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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-020

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM 2014 PROGRAM YEAR - AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a 2014 Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP) grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) to fund the acquisition, development, rehabilitation and/or improvements of various RAP's parks and recreation facilities, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
2. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Resolution, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for 2014 HRPP grant funds and designates RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project(s);
3. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant Resolution to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 *et seq.* as may be amended;
4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant award to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the

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City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 *et seq.* as may be amended;

5. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the 2014 HRPP grant award, if awarded, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council and approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the 2014 HRPP grant funds, if awarded, from CDHCD.

### SUMMARY:

In December 2014, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) released the 2014 Designated Program Year Notice of Funding Availability for the Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP). The grant application is due by February 5, 2015. CDHCD must receive the City Council-approved Resolution by March 5, 2015.

The HRPP, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to reward local governments for developing new or rehabilitated residential housing affordable to low-income households and has \$35 million available for the 2014 Program Year. The HRPP funds may be used for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreational trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

With considerable assistance from the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has been awarded HRPP funds for the last three (3) rounds of funding. For the 2010 Program Year, RAP was awarded \$1,594,850.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: 139 E. 61st Street Park (CD 9), 4600 Orchard Avenue Park (CD 9), 554 W. 97th Street Park (CD 8), 609 W. 105th Street Park (CD 8), 833 W. 76th Street Park (CD 8), South Park Improvements (CD 9), and 8620 Wall Street Pocket Park (CD 9) (CF No. 11-1378). For the 2011 Program Year, RAP was awarded \$1,891,300.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: Vermont and Gage Park (CD 9) and Watts Cultural Crescent (CD 15) (CF No. 11-1378). For the 2013 Program Year, RAP was awarded \$8,221,950.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: Algin Sutton Recreation Center (CD 8), Central Pool (CD 9), Evergreen Recreation Center (CD 14), Leslie N. Shaw Park (CD 10), MacArthur Park (CD 1), Pershing Square Park (CD 14), South Park Improvement Project (CD 9), and Toberman Recreation Center (CD 1) (CF Nos. 14-0996 and 11-1378).

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The 2014 HRPP grant funds, if awarded, will be used to fund eligible park projects. The 2014 eligible funding request amount is not known at this time as the calculation to determine the amount is based on the number of affordable housing units constructed by the City within the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Staff is currently working with HCID to gather the affordable housing information, which will exclude the affordable housing projects that have already been used for prior year HRPP awards. Once the eligible funding request amount is determined, RAP's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch will be able to identify eligible park projects that fit within the grant guidelines for the 2014 HRPP.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The submission of this grant application has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

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