



Building A Better Long Beach

Item 2

July 7, 2008

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution that the Redevelopment Agency determines that construction of certain public improvement projects are of public benefit to the redevelopment project area and that the public improvement projects are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Plan. (Central – Districts 1, 6)

DISCUSSION

The Redevelopment Agency (Agency), in collaboration with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Department of Public Works, has identified the need to create and improve open space and infrastructure throughout the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area). These improvements will assist in the removal of blight by enhancing open space in densely populated neighborhoods currently underserved by these types of amenities, improving safety of the residents, and helping to create safe, more cohesive and economically dynamic communities in the Project Area. The Agency has targeted six open space and two infrastructure projects for public improvements.

- Rosa Parks Park Acquisition/Expansion
- Drake/Chavez/Bhatti UPRR Expansion
- Craftsman Park Expansion
- Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Expansion
- MacArthur Park/Homeland Cultural Center Expansion
- Downtown Dog Park
- Magnolia Industrial District Infrastructure Improvement

California Redevelopment Law provides that the Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay for public improvements that are publicly owned either within or outside of a redevelopment project area, if the City Council determines all of the following:

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- That the construction of such public improvements is 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 Redevelopment Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the project area.

Since the Agency is funding construction of these public improvements, these findings must be made. These public improvements include creating and enhancing open space and renovating community centers.

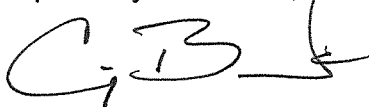
These improvements will further serve to support neighborhood and economic revitalization by enriching the character of neighborhoods, linking existing open space elements, and providing a unique and positive environmental signature for the project area.

A resolution is attached making certain findings regarding the construction of these public improvements with redevelopment funds in the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Redevelopment Agency Resolution

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 (CENTRAL PARKS AND
RECREATION FACILITIES AND STREET
IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the Central Redevelopment Project (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 within 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:

Development of additional parks and recreation facilities will assist the removal of blight in densely populated neighborhoods that are currently underserved in terms of open space and recreational opportunities, while also helping to create a more positive and nurturing environment within neighborhoods. Further, targeted street improvements will eliminate blight, improve traffic flow and the safety of residents, and promote business attraction and retention.

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 2008-2009, 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, on this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVED:

Chair

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EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Sites located in the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area to be developed into parks and recreation facilities. Also, streets targeted for improvements. These public projects will facilitate the removal of blight as well as facilitate safer, more cohesive neighborhoods. These projects include the following:

- Rosa Parks Park Acquisition/Expansion
- Drake/Chavez/Bhatti UPRR Expansion
- Craftsman Park Expansion
- Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Expansion
- MacArthur Park/Homeland Cultural Center Expansion
- Downtown Dog Park
- Magnolia Industrial District Streetscape