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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CITY HALL PARK – PARK RESTORATION (PRJ20465) PROJECT –
ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$544,440.56 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the City Hall Park Account No. 89440K-CJ; and,
2. Approve the allocation of \$544,440.56 in Quimby Fees from City Hall Park Account No. 89440K-CJ for the City Hall Park –Park Restoration (PRJ20465) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

City Hall Park is located at 200 North Spring Street, in the Downtown Los Angeles community of the City. This 1.71 acre park encompasses the lawn areas and open space immediately surrounding City Hall. City Hall and City Hall Park are City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (Monument No. 150). Due to size of the park, and the features it provides, City Hall Park currently meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

On November 3, 2010, in Board Report No. 10-303, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the allocation of \$5,559.44 in Zone Change Fees for the City Hall Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20465) project. The scope of the approved City Hall Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20465) project included improvements to turf, landscape, and irrigation infrastructure. On February 1, 2012, in Board Report No. 12-034, the

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Board approved the scope of the Park Restoration Project at City Hall Park. As detailed in that report, City Hall Park suffered damage from Occupy L.A.'s two month long encampment in the park from October 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011, which ultimately required the development of a Preferred Restoration Option for the renovation of City Hall Park.

Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) staff is recommending that the scope of the City Hall Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20465) project be modified to be consistent with the scope of the Preferred Restoration Option for the renovation of City Hall Park, as was approved by the Board on February 1, 2012, in Board Report No. 12-034; that \$544,440.56 in additional Quimby funds be allocated to complete the project; and that the project be renamed City Hall Park –Park Restoration (PRJ20465) project.

Upon approval of this report, \$544,440.56 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to City Hall Park Account No. 89440K-CJ for the City Hall Park – Park Restoration (PRJ20465) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the City Hall Park – Park Restoration (PRJ20465) project including previously approved allocations is \$550,000. These Fees were collected within one mile of City Hall Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on February 1, 2012 (Board Report No. 12-034) that is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15331 (Class 31) of the State CEQA Guidelines as adopted by City CEQA Guidelines (Article I) and Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have an impact on the Department's General Fund as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

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Once this project is completed the Department staff will be requesting \$60,000 for yearly maintenance of this facility. This budget is to include; part-time staff, materials, and supplies. Should the required funding not be granted this facility will be included in the existing Metro Region routes, which would result in a reduction of core maintenance functions at existing routed facilities.

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