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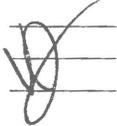
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SUBJECT: PATTON STREET POCKET PARK – RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT TO LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively authorize Staff to issue a Temporary, Revocable Right Of Entry (ROE) permit, substantially in the form on file with the Board Office, to the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), a California nonprofit organization, for the operation and maintenance of the newly developed community garden at Patton Street Pocket Park; and,
2. Direct the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to create a subaccount in Fund 302 Department 89 for the deposit of fees and other cost recovery reimbursements received from the LACGC, in accordance with RAP Policies.

SUMMARY:

On June 26, 2014, the Board approved the Patton Street Pocket Park Project (Report No. 14-166), to be developed by the Trust for Public Land (TPL) through a donation agreement between RAP and TPL for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks that would be funded in whole or in part, through grant funding from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Grant Program (Report No. 10-121). Patton Street Pocket Park (Park), located at 317 Patton Street, across from the Echo Park Community Center, is a 0.40 acre passive park which includes a play area, fitness

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equipment a picnic tables, benches, other small-scale recreational amenities, and a 0.09 acre community garden with ten (10) garden plots (Garden). The Park's development was completed by TPL and opened to the public on August 1, 2015.

As part of their planning, design, and community process for development of the Park, TPL partnered with the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), who has extensive experience in the development and management of community gardens throughout the Los Angeles area, and selected LACGC to manage, operate, and maintain the Garden upon completion of construction. The LACGC currently manages the operation and maintenance of four (4) community gardens on RAP property, through garden agreements in accordance with the RAP Community Operated Open Space Policy (Board Report No. 11-121); Solano Canyon Community Garden, Drew Street Garden, East Hollywood Public Garden and Achievement Center, and El Sereno Community Garden.

In anticipation of each LACGC garden agreement term of three (3) years expiring during the next six (6) months, the Partnership Division is presently in discussions with the LACGC for the preparation and eventual execution of a "master garden agreement" which will stipulate the terms and conditions for the continued operation and maintenance of all the gardens operated by the LACGC.

The temporary, revocable, Right Of Entry Permit (ROE), PD-ROE-066, for which staff is seeking approval from the Board, was issued to LACGC as an interim measure to authorize and document Garden operations until the master agreement is finalized, approved by the Board, and executed.

The Assistant General Manager of the Operations Branch and the Superintendent of the Metro Region is aware that the Garden is being operated and maintained by the LACGC, and each supports staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund, as all costs of Garden operations and maintenance, including utilities, will be paid by LACGC.

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