



# Building A Better Long Beach

January 7, 2008

## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds. (North – District 8)

### DISCUSSION

Redevelopment Agency (Agency) staff is working to address needed infrastructure improvements within the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. Typical improvements include: library, park, police, fire and other public facilities; additional open space and open space improvements; public art; neighborhood, street, and alley improvements; streetscape enhancements; and public parking. These improvements will facilitate the removal and elimination of blight, beautify corridors and spur economic revitalization in North Long Beach. More recently, discussions have begun to address badly needed park improvements within Scherer Park.

Before the Agency may proceed with any improvements within Scherer Park, which is outside of the North Redevelopment Project Area, but adjacent to the Project Area, California Redevelopment Law requires the Agency to adopt a resolution making the following findings:

- That the construction of such public improvements are of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;
- That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and
- That the payment of Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the project area.

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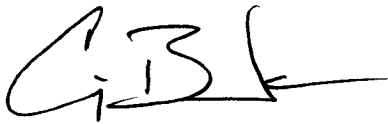
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The attached resolution makes the necessary findings regarding the construction of public park improvements with redevelopment funds outside of but of benefit to the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. Additional Agency approvals and budget actions will be required before project construction may move forward.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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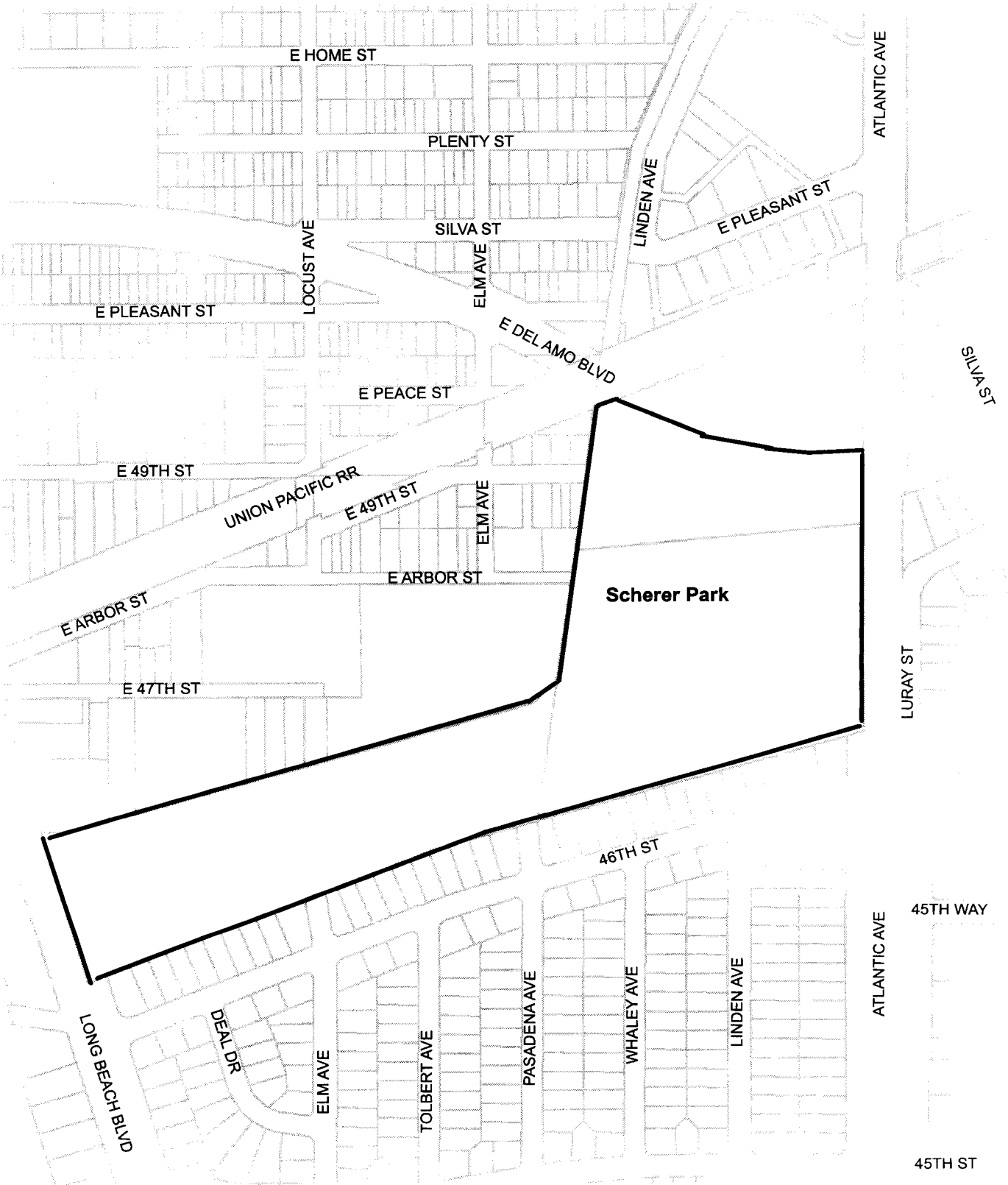
CRAIG BECK  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Map  
Resolution



# Exhibit A Site Map



RESOLUTION NO. R.A.

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,  
MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS  
WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (SCHERER PARK)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public improvements, which improvements will be located adjacent to the boundaries of the Project, and proposes to use redevelopment funds to finance these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements or facilities thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the appropriations limitation of Article XIII B of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Agency determines that the construction of public improvements, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" are of benefit to the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is

supported by the following facts:

Public improvements in general facilitate the removal of blight and help create a safe, more cohesive and economically dynamic community. Development of general park improvements, including recreational facilities, public parking, open space improvements and public art, assist in removal of blight within densely populated neighborhoods currently underserved with these types of amenities. The City, public and business community will significantly benefit from the proposed park improvements and any other appurtenants necessary for the aforementioned improvements. Residents of the surrounding populated neighborhoods are currently underserved in terms of open space, after school activities, senior services and general recreational opportunities. These public improvements will help to create a more positive and nurturing environment within North Long Beach neighborhoods, as well as contribute towards a feeling of community.

Section 2. The Agency determines that no other reasonable means of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community. This finding is supported by the following facts:

Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes. However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal year 2007-2008, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

Section 3. The Agency further determines that the payment of funds for

the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the implementation plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chair

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to Scherer Park, including, but not limited to, facility upgrades and new construction.