

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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January 15, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds. (District 8)

DISCUSSION

Redevelopment Agency (Agency) staff is working to address needed infrastructure improvements within the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. Typical improvements include: library, park, police, fire and other public facilities; additional open space and open space improvements; public art; neighborhood, street and alley improvements; streetscape enhancements; and public parking. These improvements will facilitate the removal and elimination of blight, beautify corridors and spur economic revitalization in North Long Beach. Recently discussions have begun to address badly needed park improvements within Scherer Park.

Before the Agency may proceed with any improvements within Scherer Park (Exhibit A – Site Map), which is outside of the North Redevelopment Project Area, but adjacent to the Project Area, California Redevelopment Law requires the Agency to adopt a resolution making the following findings:

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

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The attached resolution makes the necessary findings regarding the construction of public park improvements with redevelopment funds outside of but of benefit to the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. The Agency approved the Resolution at their meeting on January 7, 2008. Additional Agency approvals and budget actions will be required before project construction may move forward.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on December 18, 2007, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 2, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 15, 2008, in order to facilitate project design and planning.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for project design is available in the Redevelopment Fund (RD). There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund (GP).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

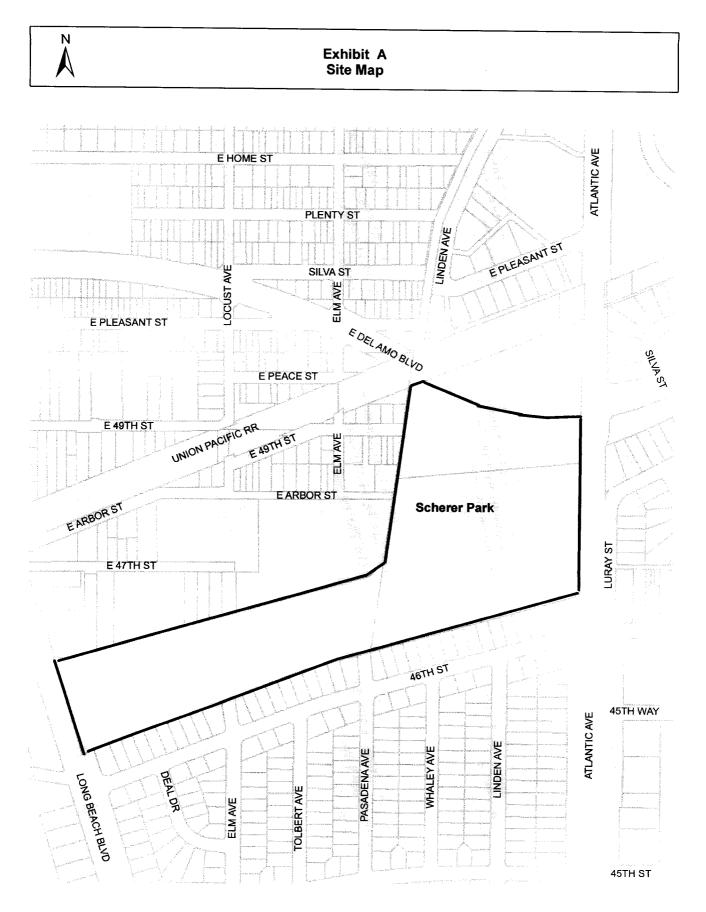
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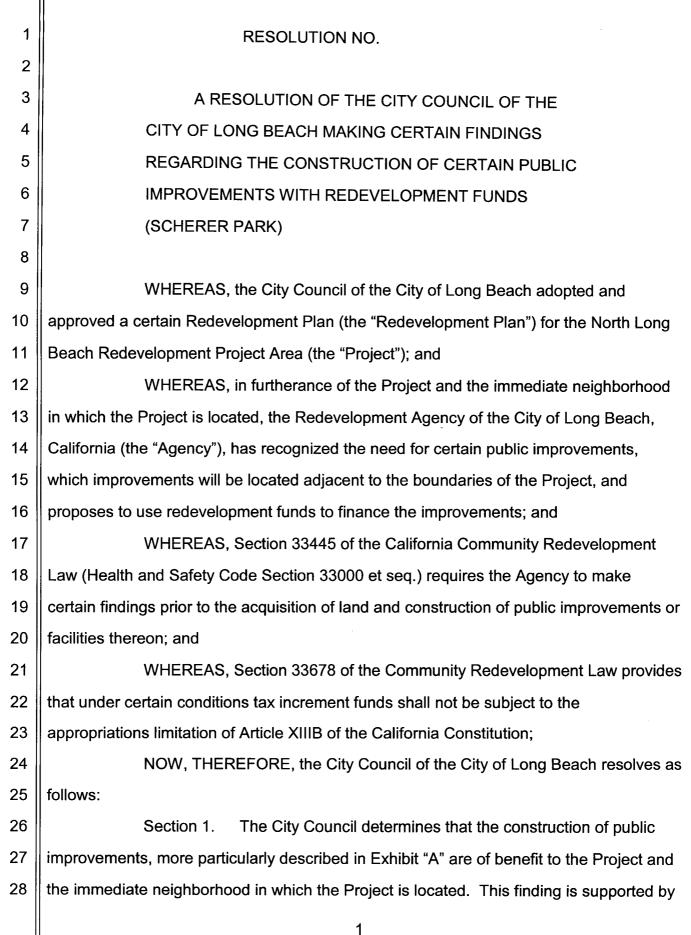
APPROVED:

Attachments: Exhibit A – Site Map City Council Resolution

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Public improvements in general facilitate the removal of blight and help create a safe, more cohesive and economically dynamic community. Development of general park improvements, including recreational facilities, public parking, open space improvements and public art, assist in removal of blight within densely populated neighborhoods currently underserved with these types of amenities. The City, public and business community will significantly benefit from the proposed park improvements and any other appurtenants necessary for the aforementioned improvements. Residents of the surrounding populated neighborhoods are currently underserved in terms of open space, after school activities, senior services and general recreational opportunities. These public improvements will help to create a more positive and nurturing environment within North Long Beach neighborhoods, as well as contribute towards a feeling of community.

Section 2. The City Council 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 2007-2008, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

Section 3. The City Council further determines that the payment of funds
for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or

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more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the implementation plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490. Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to 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 _____, 2008 by the following vote: **Councilmembers:** Ayes: Noes: Councilmembers: Absent: **Councilmembers:** City Clerk HAMA:fl 12/17/07 #07-06021 00116615.DOC

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EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to Scherer Park, including, but not limited to, facility upgrades and new construction.