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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-203

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VERMONT SQUARE PARK – SECURITY LIGHTING AND CAMERAS (PRJ21427) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS] AND CLASS 3(4) [INSTALLATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE IF REQUIRED FOR SAFETY, HEALTH, OR THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301 AND 15303 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Vermont Square Park – Security Lighting and Cameras (PRJ21427) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operations] and Class 3(4) [Installation of new equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use if required for safety, health, or the public convenience] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
3. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE); and,
4. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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### SUMMARY

Vermont Square Park is located at 1248 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street in the Vermont Square community of the City. This 3.01-acre facility provides basketball courts, children's play area, fitness equipment and picnic tables. Approximately 11,031 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Vermont Square Park.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Vermont Square Park – Security Lighting and Cameras (PRJ21427) Project includes installation of security lighting and cameras throughout the park.

The Office of Council District 9 is in support of this proposed Project.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Los Angeles City Council approved a motion to reprogram Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the 2019-20 Program Year 45 for the Vermont Square Park – Security Lighting and Cameras (PRJ21427) Project (C.F. #18-0968-S1).

### FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
CDBG PY45 Funds	TBD	\$300,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		\$300,000.00	100%

### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for this Project and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in November 2020.

### TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Vermont Square Park.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of new lighting for security and operations as well as of installation of new equipment required for safety and public convenience involving negligible or no expansion of use. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California

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Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by CBDG Funds or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

**Goal No. 1:** Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

**Outcome No. 2:** All parks are safe and welcoming

**Result:** The installation of security lighting and cameras will enhance safety and the park user's experience.

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