

LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute loan agreements between the City of Long Beach and the Redevelopment Agency for eligible open space projects in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000 within the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area and \$8,000,000 for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. (Central – Districts 1, 4 and 6; North – Districts 7 and 9)

DISCUSSION

On September 18, 2006, the Long Beach City Council authorized the issuance and sale of the 2006 Open Space Lease Revenue Bonds (Bonds) to fund the expansion of parks and open space in underserved communities in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000. The Bonds have been issued and the proceeds are targeted for projects located in the North and Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Areas (Exhibit A). The debt service is to be paid from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), park impact fees, and redevelopment funds.

The Redevelopment Agency (Agency) has been actively involved in funding the creation of parks and open space as one of its strategic goals for neighborhood revitalization. The Agency and Parks, Recreation and Marine Department staff have been working cooperatively in the acquisition and development of new projects by targeting sites within redevelopment areas. An opportunity exists to leverage redevelopment and Bonds funds in the development of these projects and staff is recommending that City Council and the Agency enter into a loan agreement for expenditure of the Bonds.

The Agency's receipt of these funds will have a two-fold benefit. First, the Agency will be able to maximize the use of these funds to implement its redevelopment program and objectives. Second, the loans will create additional debt for the two project areas. This is important because a project area may only receive tax increment up to the

The mission of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency is to enhance the quality of life by improving blighted areas of Long Beach, revitalizing neighborhoods, promoting economic development, creating jobs, providing affordable housing and encouraging citizen participation.

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amount of debt that it has documented on its Statement of Indebtedness. Staff recommends that the loan agreements exceed the amount of Open Space Bond proceeds in the event that other park and open space funding sources become available, such as State park bonds.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Attachment: Exhibit A – Open Space and Park Sites

Exhibit A

OPEN SPACE AND PARK SITES

CENTRAL

- Drake/Chavez (UPRR)
- Seaside Park
- 851 Orange
- Bhatti
- Orizaba Park Expansion
- California Recreation Center Rehabilitation
- Homeland
- MacArthur Park Mark Twain Rehabilitation
- Pacific Electric Right-of-Way
- Rosa Park Parks

NORTH

- Admiral Kidd Park Expansion
- Davenport Park