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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



November 8, 2011

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## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the California Strategic Growth Council, through the Urban Greening Project Grant Program, in the amount of \$75,000, for the creation of a community garden in 14th Street Park; and execute any documents necessary for implementation and administration of the project. (District 1)

## DISCUSSION

In 2006, California voters passed the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). Proposition 84 authorized the Legislature to appropriate \$70 million for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. Up to \$2 million of the available funds are available for smaller projects, such as community gardens, proposed by disadvantaged communities.

In 2008, the Legislature created the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC), whose objectives are to improve air and water quality, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve infrastructure systems, promote public health, and assist state and local entities in the planning of sustainable communities.

In April 2011, the SGC announced the solicitation of Urban Greening Project grants under Proposition 84. Urban Greening Project grants will provide funds to preserve, enhance, increase, or establish community green areas, such as urban forests, open spaces, wetlands, and community spaces. The goal is for these greening projects to incrementally create more viable and sustainable communities throughout the state.

The Urban Greening Project Grant Program provides an opportunity to fund a community garden in 14th Street Park (Attachment). A community garden in 14th Street Park will address multiple SGC urban greening priorities, including improving public health and serving an economically disadvantaged community. The community garden will be developed and operated in conjunction with Long Beach Organic, Inc. (LBO), a Long Beach-based nonprofit corporation "dedicated to promoting sustainable organic gardening

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practices and local food consumption" in urban areas. LBO was founded in 1994, with the vision of turning vacant urban lots into viable organic gardens, and specializes in the development and management of community gardens. LBO successfully manages seven community gardens, two of which are in City parks. In addition, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is working with LBO to develop the new Mary Molina Community Garden.

PRM submitted a concept proposal form to the SGC in May 2011, for a community garden in 14<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The concept was assessed and determined to be both eligible and ready. PRM was then invited to submit a full application, which is due November 17, 2011.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on October 12, 2011, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 13, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 8, 2011, in order to submit the grant application in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the community garden in 14th Street Park will be \$75,000. The Urban Greening Project Grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. Should the grant application be selected for funding, a recommendation will be made to the City Council to accept the grant and appropriate the funding. There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



GEORGE CHAPJIAN  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

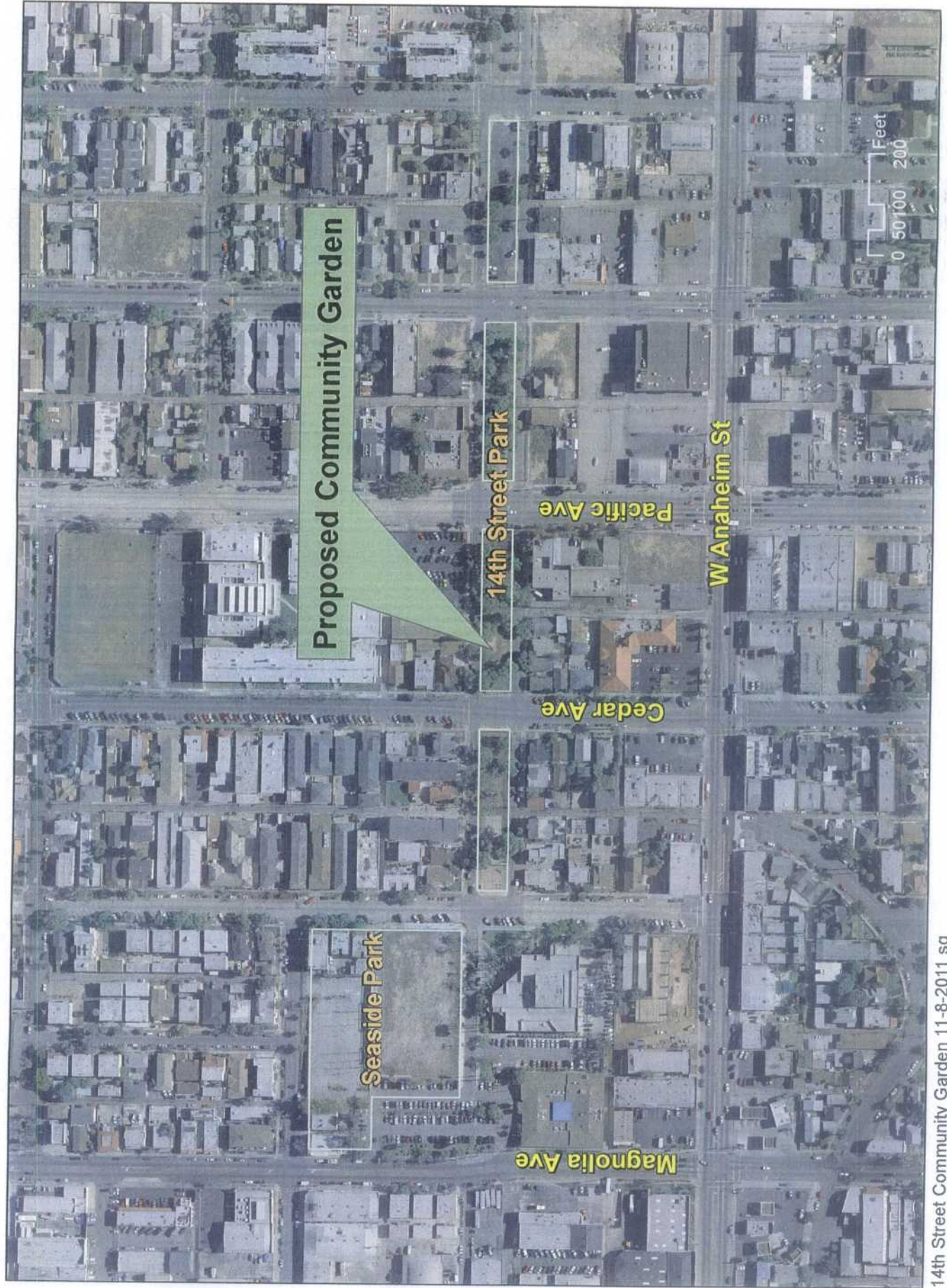
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Attachments

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

# 14th Street Community Garden



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM, UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants' governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out development of the Urban Greening Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Beach City Council hereby:

Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the Urban Greening Plan for California Gardens; and

Section 2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and

Section 3. Certifies that Applicant will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the

1 resources to do so; and

2           Section 4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.8  
3 of the California Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded  
4 Proposition 84 Funds; and

5           Section 5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws  
6 and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act  
7 (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access  
8 laws, and that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have  
9 been obtained; and

10           Section 6. Certifies that Applicant will work towards the Governor's State  
11 Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the  
12 environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code  
13 Section 65041.1; and

14           Section 7. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all  
15 negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications,  
16 agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of  
17 the aforementioned project(s).

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Section 8. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk