execution of this MOA, the County shall pay the anticipated costs expected to be incurred through September 30, 2023, at the level specified in the Corps' budget estimate, which is included as **Appendix B** to this MOA and incorporated herein by reference. This budget estimate has taken into account the \$ [insert] that the County has on deposit with the Corps in Fund Auth/CO: [insert] and Fund Acct. [insert], which is the balance remaining from the 2014 MOA.

B. No later than July 1 of 2023 and of each subsequent year that this MOA remains in effect, the Corps will submit an updated budget estimate of costs for the next Federal fiscal year, including any proposed changes in the level of staffing, less any estimated carry-over of unobligated funds from the prior Federal fiscal year, to the County. For Federal fiscal year 2026, the Corps shall provide the County with an updated budget estimate of anticipated costs through December 31, 2025.

C. In the event the County disagrees with the Corps' updated budget estimate prepared pursuant to subparagraph B, the Parties shall meet and confer, in good faith, and attempt to reach agreement on a final updated budget estimate for the applicable Federal fiscal year. Any mutually agreed upon updated budget estimate for a Federal fiscal year will be memorialized in a revision to Appendix B, sent by the Corps' Principal Representative to the County's Principal Representative, but will not otherwise require an amendment to the MOA.

D. Not later than August 1, 2023 and in each subsequent year that this MOA remains in effect, the Corps will provide the County with an invoice ("Invoice") for the mutually agreed upon final budget estimate for the next Federal fiscal year (or portion thereof). The Invoice shall be provided on Corps letterhead, and include (1) the Corps' name and address, (2) Corps' remittance address, if different, (3) service dates, and (4) total amount. Invoices shall be submitted by the Corps to:

Los Angeles County Public Works
Stormwater Planning Division
900 South Fremont Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803

E. Prior to the Corps incurring any expenditure to expedite permit evaluation-related activities as specified in this MOA in any Federal fiscal year, the County will make a lump sum payment to the Corps of the total amount specified in the Corps' Invoice for that Federal fiscal year. Payments by the County are to be made preferably by electronic funds transfer in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure UFC 08 (**Appendix C**) or by check payable to the "USAED Los Angeles, FAO" and sent to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District
Attn: EROC: L1
5722 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38054

F. The Corps will carry-over any unobligated funds from year to year, or will refund such unobligated funds if this MOA is terminated or expires in accordance with Article X.

G. If the Corps' actual costs to perform work under this MOA will at any time during the term of this MOA exceed the amount of funds available, the Corps will notify the County at least ninety (90) days prior to fund exhaustion of the incremental amount of funds needed to defray the remaining anticipated costs. The County will have the option of

(i) making a payment to the Corps for the incremental amount, or (ii) agree to a reduced level of service.

Article VII. - APPLICABLE LAWS

The applicable statutes, regulations, policies, directives, and procedures of the United States will govern this MOA and all documents and actions pursuant to it. Unless otherwise required by law, all expediting of permit applications undertaken by the Corps will be governed by Corps regulations, policies and procedures.

Article VIII. - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a dispute, the Parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve the dispute in an informal fashion through consultation and communication, or other forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution mutually acceptable to the Parties. The Parties agree that, in the event such measures fail to resolve the dispute, they shall refer the dispute for resolution to an appropriate forum in accordance with Federal law.

Article IX. - PUBLIC INFORMATION

Justification and explanation of the County's programs or projects before other agencies, departments and offices will not be the responsibility of the Corps. The Corps may provide, upon request from the County, any assistance necessary to support justification or explanations of activities conducted under this MOA. In general, the Corps is responsible only for public information regarding Corps regulatory activities. The County will give the Corps, as appropriate, advance notice before making formal, official statements regarding activities funded under this MOA.

Article X. - AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION

A. This MOA may be modified or amended only by written, mutual agreement of the Parties, except where otherwise noted.

B. Any party reserves the right to terminate its participation in this MOA without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, the County will continue to be responsible for all costs incurred by the Corps in performing expedited environmental permit review services up to the time of notice and for the costs of closing out any ongoing contracts in support of the provision of services by the Corps under this MOA.

C. Within ninety (90) calendar days of termination of the MOA, or the expiration of the MOA, the Corps shall provide the County with a final statement of expenditures. Within sixty (60) calendar days after submittal of the Corps' final statement of expenditures, the Corps, subject to compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341 et. seq.), shall directly remit to the County the unexpended balance of the advance payments, if any. Funds may be provided to the County either by check or electronic funds transfer.

Article XI. - MISCELLANEOUS

A. This MOA will not affect any pre-existing or independent relationships or obligations between Parties.

B. The Corps' participation in this MOA does not imply endorsement of County projects nor does it diminish, modify, or otherwise affect Corps statutory or regulatory authorities.

C. If any provision of this MOA is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in force and unaffected to the fullest extent permitted by law and regulation.

D. This MOA, including any documents incorporated by reference or attachments thereto, but excluding the pre-existing relationships or obligations between the Parties referenced in subparagraph A above, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties. All prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations and statements, oral or written, are merged herein and shall be of no further force or effect.

Article XII. - EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This MOA and any amendments will be effective on the date of signature by the last party. Unless amended or modified pursuant to Article X.A., this MOA shall remain in force until whichever of these events occurs first: 1) December 31, 2025 or 2) the MOA is terminated pursuant to Article X.B.

[REMAINDER LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOA is executed as of the dates indicated below by the County, acting by and through its Department of Public Works, and by the Corps, through its authorized officer.

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____ Date: _____

Keith Lilley
Deputy Director
Department of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

Deputy

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

By: _____ Date: _____

JULIE A. BALTEN
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

Appendix A: County Priority Projects

Appendix B: Budget Estimate

Appendix C: Standard Operating
Procedure UFC 08

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MOA”) is entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter “County”) and the Los Angeles District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (hereinafter “Corps”), collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, codified at 33 U.S.C. § 408 (“Section 408”), as amended, the Corps has jurisdiction over requests to alter or modify completed water resources development projects constructed by the Corps (“Section 408 Requests”);

WHEREAS, section 214 of the Federal Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Public Law 106-541 (“WRDA 2000”), as amended and codified at 33 U.S.C. § 2352, authorizes the Secretary of the Army, after public notice, to accept and expend funds contributed by a non-Federal public entity to expedite the evaluation of a permit application of that entity related to a project or activity for a public purpose under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Army has delegated the responsibility of carrying out section 214 of the WRDA 2000, as amended, to the Chief of Engineers and his delegated representatives;

WHEREAS, Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220 authorizes District and Division Engineers of the Corps to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities subject to certain limitations;

WHEREAS, the Corps has indicated it is not able, without additional resources, to expedite the evaluation of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests (“County-designated priority Section 408 Requests”) that have a public purpose;

WHEREAS, County is a non-Federal entity and believes it is in its best interest to provide funds to the Corps pursuant to this MOA to streamline and expedite Corps’ review of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests, as more fully described in this MOA;

WHEREAS, the Corps issued an initial public notice dated August 03, 2022, regarding its intent to accept and expend funds contributed by County;

WHEREAS, in a memorandum dated DATE###, the District Engineer of the Corps' Los Angeles District determined that expenditure of funds received from County is appropriate, and an informational public notice dated DATE###, regarding the decision has been issued;

WHEREAS, it is understood and acknowledged by all Parties that the Corps' review of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests will be completely impartial and in accordance with all applicable Federal laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, this MOA establishes the responsibilities and operating procedures of the Parties with respect to the Corps' review of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests requiring Corps permission pursuant to Section 408;

WHEREAS, this MOA is intended to: (1) enable the Parties to fully consider, address, and protect environmental resources, including but not limited to impacts to existing and completed Corps water resources development projects and any component feature thereof, early in the development of proposed actions; (2) avoid conflicts late in project development through close coordination during early planning and development stages; (3) provide sufficient information to the Corps for timely analysis of project effects and to assist County in developing appropriate mitigation measures; (4) maximize the effective use of limited Corps resources by focusing attention on projects that would have the most effect on completed water resources development and federal flood risk management projects constructed by the Corps; (5) provide a mechanism for expediting County-designated priority Section 408 Request reviews and coordination when necessary; and (6) provide procedures for resolving disputes in this resource partnering effort.

WHEREAS, the Parties had entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in 2014, as amended ("2014 MOA") for expedited and priority review by the Corps, which will expire December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Corps estimates there will be an unexpended balance of advance payments in the amount of approximately \$ at the time the MOA expires; and

WHEREAS, the County has allowed the Corps to use the unexpended balance of advance payments from the 2014 MOA (i.e., not refund the monies) as part of the initial funding in accordance with this MOA.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

Article I. - PURPOSE AND AUTHORITIES

A. This MOA is entered into by the Parties for the purpose of establishing a mutual framework governing the respective responsibilities of the Parties for the Corps' acceptance and expenditure of funds contributed by County to provide expedited Section 408 Request evaluation-related services for County-designated priority Section 408 Requests. County-designated priority Section 408 Requests are listed in **Appendix A** to this MOA. This MOA is not intended as the exclusive means of obtaining Corps review of County Section 408 Requests.

This MOA is a vehicle by which County will obtain expedited review and evaluation of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests outside of the ordinary Corps review process.

B. County enters into this MOA pursuant to authority under, inter alia, section 23004 of the California Government.

C. The Corps enters into this MOA pursuant to its authority under 33 U.S.C. § 2352.

D. This MOA is limited to County-designated priority Section 408 Request reviews only. A separate agreement may be required between County and the Corps to expedite environmental technical assistance, coordination services, review, and concurrence of documentation prepared to comply with section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended, and/or section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended.

E. County is a non-federal public entity, a County government incorporated in the State of California, and may enter into this MOA.

Article II. - SCOPE OF WORK

A. County will provide funds to the Corps to expedite review and evaluation related services for County-designated priority Section 408 Requests as designated in **Appendix A**. The Corps' operations and maintenance expenses are funded as a congressionally appropriated line item in the annual Federal budget. County will provide the Corps with funds in accordance with the provisions of 33 U.S.C. § 2352.

B. The Corps will provide staffing resources dedicated to expediting County-designated priority Section 408 Request reviews, as described in Article II.D., below, and/or other programmatic efforts to support efficient decision-making related to the County's designated priority Section 408 Requests.

C. The Corps will establish a separate internal financial account to track receipt and expenditure of funds associated with its review of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests. Corps' personnel will charge their time and expenses against the account when they perform work to either expedite County-designated priority Section 408 Requests or undertake other programmatic efforts (i.e., develop framework and processes to streamline the review and approval of County's projects) to support efficient decision-making related to County's designated priority Section 408 Requests.

D. Funds contributed by County hereunder will be expended by the Corps to defray the costs of its staff (including salary, associated benefits, overhead and travel expenses) and other costs in order to expedite the evaluation of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests. The Corps may expend County funds to perform select duties necessary to expedite the evaluation of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests, including but not limited to technical analyses and writing, Agency Technical Review, real estate evaluation, risk analysis, copying or other clerical/support tasks, acquisition of data, site visits, travel, coordination activities, additional personnel (including support/clerical staff), contracting support for technical services (e.g., structural risk evaluation, geotechnical analysis, hydraulic and hydrological

engineering review), construction quality assurance and control, environmental documentation preparation and review; consultation with resource agencies; meeting coordination; and any other Section 408 Request evaluation related activities that may be mutually agreed upon.

E. The Corps will *not* expend funds provided by County for costs associated with the review of the Corps' work undertaken by supervisors or other persons or elements of the Corps in the decision-making chain of command. However, if a supervisor is performing staff work and not supervisory oversight, funds provided by County pursuant to this MOA may be used.

F. The Corps will *not* expend funds provided by County to defray the costs of activities related to the Corps' enforcement functions, but may use funds provided by County to defray costs of activities related to Section 408 permission compliance functions, such as quality assurance activities or reviews of associated Section 408 permission closeout documentation.

G. If the funds provided by County are expended and not replenished, any remaining County-designated priority Section 408 Requests will be handled through the ordinary Corps review process for Section 408 Requests.

H. Expediting of County designated priority Section 408 Request packages shall include review of a submittals within 30 calendar days. Should the package or plans be incomplete in nature, Corps shall reject plans and notify County within 7 calendar days of receipt of plans.

Article III. - INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

To provide for consistent and effective communication between the Parties, each party will appoint a Principal Representative to serve as its central point of contact on matters relating to this MOA. Additional representatives may also be appointed to serve as points of contact on specific actions or issues. For the purposes of this MOA, County's Principal Representative will be Armando D'Angelo, P.E., County, and the Corps' Principal Representative will be Michael Lau, P.E., Engineering Division, Los Angeles District. The Principal Representative for each party may be changed upon written notification to the other party.

Article IV. - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. County will provide adequate resources to fund existing or additional Corps personnel for the purpose of expediting the review of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests and other activities eligible to be paid for with funds provide by the County. To facilitate the Corps' reviews and activities, County will:

1. Provide adequate information regarding County-designated priority Section 408 Requests, scheduling requirements, and other specific activities to initiate evaluation of the Request by the Corps. Information required for the Corps to deem a Section 408 Request package submittal complete thereby allowing initiation of the Section 408 Request review process can be found in applicable Section 408 guidance, including but not limited to EC 1165-2-220, POLICY AND PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS TO ALTER US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS PURSUANT

TO 33 USC 408, dated September 10, 2018, a copy of which has been provided to County. Upon request, County shall provide supplemental information necessary to complete the Section 408 Request. Additional information required to complete the Section 408 Request evaluation process may exceed what is needed to initiate the process. On a case-by-case basis, if requested by the Corps, County shall provide such additional information as may be necessary to ensure the Corps can effectively accomplish the required review.

2. In consultation with the Corps, establish the specific order of priority of the County designated priority Section 408 Requests listed in **Appendix A** to this MOA. The Section 408 Requests included in **Appendix A** and the order of priority of those Section 408 Requests may be changed by County's Principal Representative without requiring an amendment to this MOA. Such changes shall be submitted to the Corps' Principal Representative in writing in the manner provided by Article VI and will be effective upon receipt thereof, provided, however, that any proposed changes to evaluation activity budgets in Appendix A shall require written concurrence by the Corps.

3. To the best of its ability, ensure the participation of all essential County personnel during the Section 408 Request evaluation process.

4. Work closely with the Corps to adjust priorities and schedules in order to optimize available Corps staff resources. If overlaps or conflicts occur among County-designated priority Section 408 Requests, then County will work with the Corps to prioritize such overlaps.

B. The Corps shall assign qualified personnel to evaluate the County-designated priority Section 408 Requests and prioritize associated tasks within projected funding levels provided under this MOA. The Corps shall use the funds provided to defray the costs of salaries and associated benefits and to reimburse travel expenses in order to:

1. Expedite review of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests as identified in **Appendix A** or any amendments thereto in accordance with the purpose, terms, and conditions of this MOA or any amendments thereto. The Corps shall not redirect resources from, or otherwise postpone, Section 408 Requests related to non-priority Section 408 Requests submitted by County through the ordinary Corps review process for Section 408 Requests.

2. Following any pre-application meetings and/or discussions to clarify the scope of anticipated County designated priority Section 408 Requests, provide County with an estimated schedule to the best of its ability within fourteen (14) calendar days of receiving County's scheduling requirements as described in Article IV subparagraph A (1) to complete the Section 408 Request evaluation process for each County designated priority Section 408 Request submitted by the County. County shall be entitled to comment on these schedules and adjust the order of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests included in **Appendix A**, or provide additional resources per Article V.D, below.

3. Consult on a monthly basis with County regarding an adjustment of priorities or amendments to **Appendix A** if the current and/or projected workload of County designated priority Section 408 Requests and activities exceeds the Corps' ability to provide the services specified herein or negotiate additional funding in accordance with Article V.D, below.

4. If a Section 408 permission is issued, provide construction quality assurance and quality control support for Section 408 permission compliance purposes, which shall consist of reviewing technical submittals and requests for information, field inspections at critical construction milestones, review of proposed change orders that involve the design or design intent of any Section 408 permission, providing technical assistance during construction as requested by the County on a case by case basis and review of construction and Section 408 closeout documentation as applicable.

5. Provide County with a brief quarterly summary report of progress made under this MOA within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the end of each quarter (January 21, April 21, July 21, and October 21). Progress will be itemized for each County-designated priority Section 408 Request package during the quarter for each County-designated priority Section 408 Request pending at the end of the quarter. This report will describe achievements, including any improvements the Corps has documented in coordinating and improving the efficiency of County-designated priority Section 408 Request package reviews, and will summarize expenditures for each County designated priority Section 408 Request package to date. The report also will identify any recommendations for improving consultation and coordination among the Parties to this MOA and will provide an estimate of costs expected for the ensuing quarter. The report shall not be in excess of five (5) pages of narrative per report.

6. Meet with County representatives as needed to discuss progress under this MOA.

7. Work closely with the County and applicable third parties to determine the applicable Corps standards to be applied and the specific level of detail necessary to be provided in order for the Corps to make a decision for a particular alteration request. The Corps' determination of the appropriate level of detail will be risk-informed and documented in the Corps' review plan. The Corps acknowledges the County is responsible for ensuring a proposed alteration meets current Corps design and construction standards. However, the County is not required to bring those portions or features of the existing Corps project that are not impacted by the alteration up to current Corps design standards.

8. Prior to expiration of the MOA, hold a final meeting with County representatives to review a summary of County-designated priority Section 408 Request review streamlining and other activities under this MOA, as well as provide recommendations for future coordination between the Parties.

Article V. - FUNDING

A. Within 30 days of the execution of this MOA, the County shall deposit with the Corps the estimated amount identified in the Corps' budget estimate, attached hereto as Appendix B, to pay the Corps' anticipated costs of Section 408 Request evaluation activities associated with County-designated priority Section 408 Requests listed in **Appendix A** through September 30, 2023. This budget estimate has taken into account the \$ _____ that the County has on deposit with the Corps in Fund Auth/CO: [insert] and Fund Acct. [insert], which is the balance remaining from the 2014 MOA..

B. No later than July 1 of 2023 and of each subsequent year that this MOA remains in effect, the Corps will submit an updated budget estimate of costs for the next Federal fiscal year, including any proposed changes in the level of staffing, less any estimated carry-over of unobligated funds from the prior Federal fiscal year, to the County. For Federal fiscal year 2026, the Corps shall provide the County with an updated budget estimate of anticipated costs through December 31, 2025.

C. In the event in the County disagrees with the Corps' updated budget estimate prepared pursuant to subparagraph B, the Parties shall meet and confer, in good faith, and attempt to reach agreement on a final updated budget estimate for the applicable Federal fiscal year. Any mutually agreed upon updated budget estimate for a Federal fiscal year will be memorialized in a revision to Appendix B, sent by the Corps' Principal Representative to the County's Principal Representative, but will not otherwise require an amendment to the MOA.

D. Not later than August 1, 2023 and August 1 in each subsequent year that this MOA remains in effect, the Corps will provide the County with an invoice ("Invoice") for the mutually agreed upon final budget estimate for the next Federal fiscal year (or portion thereof). The Invoice shall be provided on Corps letterhead, and include (1) the Corps' name and address, (2) Corps' remittance address, if different, (3) service dates, and (4) total amount. Invoices shall be submitted by the Corps to:

Los Angeles County Public Works
Stormwater Planning Division
900 South Fremont Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803

E. Prior to the Corps incurring any expenditure to expedite the review of any County designated priority Section 408 Request in any Federal fiscal year, the County will transfer to the Corps the amount specified in the Corps' Invoice for that Federal fiscal year. Payment by County is to be made by check payable to the Finance and Accounting Officer and sent to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District
Finance and Accounting Officer
915 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325
Attn: Carlos M. Tabares

or by electronic funds transfer in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure UFC 08
Appendix B.

F. The Corps will carry over any unexpended funds from year to year, or will refund such unobligated funds if this MOA is terminated or expires in accordance with Article X.

G. The Corps will provide County with written notice when 80% of the funding has been expended. If the Corps' actual costs for providing the agreed-upon level of service will

exceed the amount of funds available, County will have the option to (i) provide additional funding for this MOA, or (ii) agree to a reduced level of service.

E. The County may designate additional priority Section 408 Requests and add them to Appendix A or substitute them with other Requests on Appendix A without amendment to this MOA. If the County proposes to designate an additional priority Section 408 Request, the Corps, following an initial review of a the proposed additional County priority Section 408 Request, will provide County an estimate of costs that will be incurred to complete Section 408 review for that Request. If it is determined that those estimated costs exceed the amount of funding available, County shall deposit additional funds in an amount sufficient to cover the determined deficit.

Article VI. - NOTICES

A. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this MOA shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or mailed via electronic mail, by first-class, registered, or certified mail, as follows:

If to County:

Los Angeles County Public Works
Stormwater Planning Division
900 South Fremont Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803

If to the Corps:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Engineering Division
915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1109
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Attn: Michael Lau, P.E.

With a copy in all instances to:

District Counsel
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District
915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1535
Los Angeles, CA 90017

B. A party may change the address to which such communications are to be directed by giving written notice to the other party in the manner provided in this Article.

C. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication made pursuant to this Article shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at the earlier of such time as it is actually received or seven (7) calendar days after it is mailed.

Article VII. - APPLICABLE LAWS

The applicable statutes, regulations, policies, directives, and procedures of the United States will govern this MOA and all documents and actions pursuant to it. Unless otherwise required by law, expediting of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests undertaken by the Corps will be governed by Corps regulations, policies, and procedures.

Article VIII. - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a dispute, the Parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve the dispute in an informal fashion through consultation and communication, or other forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution mutually acceptable to the Parties. The Parties agree that, in the event such measures fail to resolve the dispute, they shall refer the dispute for resolution to an appropriate forum in accordance with Federal law.

Article IX. - PUBLIC INFORMATION

Justification and explanation of County's programs or projects related to or arising out of County-designated priority Section 408 Requests which may be pending before other agencies, departments, and offices will not be the responsibility of the Corps. The Corps may provide, upon request from the County, any assistance necessary to support justification or explanations of activities conducted under this MOA. In general, the Corps is responsible only for public information regarding Corps regulatory activities. County will give the Corps, as appropriate, advance notice before making formal, official statements regarding activities funded under this MOA.

Article X - AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION

A. This MOA may be modified or amended only by written, mutual agreement of the Parties.

B. Any party reserves the right to terminate its participation in this MOA without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, County will continue to be responsible for all costs incurred by the Corps in performing expedited County-designated priority Section 408 Requests review services up to the time of notice and for the costs of closing out or transferring any ongoing contracts in support of the provision of services by the Corps under this MOA.

C. Within ninety (90) calendar days of termination of the MOA, or the expiration of the MOA, the Corps shall provide County with a final statement of expenditures. Within sixty (60) calendar days after submittal of the Corps' final statement of expenditures, the Corps, subject to compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act, codified at 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341 *et seq.*, shall directly remit to County the unexpended balance of the advance payment, if any. Funds may be provided to County either by check or electronic funds transfer.

Article XI. - MISCELLANEOUS

A. This MOA will not affect any pre-existing or independent relationships or obligations between the Parties.

B. The Corps' participation in this MOA does not imply endorsement of the County-designated priority Section 408 Requests, nor does it diminish, modify, or otherwise affect Corps' statutory or regulatory authorities.

C. If any provision of this MOA is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in force and unaffected to the fullest extent permitted by law and regulation.

D. This MOA, including any documents incorporated by reference or attachments thereto, but excluding the pre-existing relationships or obligations between the Parties referenced in subparagraph A above, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties. All prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations and statements, oral or written, are merged herein and shall be of no further force or effect.

Article XII. - EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This MOA and any amendments will be effective on the date of signature by the last Party to sign. Unless amended or modified, this MOA shall remain in force until whichever of these events occurs first: 1) 31 December 2025, per Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-541), or 2) the MOA is terminated pursuant to Article X.B.

[REMAINDER LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOA is executed as of the dates indicated below by County, acting by and through its governing board, and by the Corps, acting by and through its authorized officer.

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____ Date: _____

Keith Lilley
Deputy Director
Department of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

Deputy

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

By: _____ Date: _____

COL Julie Balten
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commander and District Engineer

Appendix A: County-Designated Priority Section 408 Requests
Dated October 19, 2020

The list of County-designated Priority Section 408 Requests under this MOA includes the following proposed projects:

| Project Name | Budget | County Project Manager |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Program Management | \$10,000/yr | |
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This project list will be updated by County on an as needed basis.

**APPENDIX A of
Memorandum of Agreement (executed 18Mar2014, as amended 07Dec2016, 20Dec2018,
and 12Jan2022) between the County of Los Angeles and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(Revision Date: 24MAY2022)**

The list of Los Angeles County designated Section 408 Permit Request's under this MOA includes the following Section 408 Requests:

| | USACE Permit # | Section 408 Request Project Name/Description | Budget/ Expended Amount | Permit Status |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| | N/A | Orientations on Permit Process | \$10,000 | Yearly |
| 1 | SPL-408-2011-052 | Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project | \$7,000 | Withdrawn 08 Jan 2021. Expended \$300,655.20. |
| 2 | SPL-408-2011-058 | Milton Park | N/A | No Objection. Expended \$18,641.57 |
| 3 | SPL-408-2012-044 | Del Mar Bridge Replacement | N/A | Executed 23 Mar 2016. Expended \$10,688.78. |
| 4 | SPL-408-2012-070 | Tujunga Spreading Grounds Intake Improvements | N/A | Executed 29 Oct 2018. Expended \$8,274.57. |
| 5 | SPL-408-2015-038 SPL-408-2015-039 | Wet Weather Monitoring Equipment | N/A | Executed 23 Jan 2018. Expended \$11,590.58 |
| 6 | SPL-408-2015-052 | Wet Weather Monitoring Equipment | N/A | Executed 2 Feb 2018. |
| 7 | SPL-408-2015-059 | Pacoima Spreading Grounds Intake Improvements | N/A | Withdrawn 25 Jul 2018. Expended \$4,825.81. |
| 8 | SPL-408-2015-069 | Compton Creek Walking Path | N/A | Executed 28 April 2017. Expended \$7,846.66 |
| 9 | SPL-408-2016-049 | Pacoima Reservoir Sediment Removal | | Withdrawn 25 Jul 2018. Expended \$7,424.55. |
| 10 | SPL-408-2016-082 | Santa Anita Debris Dam | N/A | Withdrawn 02 Apr 2020. New application submitted 2020-0022 |
| 11 | SPL-408-2017-018 | San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds | N/A | Executed 18 Apr 2018. Expended \$42,045.52 |
| 12 | SPL-408-2017-019 | Slauson Bridge | N/A | Executed 18 May 2018. Expended \$7,233.26. |
| 13 | SPL-408-2017-059 | Branford Spreading Basin Pump Station | N/A | Executed 02 Nov 2018. Expended \$15,258.05. |
| 14 | 408-SPL-2019-0028 | Mesmer Low Flow Diversion | \$65,000 | Executed 22 Jan 2021. Expended \$30,563.76. |
| 15 | 408-SPL-2020-0008 | Ballona Creek Bacteria TMDL Project | \$65,000 | Executed 08 Jan 2021. Expended \$55,769.46 |
| 16 | 408-SPL-2020-0009 | Sepulveda Channel Bacteria TMDL Project | \$65,000 | Executed 08 Jan 2021. Expended \$49,053.10 |
| 17 | 408-SPL-2020-0022 | Santa Anita Debris Dam | \$130,000 | Under Review |
| 18 | 408-SPL-2021-0009 | Olive View Hospital Jack and Bore | \$40,000 | Executed 06 Oct 2021. Expended \$36,927.24 |
| 19 | 408-SPL-2021-0019 | Ballona Creek Trash Capture Pilot Program | \$55,000 | Executed 18 Feb 2022. Expended \$50,317.28 |
| 20 | 408-SPL-2022-0001 | Vincent Community Bikeway | \$40,000 | Executed 06 May 2022. |
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| | USACE Permit # | Section 408 Request Project Name/Description | Budget/ Expended Amount | Permit Status |
|----|-------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| 21 | 408-SPL-2022-0007 | SGR 66in Sewer Siphon Repair | \$60,000 | Under Review |
| 22 | Pending | LAR Headwaters Pavilion | \$45,000 | Pending |

Note: This Version of Appendix A supersedes all previously submitted Appendix A under this MOA.

US Army Corps of Engineers
Section 408 Program Coordinator



Los Angeles County

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo



☐ Other

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE | 11/9/2022 | |
| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | |
| SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED | <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th | |
| DEPARTMENT(S) | Public Works | |
| SUBJECT | TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM PORTIONS OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC ROAD AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR ADMIRALTY WAY, BALI WAY, AND MINDANAO WAY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF MARINA DEL REY (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES) | |
| PROGRAM | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: \$10,000 | Funding source: Land Development Division |
| | TERMS (if applicable): | |
| | Explanation: Ms. Marsha Santry paid \$10,000, which is the cost of processing the request. | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | Public Works is seeking Board approval to set aside portions of County-owned property for public road and highway purposes for Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey and to accept the set-aside areas into the County Road System. | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | The proposed set-asides were requested by Ms. Santry on behalf of the project developer. The set-asides shall become easements for public road and highway purposes and can be used for designated highway purposes. | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Sustainability—To provide for transportation infrastructure improvements, which will improve the quality of life for the residents. | |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Shari Afshari, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4008, safshari@pw.lacounty.gov | |

PROPOSED SET- ASIDE FOR ADMIRALTY WAY, BALI WAY, AND MINDANAO WAY



LEGEND:

-  PROPOSED SET-ASIDE FOR ROAD EASEMENTS
-  REQUESTOR





MARK PESTRELLA, Director

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331
Telephone: (626) 458-5100
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
P.O. BOX 1460
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **SMP-5**

December 6, 2022

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:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM
PORTIONS OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE SET ASIDE
FOR PUBLIC ROAD AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR
ADMIRALTY WAY, BALI WAY, AND MINDANAO WAY
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF MARINA DEL REY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to set aside portions of County-owned property for public road and highway purposes for Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey and to accept the set-aside areas into the County Road System.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Find that acceptance into the County Road System portions of County-owned property proposed to be set aside for public road and highway purposes for Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way, in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey, is necessary for public convenience pursuant to Section 941 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

3. Adopt the Resolution to Accept into the County Road System Portions of County-owned property to be Set Aside for Public Road and Highway Purposes for Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way pursuant to Section 941 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
4. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County to set aside portions of County-owned property for public road and highway purposes for Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way, in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey, and accept them into the County Road System.

The set-asides requested by Ms. Marsha Santry, on behalf of the project developer, are required as part of the traffic signal installation and widening of the existing road right of way, will become part of the public road right of way, and shall be known as Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way. The recommended actions will ensure that these portions of the County-owned property can be used for designated highway purposes.

The areas set aside for public road purposes contain approximately 9,323± square feet as shown on the enclosed map (Enclosure A).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by allowing the County to provide improved infrastructure for the community of Marina del Rey, thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no significant impact to the County General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County's interest was acquired through various documents listed as follows:

- a) By a Final Order of Condemnation, Superior Court Case No. S.M.C. 5262, a certified copy of which was recorded on December 5, 1958, as Instrument No. 4981, in Book D297, page 221 of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.
- b) By a Deed recorded on December 9, 1958, as instrument No. 4594, in Book D300, page 82 of said Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.
- c) By a Final Order of Condemnation, Superior Court Case No. S.M.C. 5262, a certified copy of which was recorded on August 21, 1959, as Instrument No. 4947, in Book D580, page 230 of said Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Public Works is requesting the Board of Supervisors to set aside for public road and highway purposes those portions of said property identified in the enclosed "Resolution to Accept into the County Road System Portions of the County-Owned Property to be Set Aside for Public Road and Highway Purposes for Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way" (Enclosure B). These actions will allow for the installation of traffic signals and widening of the roads.

The areas proposed to be set aside were reviewed by the County Sanitation Districts, Fire Department, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Regional Planning, Department of Beaches and Harbors, and Public Works.

The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 941, provides that no public or private road shall become a County highway until and unless the Board of Supervisors, by appropriate resolution, has caused the road to be accepted into the County Road System.

The enclosed Resolution has been approved by County Counsel as to form and it will be recorded. Adoption and subsequent recordation of the Resolution will set aside portions of County-owned property for public road and highway purposes and accept the set-asides into the County Road System.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project, which is the set aside of portions of County-owned property for public road and highway purposes, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the CEQA Guidelines and Classes 5 and 21 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, relating to minor alterations in land use and regulatory actions to enforce use entitlement. The project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations; it is not in a sensitive environment; there are no cumulative impacts; unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will allow for the installation of traffic signals and widening of the existing road right of way. There will be no impact on County services or projects as a result of the set-asides.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
December 6, 2022
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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one signed original Resolution together with the Board's minute order to Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

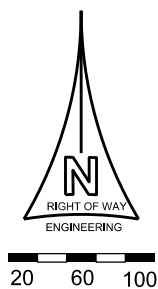
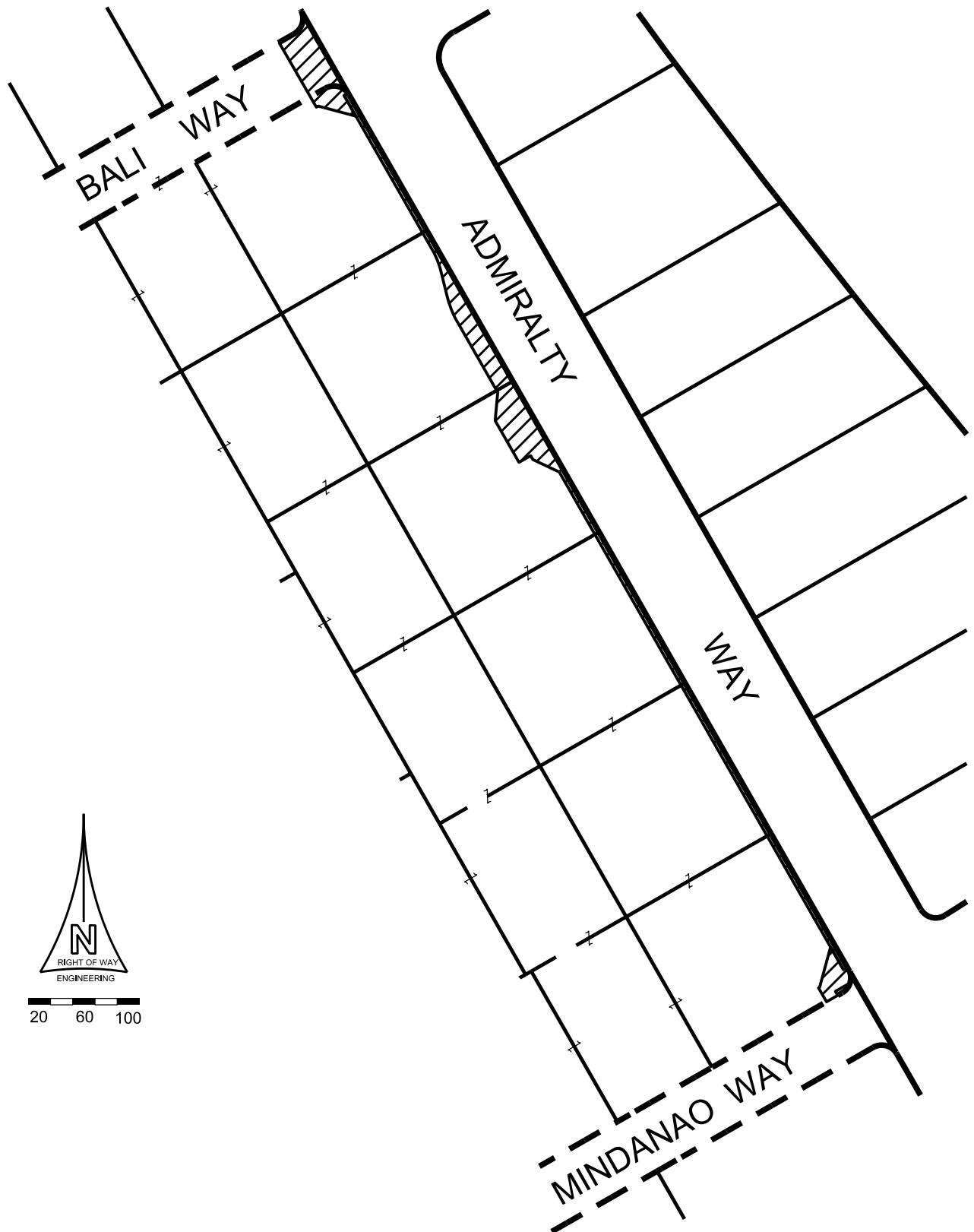
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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Enclosure A

PROPOSED SET- ASIDE FOR ADMIRALTY WAY, BALI WAY, AND MINDANAO WAY



SET-ASIDE PORTIONS
TOTAL AREA = 9,323± SQ. FT.

Enclosure B

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM
PORTIONS OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE SET ASIDE
FOR PUBLIC ROAD AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR
ADMIRALTY WAY, BALI WAY, AND MINDANAO WAY**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the County of Los Angeles will set aside for public use portions of County-owned property for public road and highway purposes (hereinafter referred to as set-asides) in, over, and across the real property as legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The set-asides on Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way are located in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
2. That it is necessary for public convenience that the referenced set-asides be accepted into the County Road System for the installation of traffic signals and widening of the existing road right of way pursuant to Section 941 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
3. That the above-referenced portions of County-owned property are hereby set aside for public road and highway purposes and shall be known as Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way pursuant to Section 941 of the California Streets and Highways Code, as recommended by the Director of Public Works.
4. That the Director of Public Works or his designee is authorized to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the set-aside areas shall become easements for public road and highway purposes.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2022, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A

Project Name: Admiralty Way, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way Set-Aside
File with: **Admiralty Way (B-3SA),**
Includes **Bali Way (G-1SA). and**
Also Includes **Mindanao Way (H-1SA)**
A.I.N. 4224-008-901
I.M. 099-137
R.D. 433
S.D. 2
LDPIER44

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL B-3SA (Set aside for public road and highway purposes):

Those portions of Parcels 731, 732, 734, 736, 738, and 740, as shown on Los Angeles County Assessor's Map No. 88, filed in Book 1, pages 53 through 73 of Assessor's Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the most southeasterly terminus of that certain curve concave southerly and having a radius of 15 feet of above-mentioned Parcel 731; thence tangent to said curve and along the northeasterly line of above-mentioned Parcels 731, 732, 734, 736, 738, and 740, South 30°00'00" East 870.00 feet to the northwesterly terminus of that certain curve concave to the west and having a radius of 15 feet of above-mentioned Parcel 740: thence South 60°00'00" West, along the radial line of said last-mentioned curve, 4.00 feet to a line parallel with and distant 4 feet southwesterly measured at right angle from said northeasterly line of above-mentioned parcels; thence northwesterly along said parallel line, North 30°00'00" West 497.01 feet; thence leaving said parallel line North 64°59'40" West 24.23 feet; thence North 30°00'00" West 5.15 feet; thence

South 60°00'00" West 12.10 feet to a line parallel with and distant 30 feet southwesterly measured at right angle from said northeasterly line of above-mentioned parcels; thence along said parallel line North 30°00'00" West 41.00 feet; thence North 04°59'31" East 24.41 feet to a line parallel with and distant 16 feet southwesterly measured at right angle from said northeasterly line of above-mentioned parcels; thence along said parallel line North 30°00'00" West 69.63 feet to the beginning of a curve concave northeasterly, and having a radius of 92.15 feet; thence northwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 15°51'50", an arc distance of 25.51 feet; thence North 14°08'10" West 20.77 feet to the beginning of a curve concave southwesterly and having a radius of 73.86 feet; thence northwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 15°51'50", an arc distance of 20.45 feet; thence North 30°00'00" West 152.01 feet to the prolongation of a radial line of first-mentioned curve, having a radius of 15 feet concave southerly; thence along the radial line, North 60°00'00" East 4.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing: 6,371 square feet

To be known as Admiralty Way

PARCEL G-1SA (Set aside for public road and highway purposes)

Those portions of Parcel 731 and Lot 913, of above-mentioned Assessor's Map No. 88, lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the most southeasterly terminus of that certain curve concave southerly and having a radius of 15 feet of above-mentioned Parcel 731; thence South 60°00'00" West along the radial line of said curve, 4.00 feet to a line parallel with and distant 4 feet southwesterly measured at right angle from said northeasterly line of said Parcel 731; thence along said parallel line, South 30°00'00" East 19.00 feet; thence North 75°00'00" West 33.94 feet to a line parallel with and distant 10 feet southeasterly measured at right angle from the northwesterly line of said Parcel 731; thence along said

parallel line South 60°00'00" West 2.00 feet to a line parallel with and distant 30 feet southwesterly measured at right angle from the northwesterly prolongation of said northeasterly line of said Parcel 731; thence along said parallel line, North 30°00'00" West 64.00 feet to the southeasterly line of Parcel 703, of said Assessor's Map No. 88; thence along the boundary of said last-mentioned parcel, North 60°00'00" East 14.99 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave northwesterly and having a radius of 15 feet; thence northeasterly along said curve through a central angle of 90°00'00", an arc distance of 23.56 feet to said northwesterly prolongation; thence tangent to said curve South 30°00'00" East 84.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing: 2,276 square feet

To be known as Bali Way

PARCEL H-1SA (Set aside for public road and highway purposes)

That portion of Parcel 740 of above-mentioned Assessor's Map No. 88, lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the most northerly terminus of that certain curve concave westerly and having a radius of 15 feet of above-mentioned Parcel 740, said curve being tangent to the northeasterly boundary of said Parcel 740; thence southerly along said curve through a central angle of 47°10'00", an arc distance of 12.35 feet to the most easterly corner of that certain parcel of land described as Parcel H in the document titled Resolution recorded on March 22, 1967, as Document No. 3149, of Official Records in said office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles; thence along the boundary of said Parcel H, South 60°00'00" West 14.70 feet; thence South 30°00'00" East 4.00 feet to the southeasterly boundary of said Parcel 740; thence along said boundary, South 60°00'00" West 11.97 feet to a line parallel with and distant 31.50 feet southwesterly measured at right angle from the southeasterly prolongation of

the northeasterly boundary of said Parcel 740; thence along said parallel line North 30°00'00" West 14.00 feet to a line parallel with and distant 14 feet northwesterly measured at right angle from the southeasterly boundary of said Parcel 740; thence along said last-mentioned parallel line, North 60°00'00" East 2.00 feet; thence North 15°00'00" East 36.03 feet to a line parallel with and distant 4.00 feet southwesterly measured at right angle from the northeasterly boundary of said Parcel 740; thence along said parallel line, South 30°00'00" East 24.51 feet to the radial line of said curve; thence along said radial line, North 60°00'00" East 4.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing: 676± square feet

To be known as Mindanao Way

Total Areas of Parcel B-3SA, Parcel G-1SA, and Parcel H-1SA contains: 9,323± square feet



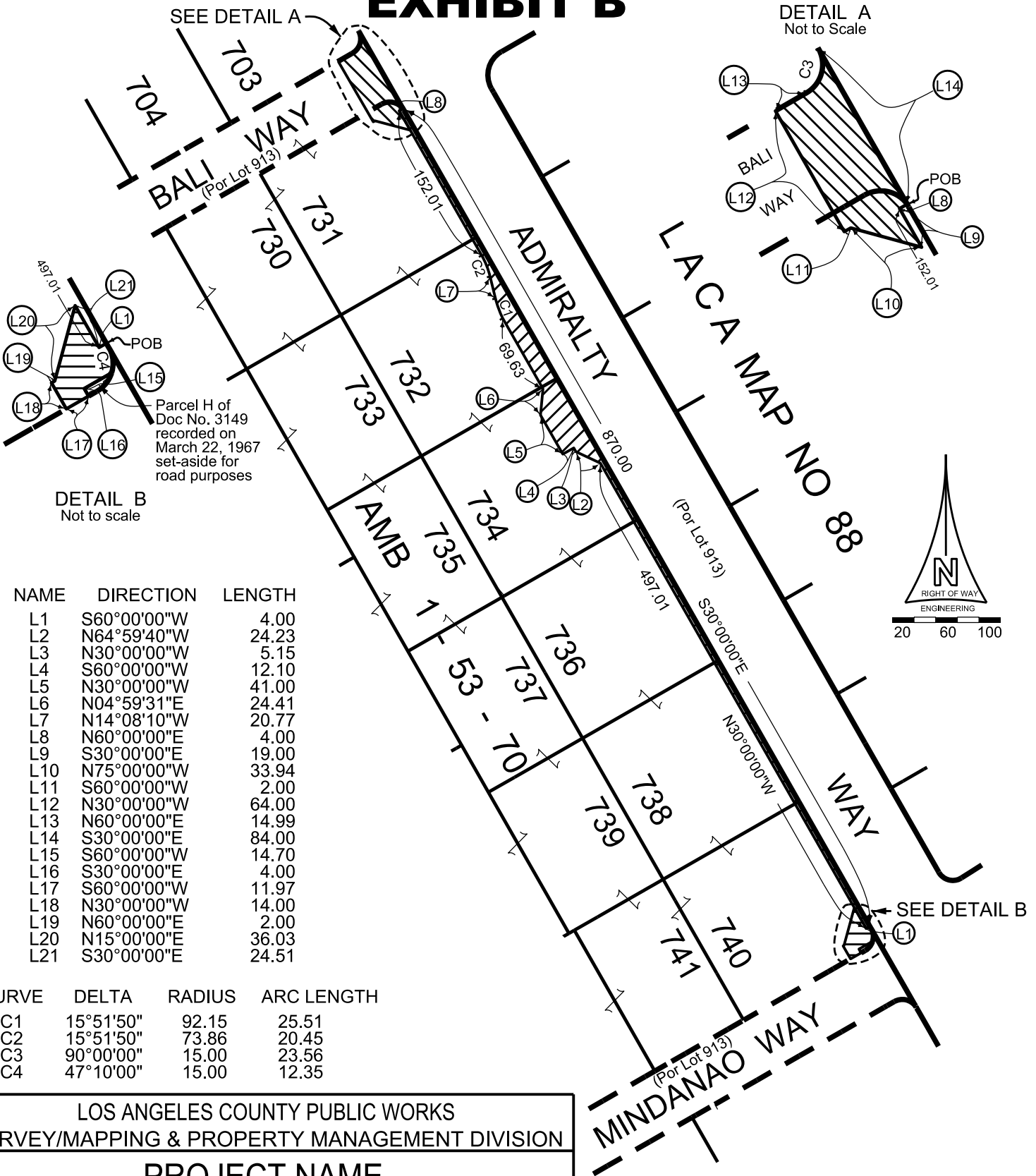
DOUGLAS R. HOWARD, PLS

7/25/2022

DATE



EXHIBIT B



LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
SURVEY/MAPPING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

PROJECT NAME

**Admiralty Way, Bali Way,
& Mindanao Way**

SET-ASIDE

LEGEND

- PARCEL B-3SA (ADMIRALTY WAY)
TOTAL AREA = 6,371±SQ. FT.
- PARCEL G-1SA (BALI WAY)
TOTAL AREA = 2,276 ±SQ. FT.
- PARCEL H-1SA (MINDANAO WAY)
TOTAL AREA = 676±SQ. FT.

PREPARED BY
RVGLOBUS

REVIEWED BY
N SALAZAR

DATE
05/11/2022

SHEET 1 OF 1

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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☐ Other

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| CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE | 11/9/2022 | | |
| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | | |
| SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED | <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 th | | |
| DEPARTMENT(S) | Public Works | | |
| SUBJECT | Public Works is seeking Board approval to quitclaim a portion of an easement associated with the storm drain easement for Bond Issue (BI) 564 – Line N, identified as Parcel 1EX, in the City of Pasadena, as described and shown in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee owners. | | |
| PROGRAM | N/A | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | None | | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: | Funding source: | |
| | \$0 | N/A | |
| | TERMS (if applicable): N/A | | |
| | Explanation: N/A | | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | The purpose of this action is to quitclaim the excess easement back to the underlying property owner. | | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | <p>An easement for covered storm drain, appurtenant structures, and ingress and egress purposes was dedicated to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in connection with the drainage facility, identified as Bond Issue (BI) 564 – Line N, on Tract 61372.</p> <p>Since the approval and recordation of Tract 61372, the plans for BI 564 – Line N were revised to realign a portion of BI 564 as Private Drain (PD) 2658. Due to this realignment, the portion of the easement identified as Parcel 1EX is no longer required for PD 2658. Parcel 1EX is more particularly described on Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B.</p> | | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | | |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability – The project will deliver a more livable and economically stronger community, focusing on housing needs. | | |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Rossana D'Antonio, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4004, cell phone (626) 476-4234, rdanton@pw.lacounty.gov . | | |



MARK PESTRELLA, Director

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December 6, 2022

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE:

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
QUITCLAIM OF STORM DRAIN EASEMENTS
MISCELLANEOUS EASEMENT BOND ISSUE 564, PARCEL 1EX,
IN THE CITY OF PASADENA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to quitclaim a portion of an easement associated with the storm drain easement for Bond Issue (BI) 564 – Line N, identified as Parcel 1EX, in the City of Pasadena, as described and shown in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee owners.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find the Quitclaim of Easement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Find that the portion of the storm drain easement for BI 564, identified as Parcel 1EX, is no longer required for the purposes of the District.
3. Authorize the Quitclaim of Easement for Parcel 1EX to the underlying fee owners.
4. Instruct the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Quitclaim of Easement documents.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to quitclaim the excess easement back to the underlying property owner.

An easement for covered storm drain, appurtenant structures, and ingress and egress purposes was dedicated to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in connection with the drainage facility, identified as Bond Issue (BI) 564 – Line N, on Tract 61372.

Since the approval and recordation of Tract 61372, the plans for BI 564 – Line N were revised to realign a portion of BI 564 as Private Drain (PD) 2658. Due to this realignment, the portion of the easement identified as Parcel 1EX is no longer required for PD 2658. Parcel 1EX is more particularly described on Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended action allows the County to eliminate an excess easement and return it back to the underlying property owner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund or Flood Control District Fund by quitclaiming the excess easements back to the underlying property owners.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The portion of storm drain easement for BI 564, Parcel 1EX, located in the City of Pasadena, was originally obtained in connection with a storm drain project. After the easement was dedicated, the alignment of BI 564 was revised. This portion of the original easement is now in excess.

The revised plans (PD 2658) for BI 564, Parcel 1EX, were reviewed by Public Works. The Quitclaim of Easement documents have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Quitclaim of Easement for BI 564, Parcel 1EX, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Quitclaim is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15305 of the State CEQA guidelines and Class 5 of

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the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations; it is not in a sensitive environment; 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Since the Parcel 1EX is now excess and no longer required, its quitclaim will not have an adverse impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Department of Regional Planning
Executive Office

ORIGINAL

RECORDING REQUESTED BY
AND MAIL TO:

947 CALIFORNIA LLC
335 North Berry Street
Brea, CA 92821

Space Above This Line Reserved for Recorder's Use

Documentary Transfer Tax is \$
() computed on full value of property conveyed, or
() computed on full value less value of liens and
encumbrances remaining at time of sale

Assessor's Identification Number:
5327-002-088 (Portion)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

By _____

QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS

For a valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic, does hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim to 947 CALIFORNIA, LLC, a California limited liability company, formerly known as 617 GORDON HIGHLAND, LLC, a California limited liability company, all its right, title, and interest to portions of the following easements in, on, over, under, and across the real property in the City of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles, State of California, described in Exhibit A and shown on and delineated on Exhibit B as Parcel 1EX, both of which are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

An easement for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures, acquired by Final Order of Condemnation, recorded on June 25, 1970, as Document No. 1835, in Book D4751, page 537, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

An easement for covered storm drain and appurtenant structures, with ingress and egress purposes, acquired by Easement document recorded November 24, 2009, as Document No. 20091779662, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

Dated _____

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT,
a body corporate and politic

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors of the Los Angeles
County Flood Control District

(LACFCD-SEAL)

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisor
of the County of Los Angeles

Deputy

File with: BOND ISSUE DRAIN
BOND ISSUE NO. 0564-LINE N, 1EX
(Also filed with: PRIVATE DRAIN NO. 2658)
Parcel 1EX
I.M. 159-237
S.D.5
Project ID No. MPM0000886

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A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On January 6, 1987, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code that authorized the use of facsimile signatures of the Chair of the Board on all papers, documents, or instruments requiring the Chair's signature.

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this ____ day of _____, 20____, the facsimile signature of _____, Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, was affixed hereto as the official execution of this document. The undersigned further certifies that on this date a copy of the document was delivered to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

In witness whereof, I have also hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year above written.

CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

(LACFCD-SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By *Don Linda*
Deputy

APPROVED as to title and execution,
_____, 20____.
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division
Supervising Title Examiner
By _____

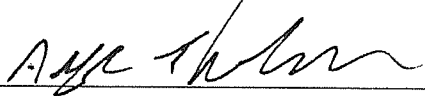
EXHIBIT A

FILE WITH: BOND ISSUE DRAIN
BOND ISSUE NO. 0564 - LINE N, 1 EX
T.G. 566 (A-6)
I.M. 159-237
S.D. 5
A.I.N. 5327-002-088

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PORTIONS OF LOT 2 OF TRACT NO. 61372, IN THE CITY OF PASADENA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1334, PAGES 63 THROUGH 68, INCLUSIVE, OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, DENOTED AS ① ON SAID MAP, AND THAT PORTION LYING SOUTHERLY OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 2, BEING A PORTION OF "PART B" DESCRIBED IN EASEMENT DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 24, 2009 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 20091779662, OFFICIAL RECORDS.

APPROXIMATELY AREA IS 2,821 SQUARE FEET.


ALFRED J. THELWELL
LS 6999

10-22-18
DATE
EXPIRES: 9/30/2019

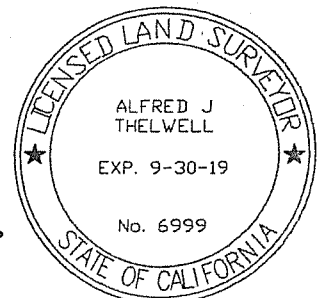


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PLAT

QUITCLAIM EASEMENTS

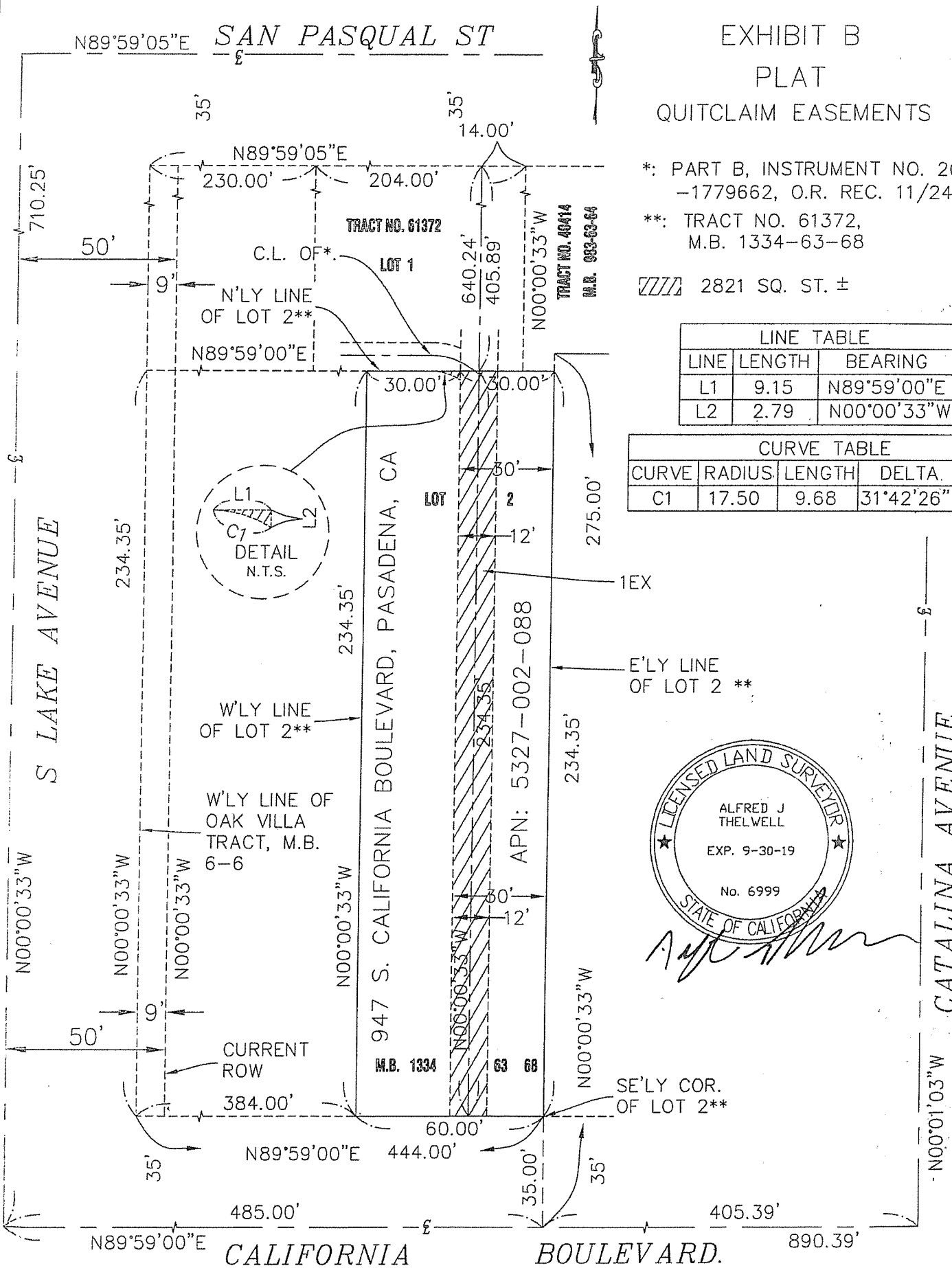
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-1779662, O.R. REC. 11/24/09.

** : TRACT NO. 61372,
M.B. 1334-63-68

2821 SQ. ST. ±

| LINE TABLE | | |
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| LINE | LENGTH | BEARING |
| L1 | 9.15 | N89°59'00"E |
| L2 | 2.79 | N00°00'33"W |

| CURVE TABLE | | | |
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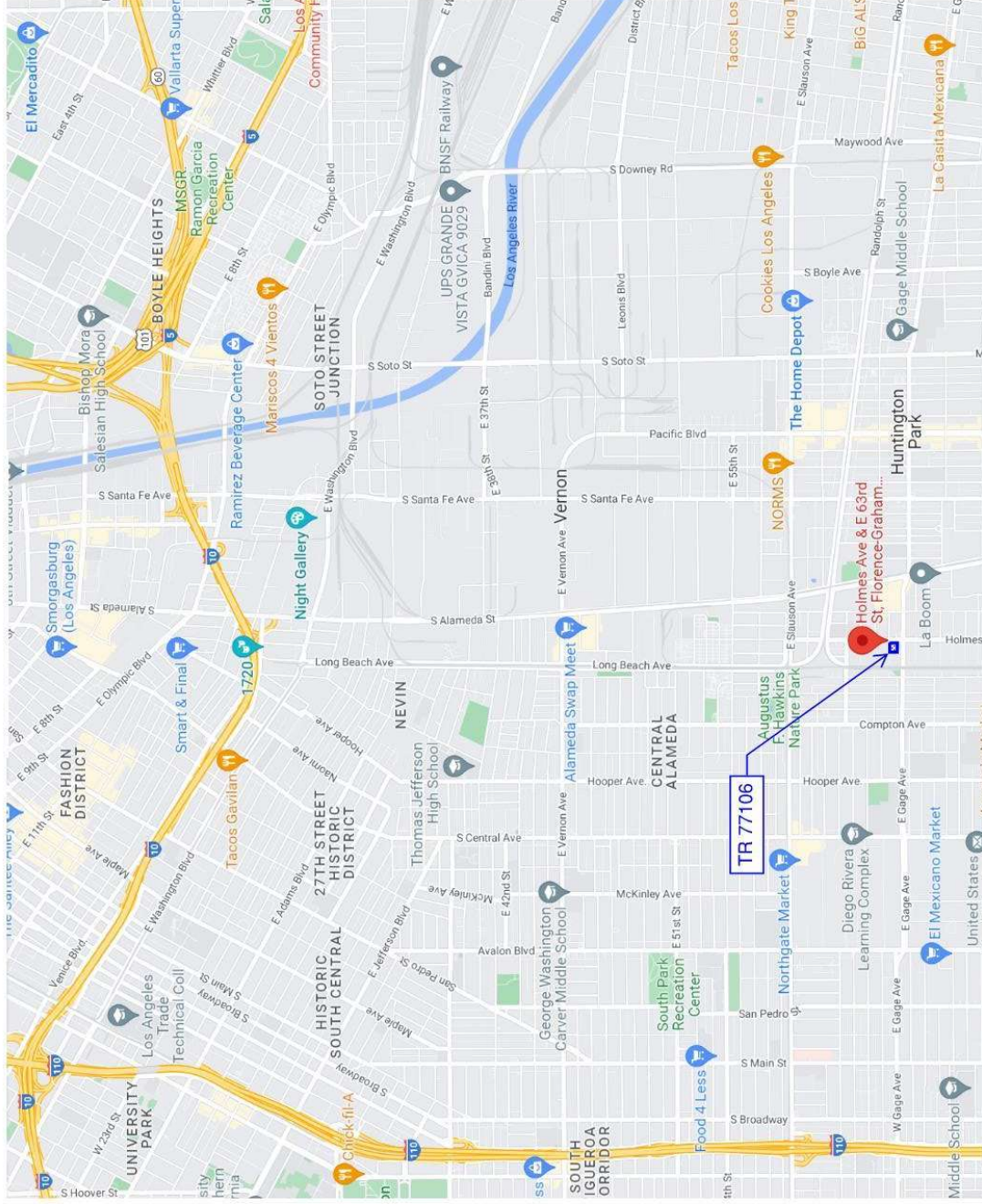
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| CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE | 11/9/2022 | | |
| BOARD MEETING DATE | 12/6/2022 | | |
| SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED | <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th | | |
| DEPARTMENT(S) | Public Works | | |
| SUBJECT | Public Works is seeking Board approval of the final map for Tract 77106 in the County unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone and acceptance of grants and dedications as indicated on the final map. | | |
| PROGRAM | N/A | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | None | | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: | Funding source: | |
| | \$0 | N/A | |
| | TERMS (if applicable): N/A | | |
| | Explanation: N/A | | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the final map for Tract 77106 (enclosed). The proposed final map consists of 0.3 acres and will create eight condominium units. | | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | <p>The Regional Planning Commission approved a tentative tract map for this subdivision on September 16, 2020. The subdivider has complied with all requirements imposed as a condition of the approval of the tentative map, and the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.</p> <p>Pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act, a local agency must approve a final map if the subdivider has complied with all applicable requirements of State and local law and the legislative body finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.</p> <p>The grants and dedications, as indicated on the final map, are necessary for construction and maintenance of public infrastructure required by the County for this development.</p> | | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | | |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: This Board agenda items supports the Board Priority of Sustainability/Homelessness by creating needed housing in the East Whittier area and generates future property tax revenue. | | |
| DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Rossana D'Antonio, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4004, cell phone (626) 476-4234, rdanton@pw.lacounty.gov . | | |

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS VICINITY MAP



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December 6, 2022

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County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 77106 AND
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DEDICATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
IN UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the final map for Tract 77106 in the County unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone and acceptance of grants and dedications as indicated on the final map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the approval of the final map for Tract 77106 is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Make findings as follows:
 - a. That the proposed subdivision complies with the applicable requirements and conditions imposed pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act (Government Code Section 66410, et seq.) and the County of Los Angeles Subdivision Ordinance (Title 21) and is in substantial conformance with the Tentative Tract Map 77106 previously approved by the Regional Planning Commission on September 16, 2020.

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- b. That division and development of the property, in the manner set forth on the approved tentative map for this subdivision, will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any rights of way or easements owned by any public entity and/or public utility in accordance with Government Code Section 66436(a)(3)(a)(i) of the State Subdivision Map Act.
3. Approve the final map for Tract 77106.
4. Accept grants and dedications as indicated on the final map for Tract 77106.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the final map for Tract 77106 (enclosed). The proposed final map consists of 0.3 acres and will create eight condominium units.

The Regional Planning Commission approved a tentative tract map for this subdivision on September 16, 2020. The subdivider has complied with all requirements imposed as a condition of the approval of the tentative map, and the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.

Pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act, a local agency must approve a final map if the subdivider has complied with all applicable requirements of State and local law and the legislative body finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.

The grants and dedications, as indicated on the final map, are necessary for construction and maintenance of public infrastructure required by the County for this development.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended action allows the County to record the final map, which will maximize property tax revenue.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no adverse impact to the County General Fund. The eight condominium units created by the recordation of this final map will generate additional property tax revenue that is shared by all taxing entities.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The approval of the final map is subject to provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act [Government Code Sections 66410, et seq.; 66458(a); 66473; 66474.1; 66436(a)(3)(A)(i); and 66427.1(A)], which states that a legislative body shall not deny approval of a final map if it has previously approved a tentative map for the proposed subdivision and finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the previously approved tentative map.

The final map has been reviewed by Public Works for mathematical accuracy, survey analysis, title information, and for compliance with local ordinances and the State Subdivision Map Act. Public Works' review indicates that the subdivision is substantially the same as it appears on the approved tentative map, that all State and local provisions and legal requirements have been met on this final map, and that the final map is technically correct.

All agreements and improvement securities, which were required as a condition of the approval of the final map, have been accepted on behalf of the County by the appropriate official.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On September 16, 2020, the Commission found that the project for Tentative Tract Map 77106 was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code 21159.25.

The proposed action to approve the final subdivision map is a ministerial action and is thereby exempt from CEQA by Section 15268(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and 21080(b)(1) of the Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of approving the final map for Tract 77106.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
December 6, 2022
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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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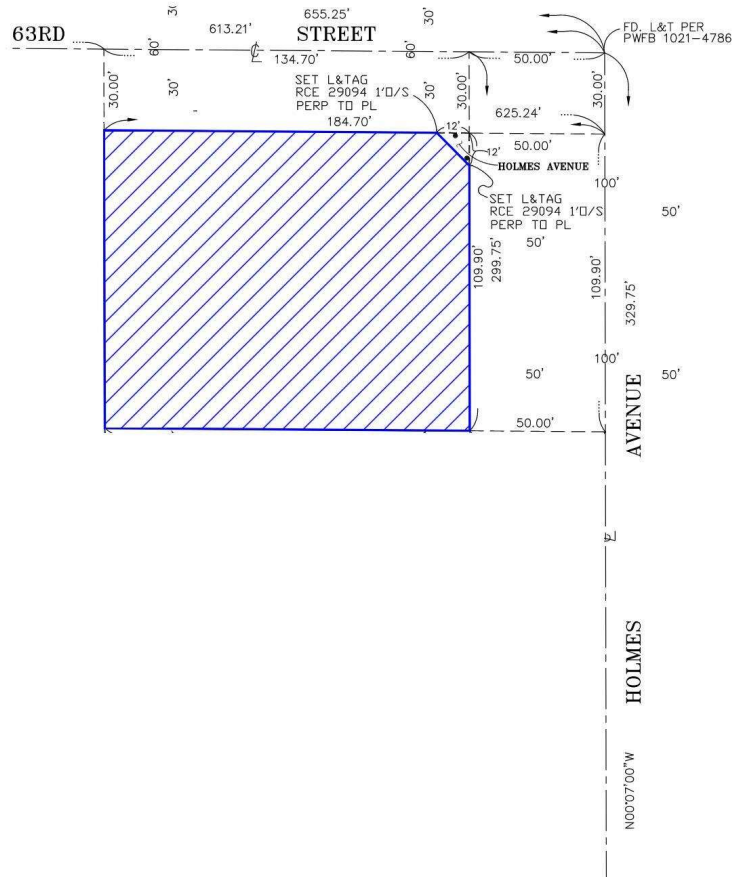
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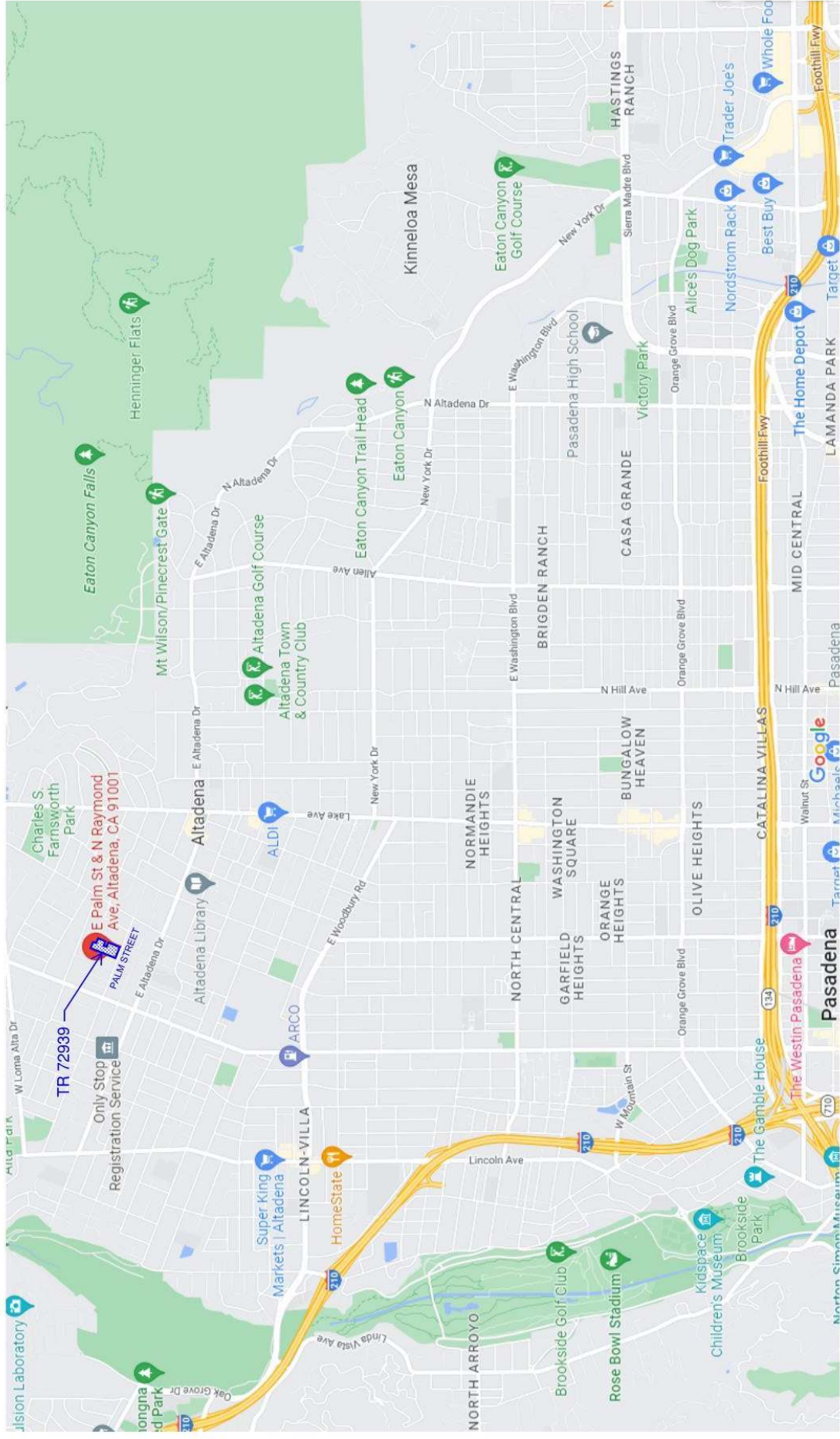
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| DEPARTMENT(S) | Public Works | | |
| SUBJECT | Public Works is seeking Board approval of the final map for Tract 72939 in the County unincorporated community of Altadena and acceptance of grants and dedications as indicated on the final map. | | |
| PROGRAM | N/A | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: | | |
| DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS | None | | |
| COST & FUNDING | Total cost: | Funding source: | |
| | \$0 | N/A | |
| | TERMS (if applicable): N/A | | |
| | Explanation: N/A | | |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the final map for Tract 72939 (enclosed). The proposed final map consists of 3.3 acres and will create 16 detached single-family, residential condominium units on one lot. | | |
| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | <p>The Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee approved a Vesting Tentative Tract Map for this subdivision on June 9, 2020, and subsequently approved an Amended Exhibit Map to the Vesting Tentative Tract Map for this subdivision on February 8, 2022. The subdivider has complied with all requirements imposed as a condition of the approval of the tentative map, and the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map and all approved alterations thereof.</p> <p>Pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act, a local agency must approve a final map if the subdivider has complied with all applicable requirements of State and local law and the legislative body finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.</p> <p>The grants and dedications, as indicated on the final map, are necessary for construction and maintenance of public infrastructure required by the County for this development.</p> | | |
| EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: | | |
| SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability – The project will deliver a more livable and economically stronger community, focusing on transportation and homelessness needs. | | |
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS VICINITY MAP



TR 72939



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383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 72939
AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DEDICATIONS IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH IN UNINCORPORATED ALTADENA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the final map for Tract 72939 in the County unincorporated community of Altadena and acceptance of grants and dedications as indicated on the final map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the approval of the final map for Tract 72939 is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Make findings as follows:
 - a. That the proposed subdivision complies with the applicable requirements and conditions imposed pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act (Government Code Section 66410, et seq.) and the County of Los Angeles Subdivision Ordinance (Title 21) and is in substantial conformance with the Vesting Tentative Tract Map 72939 previously approved by the Board on June 9, 2020, and all approved alterations thereof as stated in this Board letter.

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- b. That division and development of the property, in the manner set forth on the approved tentative map for this subdivision, will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any rights of way or easements owned by any public entity and/or public utility in accordance with Government Code Section 66436(a)(3)(a)(i) of the State Subdivision Map Act.
3. Approve the final map for Tract 72939.
4. Accept grants and dedications as indicated on the final map for Tract 72939.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the final map for Tract 72939 (enclosed). The proposed final map consists of 3.3 acres and will create 16 detached single-family, residential condominium units on one lot.

The Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee approved a Vesting Tentative Tract Map for this subdivision on June 9, 2020, and subsequently approved an Amended Exhibit Map to the Vesting Tentative Tract Map for this subdivision on February 8, 2022. The subdivider has complied with all requirements imposed as a condition of the approval of the tentative map, and the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map and all approved alterations thereof.

Pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act, a local agency must approve a final map if the subdivider has complied with all applicable requirements of State and local law and the legislative body finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.

The grants and dedications, as indicated on the final map, are necessary for construction and maintenance of public infrastructure required by the County for this development.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended action allows the County to record the final maps, which will maximize property tax revenue.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no adverse impact to the County General Fund. The 16 single-family, residential condominium units created by the recordation of this final map will generate additional property tax revenue that is shared by all taxing entities.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The approval of the final map is subject to provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act [Government Code Sections 66410, et seq.; 66458(a); 66473; 66474.1; 66436(a)(3)(A)(i); and 66427.1(A)], which states that a legislative body shall not deny approval of a final map if it has previously approved a tentative map for the proposed subdivision and finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the previously approved tentative map.

The final map has been reviewed by Public Works for mathematical accuracy, survey analysis, title information, and for compliance with local ordinances and the State Subdivision Map Act. Public Works' review indicates that the subdivision is substantially the same as it appears on the approved tentative map, that all State and local provisions and legal requirements have been met on this final map, and that the final map is technically correct.

All agreements and improvement securities, which were required as a condition of the approval of the final map, have been accepted on behalf of the County by the appropriate official.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 9, 2020, the Board certified the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Vesting Tentative Tract Map 72939, which was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and County CEQA guidelines and found no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed actions to approve the final subdivision map are ministerial actions and are thereby exempt from CEQA by Section 15268(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and 21080(b)(1) of the Public Resources Code.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of approving the final map for Tract 72939.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
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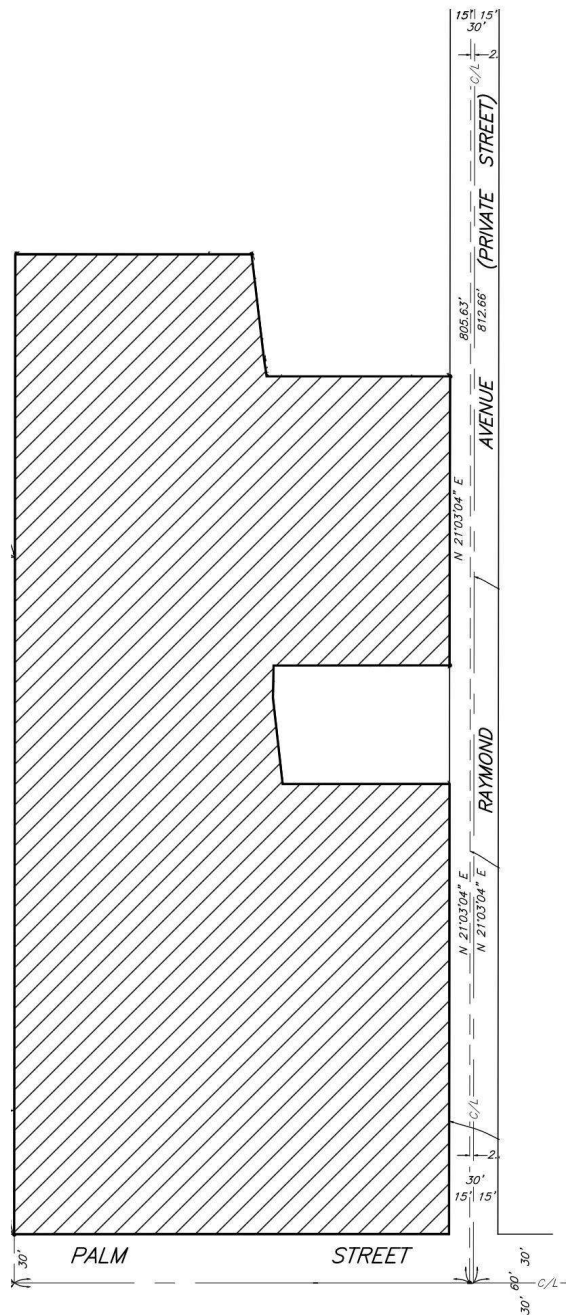
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SCALE 1" = 50'

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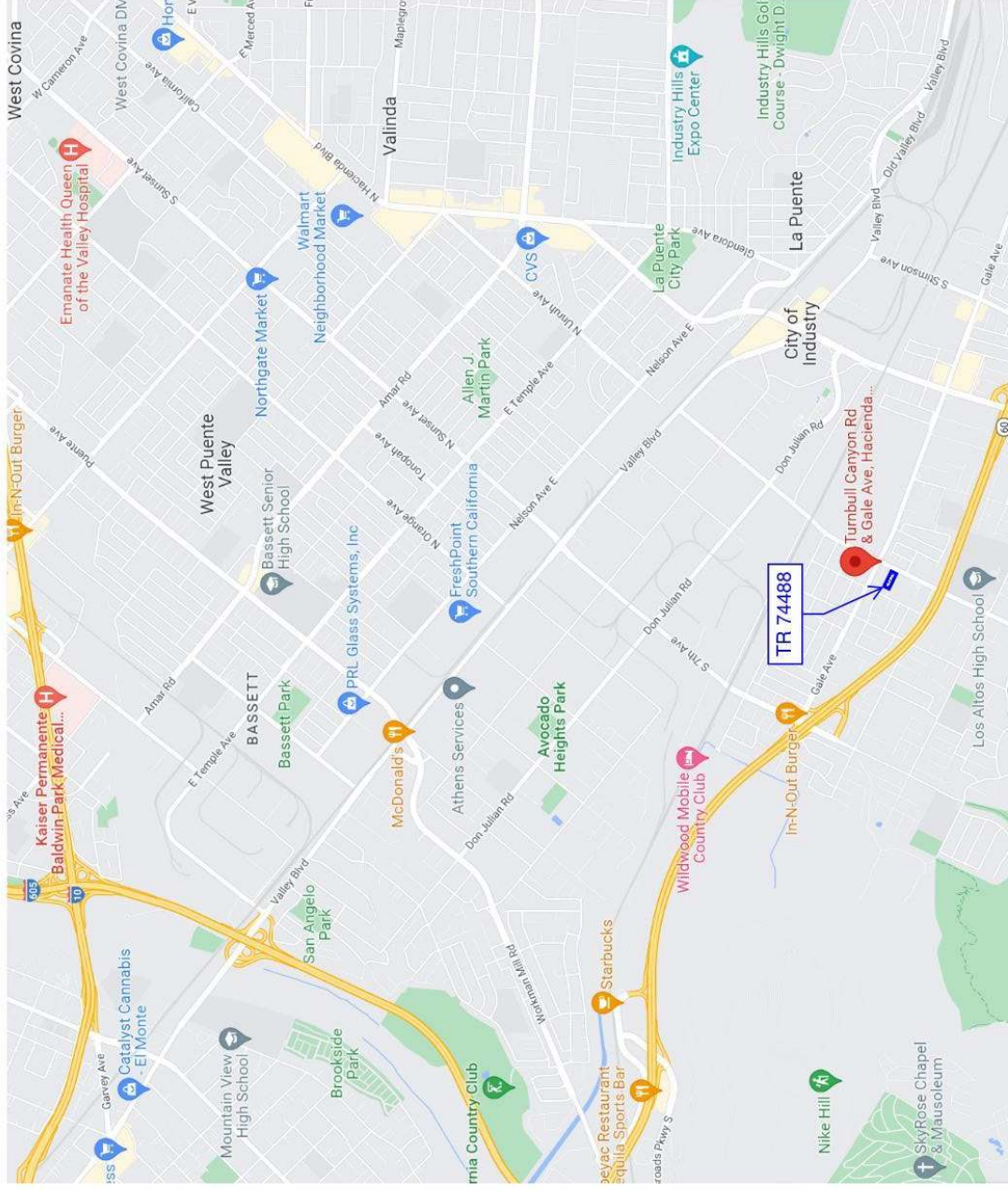
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| SUBJECT | Public Works is seeking Board approval of the final map for Tract 74488 in the County unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights and acceptance of grants and dedications as indicated on the final map. | | |
| PROGRAM | N/A | | |
| AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
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| | \$0 | N/A | |
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| BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions) | <p>The Regional Planning Commission approved a tentative tract map for this subdivision on April 10, 2019. The subdivider has complied with all requirements imposed as a condition of the approval of the tentative map, and the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.</p> <p>Pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act, a local agency must approve a final map if the subdivider has complied with all applicable requirements of State and local law and the legislative body finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.</p> <p>The grants and dedications, as indicated on the final map, are necessary for construction and maintenance of public infrastructure required by the County for this development.</p> | | |
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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