

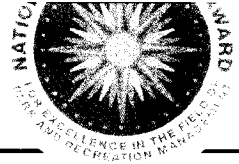


# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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August 9, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effect approval of a transfer of grant funds from the Hilltop Site Sports Complex project (site now known as California Gardens) to the proposed Chittick Field Sports Complex project, and amend any necessary applications with the County of Los Angeles. (Districts 6 and 7)

## DISCUSSION

In 1992 and 1996, the voters of the County of Los Angeles approved Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Park Propositions, which among other uses, provide funds to public agencies in the County for the purpose of acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of facilities and open space for public recreation. In 1992, the City of Long Beach applied for and received a grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District in the amount of \$6.2 million to construct a sports complex in Area III of El Dorado East Regional Park. In response to community objection to the construction of a sports complex in Area III of El Dorado East Regional Park, in 1996, a new location for the 47-acre facility was identified by the City Council at the Hilltop Site Sports Complex located at Spring Street and Orange Avenue (now known as California Gardens).

As design commenced on the California Gardens site, it was discovered through background and infrastructure investigation that the project was fiscally infeasible due to site constraints. Design on the project was stopped. The work effort expended on the two sites utilized \$1,860,000 of the grant funding, leaving available a remaining amount of \$4,340,000.

In reviewing alternate sites that would be appropriate for an active recreational sports complex within City limits, Chittick Field, located at Walnut Avenue and Alamitos Avenue, has been identified as the most appropriate location. If approved, the project at Chittick Field would consist of lighted soccer fields of varied size, a football field, and an all-weather track. Included in the project would be parking and park amenities, as required.

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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors must approve the transfer of the remaining \$4,340,000 in grant funds to the new project site. Before the Board of Supervisors can review the matter, the City Council must adopt a Resolution requesting their action. The proposed Resolution would authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to submit a second amendment to the City's previous application for Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District bond funds, and to execute all documents necessary to receive such funds. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's authorization of the transfer of funds would not commit the City Council to proceeding with development of the sports complex. The development of a sports complex at the Chittick Field site would require appropriate environmental review prior to approval.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is concurrently seeking funding for the development of a master plan for the 47-acre California Gardens site. The master plan development process will include extensive public outreach to include the community in the overall design process. The first phase of development contemplates a 4-acre parcel to be developed as a passive park, and will include walking trails, seating, and parking.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 27, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 9, 2011, in order to allow timely execution of pertinent documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The remaining unspent grant budget of \$4,340,000 will be transferred to the Chittick Field project upon approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The recommended action and subsequent project implementation will result in a positive impact on jobs, although the exact number is unknown at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GEORGE CHAPJIAN  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

GC:SJG:AMM

Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED:

  
PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
5 MANAGER TO SUBMIT A SECOND AMENDED GRANT  
6 APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY  
7 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO THE LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT  
9 TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF PREVIOUSLY GRANTED  
10 FUNDS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION  
11 OF AN ACTIVE RECREATIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX TO  
12 BE LOCATED AT CHITTICK FIELD IN THE CITY OF LONG  
13 BEACH AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE CITY  
14 MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY  
15 TO RECEIVE SUCH FUNDS FOR THE ABOVE STATED  
16 PURPOSE  
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18 WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992,  
19 and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe  
20 Neighborhood Park Propositions (the propositions), which among other uses, provide  
21 funds to public agencies in the County for the purpose of acquisition, development and/or  
22 rehabilitation of facilities and open space for public recreation; and

23 WHEREAS, the above referenced enactments also created the Los  
24 Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer funds  
25 allocated for park development and acquisition; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1992, the City of Long Beach applied to the District and  
27 received a grant to construct a sports complex in Area III of El Dorado East Regional  
28 Park, and

1 WHEREAS in response to community objection to the construction of a  
2 sports complex in Area III of El Dorado East Regional Park; in 1996 a new location for the  
3 50-acre facility was identified by the City Council at the Hilltop Site Sports Complex  
4 located at Spring Street and Orange Avenue (now known as the "California Gardens"  
5 site), and

6 WHEREAS, as design commenced on the California Gardens site, it was  
7 discovered by the City through background and infrastructure investigation that the  
8 project was fiscally infeasible due to site constraints, and

9 WHEREAS, In reviewing alternate sites that would be appropriate for an  
10 active recreational sports complex within City limits, Chittick Field, located at Walnut  
11 Avenue and Alamitos Avenue, has been identified as the most appropriate location, and

12 WHEREAS, if approved, the project at Chittick Field would consist of lighted  
13 soccer fields of varied size, a football field, and an all-weather track, parking and other  
14 related park amenities as required, and

15 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to request that the District approve a  
16 transfer of any remaining grant funds from the Hilltop Site Sports Complex project to the  
17 newly proposed project to be developed at Chittick Field, and

18 WHEREAS, the City desires to submit an amended application for the  
19 Chittick Field Project to the District for its consideration,

20 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
21 follows:

22 Section 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are  
23 incorporated herein by this reference.

24 Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to  
25 submit an application or amended application to the District in order to effect the approval  
26 and transfer of funds from the Hilltop Site Sports Complex project to the newly proposed  
27 project to be developed at Chittick Field.

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Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations with the District, if necessary, accept all funds, execute and submit all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and all other documents which may be necessary to effect the transfer of funds from one project to the other as described herein.

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 this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by the following vote:

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

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

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

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