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and PARK COMMISSIONERS**

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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (ROUND TWO) – GRANT APPLICATIONS; AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION; RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING DESIGNATED PROJECTS

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General Manager

Approved                      Disapproved                      Withdrawn                     

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department's General Manager to submit three (3) Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications for the proposed capital improvement projects, Albion Riverside Park, Kittridge/Vineland Park, and West Lakeside Street Park, to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
2. Recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 1), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for funds under the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program for the three projects referenced in Recommendation No. 1 above and designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed projects;
3. Support the submittal of three (3) Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications by the Trust for Public Land, on behalf of the Department, for the Colden Avenue Park, Lexington and Madison Park, and South Victoria Avenue Park projects, and approve the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 2), subject to City Council approval, acknowledging the Department's intent to accept the transfer of grant responsibilities, including operations and maintenance for the projects, subject to the

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award of grant funds and successful project completion by the Trust for Public Land (applicant);

4. Support the submittal of two (2) Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, on behalf of the Department, for the 98th Street Park and Vermont and 81st Street Park projects, and approve the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 3), subject to City Council approval, acknowledging the Department's intent to accept the transfer of grant responsibilities, including operations and maintenance for the projects, subject to the award of grant funds and successful project completion by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (applicant);
5. Support the submittal of two (2) Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, on behalf of the Department, for the 111th Place Neighborhood Park and 51st Place Neighborhood Park projects, and approve the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 4), subject to City Council approval, acknowledging the Department's intent to accept the transfer of grant responsibilities, including operations and maintenance for the projects, subject to the award of grant funds and successful project completion by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (applicant);
6. Support the submittal of one (1) Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant application by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, on behalf of the Department, for the El Dorado Avenue Park/Pacoima Wash Greenway project, and approve the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 5), subject to City Council approval, acknowledging the Department's intent to accept the transfer of grant responsibilities, including operations and maintenance for the project, subject to the award of grant funds and successful project completion by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (applicant); and
7. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith a copy of the accompanying resolutions to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for City Council approval.

### SUMMARY:

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006" (Proposition 84), which authorizes \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds for a number of State grant programs. One of the grant programs created is the Statewide Park Program. A total of \$368 million has been

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dedicated to this program to make grant awards to projects that demonstrate the creation of new park and recreation facilities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities throughout California on a competitive basis in two rounds (\$184 million available each round).

The Request for Proposals for Round One of the Statewide Park Program was released in September 2009. The Department submitted grant applications for nine worthy projects; however, due to the competitiveness of the hundreds of statewide applications submitted for consideration, none of the Department's projects were funded. Of the nearly 500 applications submitted representing \$1.6 billion in grant funds requested, 62 projects were awarded for a total of \$184 million in grant awards.

In January 2011, the State released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the second round of competitive grants for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. The grant application deadline for Round Two is July 1, 2011.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) staff, the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a non-profit organization, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT), a non-profit organization, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), a non-profit organization, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) have worked in cooperation with the Council Offices to identify 11 proposed capital improvement projects to submit for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant. A breakdown of the capital improvement projects for each of the agencies is as follows:

RAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Albion Riverside Park</li><li>• Kittridge/Vineland Park</li><li>• West Lakeside Street Park</li></ul>	3
TPL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colden Avenue Park</li><li>• Lexington and Madison Park</li><li>• South Victoria Avenue Park</li></ul>	3
LANLT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 98th Street Park</li><li>• Vermont and 81st Street Park</li></ul>	2
LANI <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 111th Place Neighborhood Park</li><li>• 51st Place Neighborhood Park</li></ul>	2

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MRCA	
• El Dorado Avenue Park/Pacoima Wash Greenway	1
Total Projects	11

There are an additional eight (8) projects that the Department is discussing with the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA). There are still issues to be resolved between the CRA/LA and the Department regarding those projects. It is anticipated that the list of CRA/LA projects the Department will be involved in and the role of the Department therein will be finalized at an upcoming meeting scheduled for June 9, 2011. Thereafter, Department staff will likely submit a separate report regarding the CRA/LA projects for this Board to consider at its meeting on June 15, 2011.

The Department will itself prepare and submit grant proposals for three projects for which the City/Department is the applicant, while the other aforementioned organizations will prepare and submit grant proposals for their own projects with the intent to turn over the completed projects to the Department, which would then assume responsibility to operate and maintain the projects.

The project scope for each of these projects has not yet been determined. Pursuant to the Proposition 84 Procedural Guidelines, the project scope should be determined by the community through a process of conducting community meetings.

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, as lead agency for the three projects for which the City/Department is the applicant, the Department must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The appropriate CEQA documentation will be submitted for consideration and approval when each project under the grant is brought back before the Board for final approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The submittal of grant applications, approval of authorizing resolutions, and resolutions accepting designated projects has no impact on the Department's General Fund. However, future operations and maintenance costs after project completion, which is estimated to be by 2017, are currently unknown.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR STATEWIDE PARK  
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Albion Riverside Park, Kittridge/Vineland Park, and West Lakeside Street Park projects, and

1. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT DESIGNATED COMPLETED PROJECTS FOR THE  
PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS SUBMITTED BY  
THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Trust for Public Land (TPL), will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete their grant funded project scopes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Supports the filing of a grant application by the TPL for the Colden Avenue Park, Lexington and Madison Park, and South Victoria Avenue Park projects, and, subject to approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, should the grant funds be awarded:

1. Certifies that upon satisfactory completion of the designated projects, including all accounting and project close out activities, the TPL will transfer all grant contract obligations to the City of Los Angeles through its Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), including operation and maintenance responsibilities for the project, in accordance with the Grant Administration Guide, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the draft Donation Agreement included in TPL's grant application package, upon its execution; and
2. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to sign and submit the amended grant contract naming the Department of Recreation and Parks as the new Grantee; and
3. Certifies that the City has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Colden Avenue, Lexington and Madison, and South Victoria Avenue projects; and
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT DESIGNATED COMPLETED PROJECTS FOR THE  
PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS SUBMITTED BY  
THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT), will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete their grant funded project scopes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Supports the filing of a grant application by the LANLT for the 98th Street Park and Vermont and 81st Street Park projects, and, subject to approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, should the grant funds be awarded:

1. Certifies that upon satisfactory completion of the designated project, including all accounting and project close out activities, the LANLT will transfer all grant contract obligations to the City of Los Angeles through its Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), including operation and maintenance responsibilities for the project, in accordance with the Grant Administration Guide, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the draft Donation Agreement included in LANLT's grant application package, upon its execution; and
2. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to sign and submit the amended grant contract naming the Department of Recreation and Parks as the new Grantee; and
3. Certifies that the City has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the 98th Street Park and Vermont and 81st Street Park projects; and
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT DESIGNATED COMPLETED PROJECTS FOR THE  
PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS SUBMITTED BY  
THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete their grant funded project scopes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Supports the filing of a grant application by the LANI for the 111th Place Neighborhood Park and 51st Place Neighborhood Park projects, and, subject to approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, should the grant funds be awarded:

1. Certifies that upon satisfactory completion of the designated projects, including all accounting and project close out activities, the LANI will transfer all grant contract obligations to the City of Los Angeles through its Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), including operation and maintenance responsibilities for the project, in accordance with the Grant Administration Guide, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the draft Donation Agreement included in LANI's grant application package, upon its execution; and
2. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to sign and submit the amended grant contract naming the Department of Recreation and Parks as the new Grantee; and
3. Certifies that the City has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the 111th Place Neighborhood Park and 51st Place Neighborhood Park projects; and
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT DESIGNATED COMPLETED PROJECTS FOR THE  
PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS SUBMITTED BY  
THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete their grant funded project scopes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Supports the filing of a grant application by the MRCA for the El Dorado Avenue Park/Pacoima Wash Greenway project, and, subject to approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, should the grant funds be awarded:

1. Certifies that upon satisfactory completion of the designated projects, including all accounting and project close out activities, the MRCA will transfer all grant contract obligations to the City of Los Angeles through its Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), including operation and maintenance responsibilities for the project, in accordance with the Grant Administration Guide, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the draft Donation Agreement included in MRCA's grant application package, upon its execution; and
2. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to sign and submit the amended grant contract naming the Department of Recreation and Parks as the new Grantee; and
3. Certifies that the City has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the El Dorado Avenue Park/Pacoima Wash Greenway project; and
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_