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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-293

DATE November 20, 2013

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SUBJECT: DREW STREET PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – ASSIGNMENT OF THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR PROPOSITION A CITIES EXCESS FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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| R. Adams _____ | K. Regan _____ |
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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Resolution, which assigns to the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), a non-profit organization, a right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$20,000.00, which are available from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles, on condition that the funds be used for the completion of the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project, located within the City of Los Angeles; and,
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A guidelines.

SUMMARY:

As the designated Proposition A grant administrator for the City of Los Angeles, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was contacted by the County of Los Angeles (County) to secure the adoption of a City Council resolution assigning to the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), a non-profit organization, the City's right to apply for available Proposition A Cities Excess Funds.

LACGC is proposing to install a decorative fence around the community garden in the Drew/Estara neighborhood near San Fernando Road and Fletcher in Glassell Park, which provides plots for thirty-eight (38) local families to grow healthy, organic fruits and vegetables

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for their families and friends. While the fence is needed to secure the garden effectively, as a decorative fence, it will contribute to the beautification of the neighborhood and continue safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the City of Los Angeles and benefit other County residents in the First Supervisorial District. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000.00.

LACGC is requesting the City's assistance in securing a Proposition A Cities Excess Funds grant from the First Supervisorial District for this project by assigning the City's right to apply for these funds, pursuant to the Proposition A guidelines. With approval from City Council, the Proposition A Cities Excess Funds will be allocated to LACGC by the County to be used for the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project.

City Council action adopting the attached resolution will assign the City's right to apply for these grant funds to LACGC. Once the City's resolution is approved and a copy is provided to the County, the proposed project will be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to accept the assignment and allocate the Proposition A Cities Excess Funds grant to LACGC for the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project. Once the County awards the grant, LACGC will administer the funds and assume responsibility for the completion of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the RAP's General Fund as funding for the completion of the project will be the responsibility of LACGC.

This report was prepared by Kai Wong, Management Analyst II, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ASSIGNING THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR
THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS TO THE
LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL FOR THE DREW STREET
PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted the Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions (collectively the Propositions), which among other uses, provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County to be used for the acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), a non-profit organization, is requesting that the City of Los Angeles assign the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$20,000.00, in the First Supervisorial District, to LACGC for use in completing the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project;

WHEREAS, the project consists of the installation of a decorative fence around the community garden in the Drew/Estara neighborhood near San Fernando Road and Fletcher in Glassell Park, which provides plots for thirty-eight (38) local families to grow healthy, organic fruits and vegetables for their families and friends. While the fence is needed to secure the garden effectively, as a decorative fence, it will contribute to the beautification of the neighborhood and continue safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the City of Los Angeles and benefit other County residents in the First Supervisorial District. The total estimated cost for the project is \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Drew Street Park Community Garden, owned by the City of Los Angeles and operated by LACGC under Agreement No. 3399, is located in the City of Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Assigns to the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), a non-profit organization, the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 in the First Supervisorial District for use in completing the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project.

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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 _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By: _____