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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation's California

Cultural and Historical Endowment Grant Application (District 3)

DISCUSSION

In 2002, voters approved Proposition 40 to support state and local park projects to preserve California's natural heritage and allow urban areas to expand much needed recreation facilities that serve children, youth, seniors, and families. Following the passage of the Proposition, then Governor Davis signed the California Cultural and Historical Endowment Act (Act) which established the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) in the California State Library. The Act requires the Endowment to use Proposition 40 funds to make grants and loans to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to protect and preserve California's cultural and historic resources.

Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation (Foundation), the nonprofit corporation which manages Rancho Los Alamitos for the City, has submitted a grant application to the CCHE for the restoration of the barns area and education center. The \$2.5 million grant request would be used toward the restoration of the barns area to reflect its original configuration and to renovate historic ranch structures that are badly deteriorated. The Education Center improvements would provide for public programs and educational activities. The Foundation is required to match the \$2.5 million grant request and will place the funds in an escrow account if the grant is awarded.

The attached Resolution of support was prepared by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on October 27, 2004, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 1, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on November 9, 2004, to meet the CCHE deadline for documentation supporting the project grant application.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net impact to City funds. The Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation would be responsible for providing matching grant funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Adopt the attached Resolution in support of Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation's California Cultural and Historical Endowment Grant Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

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