



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) for Measure A funding for Projects and Programs; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit applications to the RPOSD for grants under the Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and the Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, and Urban Greening Program (Category 2) for 14th Street Park improvements, Bixby Park Parcel One improvements, the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way between 8th Street and 10th Street, Whaley Park Community Center, Wardlow Park, Lincoln Park, McBride Park, MacArthur Park, Tanaka Park, Scherer Park improvements, and Houghton Park Community Center (Projects); if awarded, accept an amount up to \$4,312,724; and, execute any documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the Projects. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016 (County Measure A), which authorizes dedicated local funding for park, recreation, and open space development and maintenance through an annual special tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of building floor area on all taxable real property in the County. County Measure A makes funding available to eligible recipients for projects that repair and upgrade parks and recreational facilities; create new parks; preserve and protect open spaces and beaches; and support recreational programming. County Measure A provides funding through both annual allocation programs and competitive grant programs. Annual allocations are distributed using set formulas, while competitive grants are awarded on a competitive basis during set grant cycles.

Annual allocations are divided among the 188 Study Areas that were used to prepare the initial Los Angeles County Park Needs Assessment (PNA) in 2016. The City of Long Beach (City) contains five Study Areas: Central, East, North, South, and West. Attachment A shows the Long Beach Study Areas overlaid on Council Districts.

Community-Based Park Investment Program (Category 1) funds are allocated annually to each Study Area in the County. Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2) funds are allocated annually to Study Areas identified as High-Need or Very-High-Need in the most current PNA. Funds in both categories are allocated using a Per Capita and

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Structural Improvements Formula. Recently resolved litigation had prevented the RPOSD from releasing allocation funding, resulting in allocations for two years being available as of June 2019. Annual allocations in Category 1 and Category 2 for each Long Beach Study Area are shown in Table 1. Annual allocations can be accrued (in whole or in part) for up to five years.

Table 1. Annual Allocations for Long Beach Study Areas.

PLANNING AREA	Category 1	Category 2	Total
North	\$499,782.64	\$369,786.26	\$869,568.90
South	\$1,114,047.64	\$838,830.52	\$1,952,878.16
East	\$500,892.94	\$0.00	\$500,892.94
Central	\$224,929.00	\$0.00	\$224,929.00
West	\$438,553.86	\$325,900.96	\$764,454.82
Total	\$2,778,206.08	\$1,534,517.74	\$4,312,723.82

The Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Marine Departments jointly recommend applying for County Measure A allocation funding for the projects shown in Table 2, which are consistent with the goals of the PNA.

Table 2. County Measure A Project Recommendations

DISTRICT	PLANNING AREA	PROJECT	AMOUNT
1	South	14th Street Park Improvements	\$270,000.00
2	South	Lincoln Park	\$754,947.47
2	South	Bixby Park Parcel One Improvements	\$90,000.00
3	South	PE Right-of-Way Grand/10th -Temple/8th	\$282,642.88
4	East	Whaley Park HVAC	\$225,401.82
5	East	Wardlow Park Restroom ADA Improvements	\$225,401.82
6	South	MacArthur Park Improvements	\$180,000.00
6	South	McBride Park Improvements	\$180,000.00
7	West	Tanaka Park Acquisition	\$764,454.82
8	Central	Scherer Park Improvements	\$202,436.10
9	North	Houghton Park Community Center Improvements	\$782,612.01
	All	Required Grant Program Administration and Community Engagement for 11 Projects*, and Tracking/Reporting	\$354,826.90
Total			\$4,312,723.82

* Required County Measure A community engagement, grant program administration, tracking, reporting and close-out responsibilities.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Arturo D. Sanchez and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 23, 2019.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 11, 2019, to execute the grant agreements and allow acquisition of Tanaka Park and park improvements to occur expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District annual allocation program is a formula grant based on population. The City will receive funding up to \$4,312,724 over the two-year funding period. No match or in-kind service mandate is required. If awarded, the Department will return to City Council with a request to increase appropriation, offset by grant revenues. This recommendation has minimal staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. County Measure A guidelines require specific levels of community engagement and grant program administration, tracking, reporting, and close-out responsibilities, which the Department will perform. These responsibilities will require staff and consultant support outside of the normal budgeted scope of duties and are eligible and reimbursable grant expenses. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation. However, it is anticipated that projects constructed using these grant funds, if awarded, will potentially result in the creation of local jobs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



GERARDO MOUET
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE



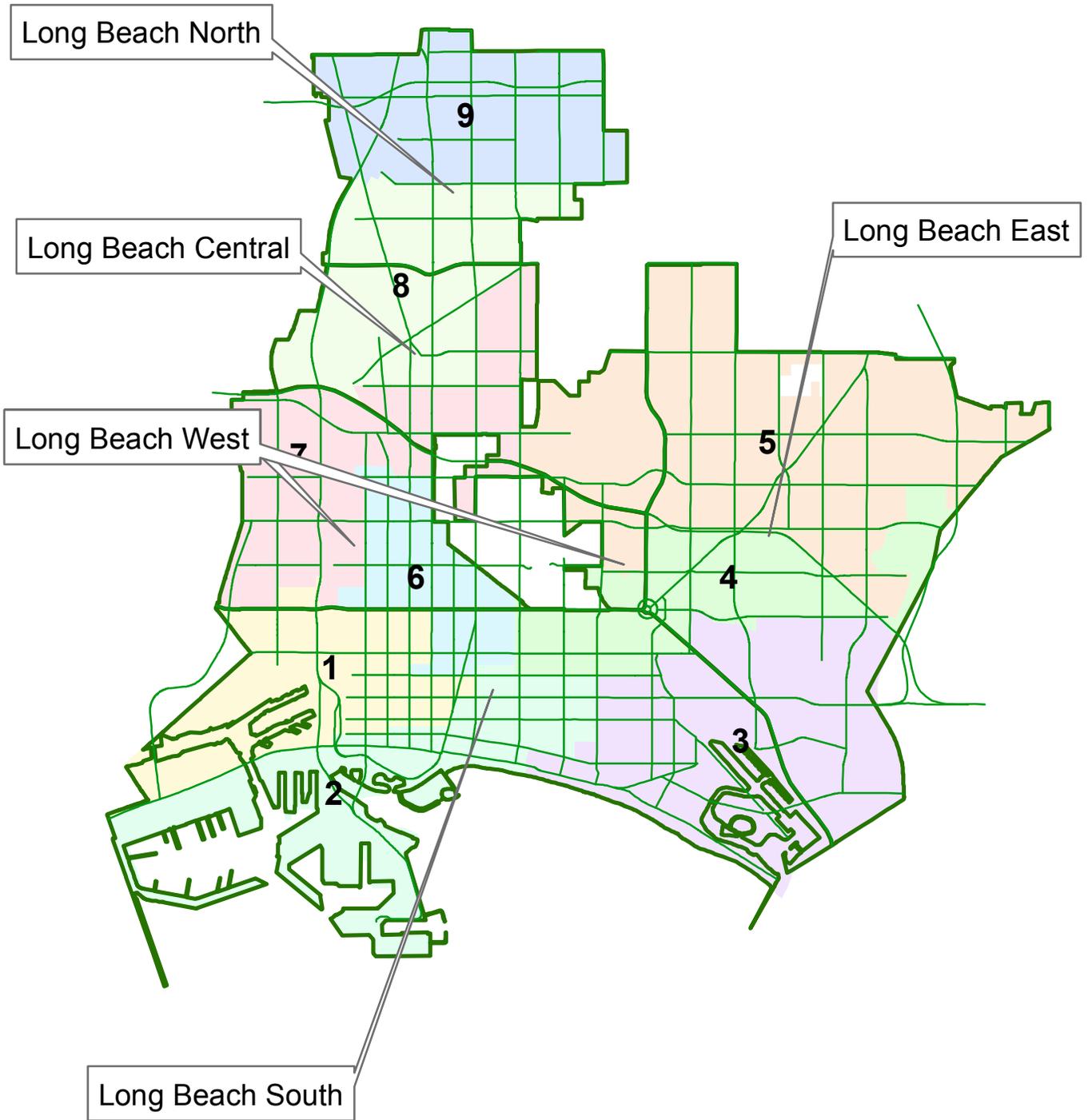
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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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ATTACHMENTS – Resolution
Attachment A – Study Areas

APPROVED:


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CITY MANAGER



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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE BLANKET
5 AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS
6 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK
7 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING
8 FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS
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10 WHEREAS, the voters of the County of Los Angeles on November 8, 2016,
11 approved the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space Beaches, Rivers Protection,
12 and Water Conservation Measure (Measure A); and

13 WHEREAS, Measure A also designated the Los Angeles County Regional
14 Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

15 WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary policies and procedures
16 governing the application for grant funds under Measure A; and

17 WHEREAS, the District's policies and procedures require the governing
18 body of the City of Long Beach ("City") to approve of the filing of an application before
19 submission of said application to the District; and

20 WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City must comply
21 with; and

22 WHEREAS, the City will enter into Agreement(s) with the District to provide
23 funds for acquisition projects, development projects, and/or programs.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
25 follows:

26 Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the blanket authority to file
27 applications with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for
28 Measure A Funds for projects or programs; and

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Section 2. The City Council hereby certifies that the City understands the assurances and will comply with the assurances in the application form; and

Section 3. The City Council appoints the City Manager, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of projects or programs.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2019 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk