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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

California

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Grant Funds and Increase Appropriations for Acquisition of Property for the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Project (District 1)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,048,900 from the California Resources Agency for the acquisition of approximately seven acres of land along the lower Los Angeles River between Drake Park and Cesar E. Chavez Park.

On June 18, 2002, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for grant funding for the acquisition of several parcels of land along the lower Los Angeles River through the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program and the San Gabriel River Watershed, San Gabriel Mountains and Lower Los Angeles River Grant Program (Programs). The intent of the Programs is to provide funding for a river parkway and restoration program to assist local agencies and other districts to plan, create, and conserve river parkways that will provide open space, non-motorized trails, bike paths, and other low impact recreational uses with wildlife habitat restoration and protection. Both Programs were funded through the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12). Due to issues regarding the state of the California budget, the grant award notification was postponed until recently.

This letter was reviewed by Donna F. Gwin, Senior Deputy City Attorney, on May 20, 2004, and by Budget Manager Michael Killebrew on May 24, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested at the June 1, 2004 meeting as acquisition negotiations with property owners has been initiated.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the \$6,048,900 grant award will offset all acquisition expenses. However, other grant funds will be sought if the acquisition costs exceed the grant award. Since the monies are currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase is included in the recommendation section below. Future ongoing maintenance expenses are unknown at this time, since this is a grant for acquisition only.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to accept the grant funds from the California Resources Agency for the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Project, and to execute all documents necessary to implement and administer the grant award; and,
2. Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) and in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$6,048,900.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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