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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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## HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to California State Parks through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008, in the amount of \$5 million, for the construction of a community center and playground at Scherer Park, for a total estimated project cost of \$10 million. (District 8)

### DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the \$54 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, to provide capital funding for water quality and park programs. Subsequent enabling legislation authorized \$368 million in Proposition 84 grant funding for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 (Park Development Program).

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) would like to apply for \$5 million in grant funding through the Park Development Program for the construction of a new community center and playground at Scherer Park. Scherer Park is a 26-acre park with a cascading stream flowing to a small lake; a paved trail for walking, biking, and skating; basketball and tennis courts; large grassy areas for family picnics or simple relaxation; and a new dog park. On weekends, the park's cascading stream is a popular site for weddings and quinceañera photographs. Currently, there is no community center available to provide a place to gather for social interaction, educational opportunities, or recreation programs and services. The Eighth District Council office conducted several public meetings in order to gather community input for amenities to be included in the community center, as well as to determine the best site within the park to locate the new community center building (Attachment A).

Located between the cascading stream and the police substation, the Scherer Park Community Center is proposed to be a 16,000 square foot, two-story building that will be cut into the slope adjacent to the existing parking lot on Atlantic Avenue (Attachment B). The east side of the building will have an entry from the parking lot at the second level, while a ground level entry will be provided on the west side. Operational space within the community center will provide social gathering areas, game and fitness rooms, a conference room, a small library/reading room, a kitchen area, storage areas, public restrooms, and a small office area. An interior elevator and a sloping path at the

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front of the community center will provide for ADA access (Attachments C and D). It is proposed to construct the community center to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standards. In addition to the community center, a playground will be included in the grant application as a second "recreational feature," which is a grant requirement for achieving maximum grant rating points used toward the awarding of funding. An aerial map of Scherer Park is attached (Attachment E).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on January 25, 2010, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on January 28, 2010.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 16, 2010, in order to submit the grant application to California State Parks by their due date of March 1, 2010.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The total direct cost of the project is estimated at \$10 million. The requested grant will cover only 50 percent, or \$5 million, of total project costs. As such, funding for the remaining \$5 million in project costs has not been identified. In addition, future annual community center maintenance costs are estimated at \$75,000. Future annual recreation programming costs are estimated at \$275,000.

The availability of General Fund revenue to support costs for new parks and recreation services, including this project, or the reallocation of current funding away from existing programs to support this project, will need to be considered in the context of upcoming structural deficits and budget balancing solutions that will be required for FY 11 and FY 12. Lastly, should future funding for this project not materialize, any expenditure of State grant funds for project preparation and development will likely require reimbursement to the State from the General Fund.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



PHIL T. HESTER  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachments: Resolution  
Scherer Park Site Plan  
Community Center Conceptual Site Plan  
Community Center Conceptual Building Section  
Scherer Park Elevation  
Aerial Map

APPROVED:



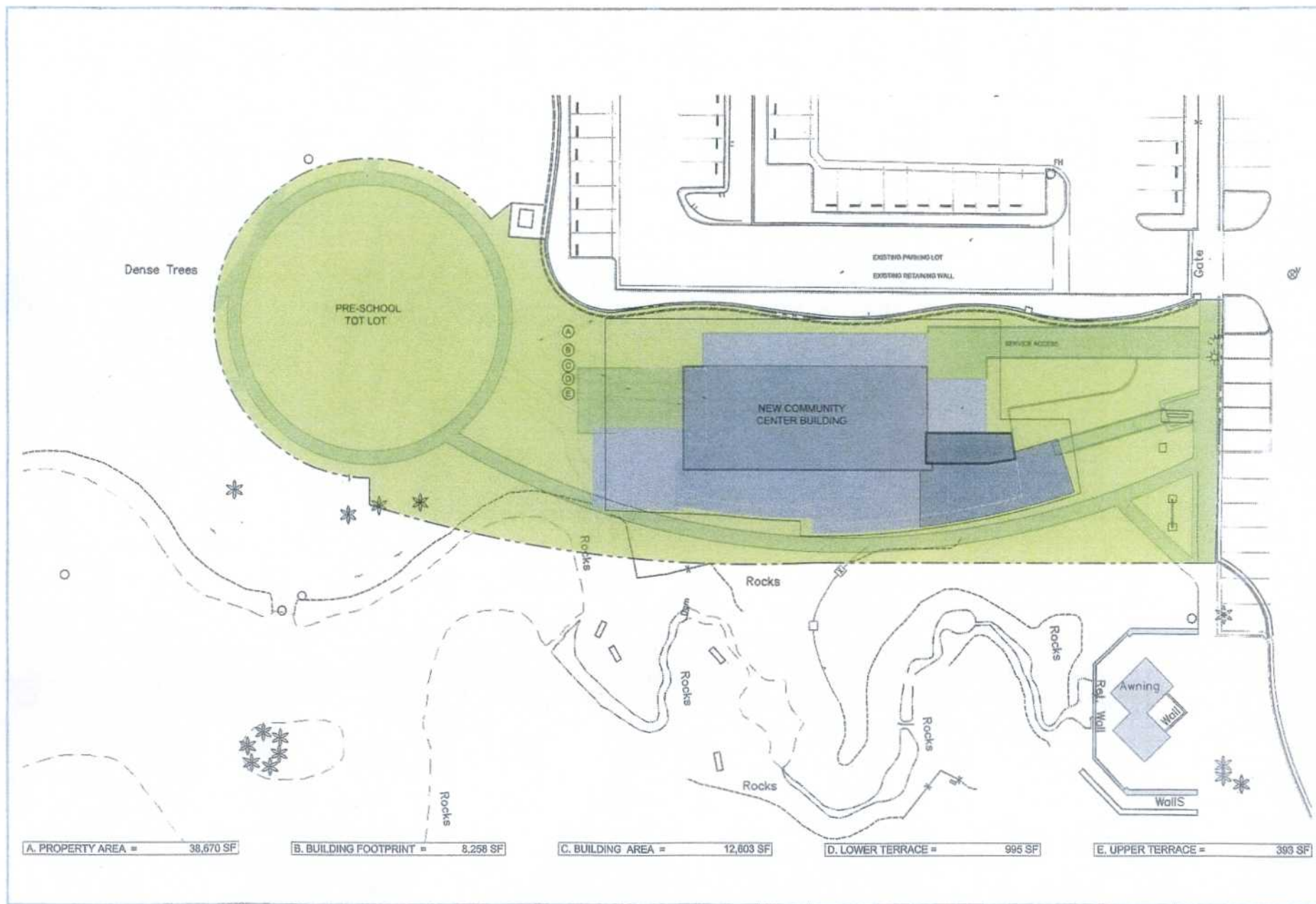
PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER



# SCHERER PARK

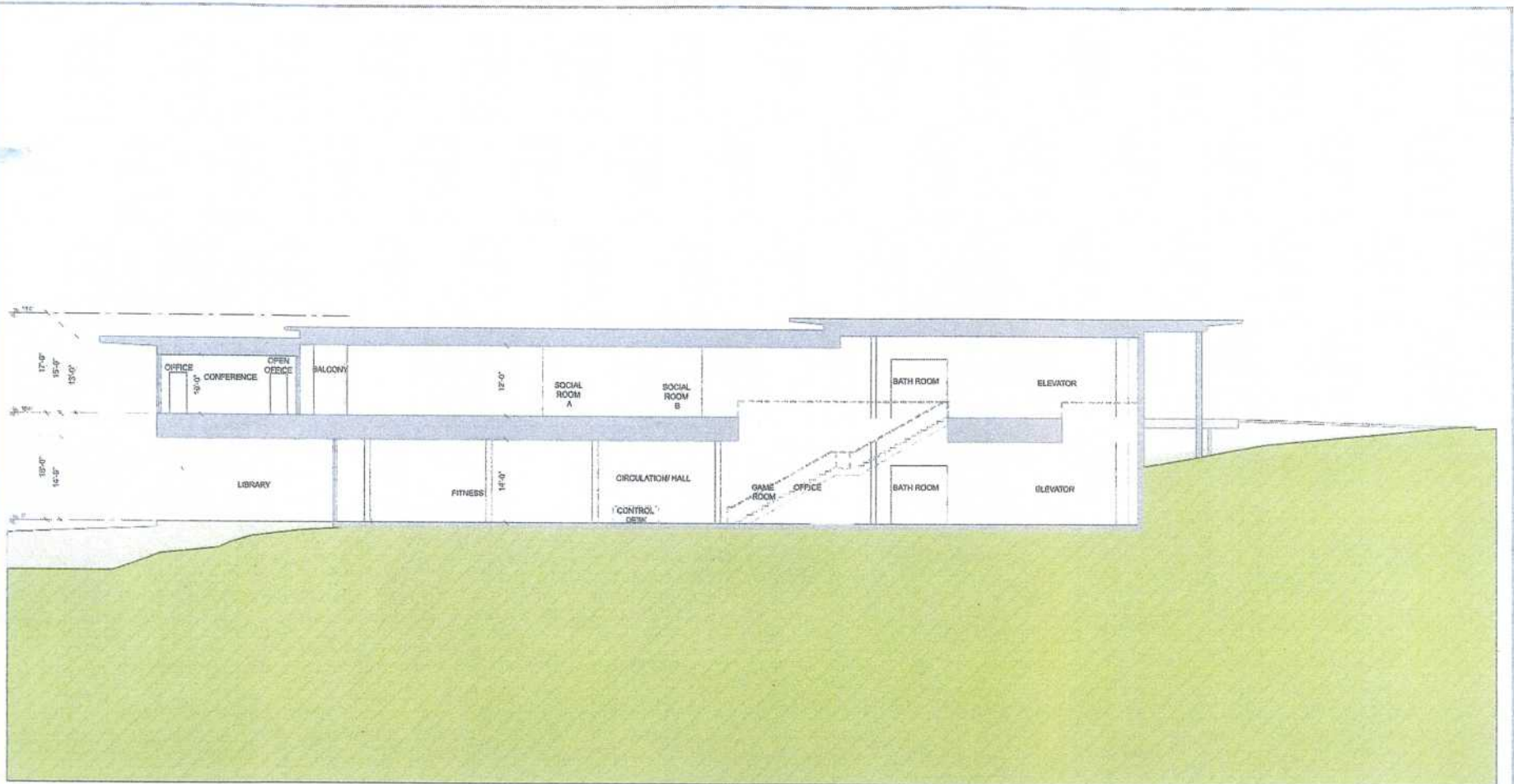
## Site Plan





# SCHERER PARK CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

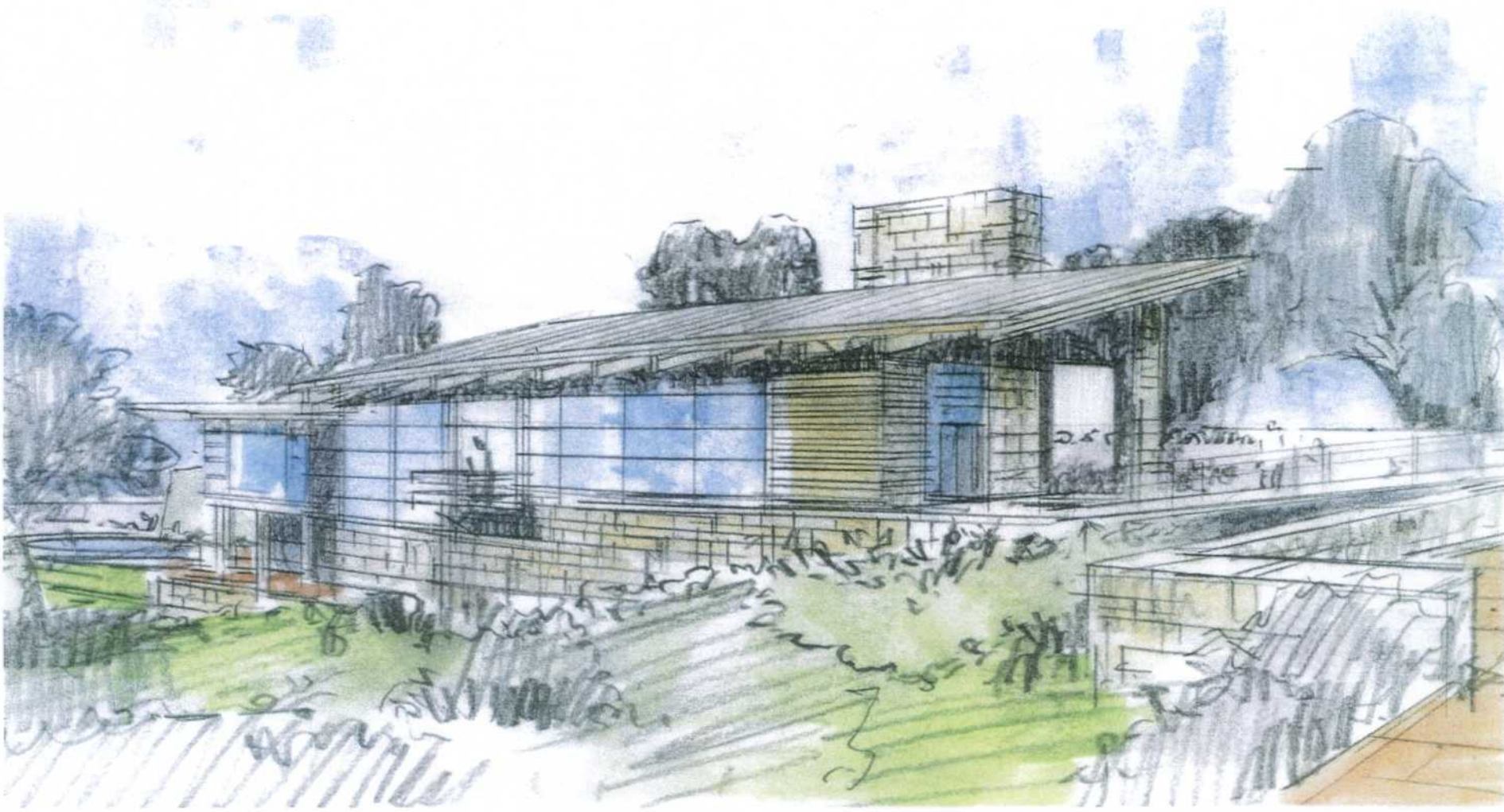




WEST / EAST VIEW

# SCHERER PARK CONCEPTUAL BUILDING SECTION

DESCENDING INTO THE LANDSCAPE - EMBRACING



ARCHITECTURE: FERNALD ARCHITECTURE + INTERIORS, 1000 AVENUE OF THE STARS, SUITE 1000, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33907-1000

Fernald architecture + interiors



# SCHERER PARK ELEVATION

ATLANTIC AVENUE.  
 Long Beach, CA 90804  
 SCHERER PARK





# Scherer Park

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION  
5 FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS  
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7 WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been  
8 delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the  
9 administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures  
10 governing the Application; and

11 WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of  
12 Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of  
13 application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

14 WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of  
15 California to complete the grant scope project;

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

18 Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the Scherer Park  
19 Community Center; and

20 Section 2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to  
21 commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient  
22 funds to complete the project; and

23 Section 3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to  
24 operate and maintain the project(s); and

25 Section 4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and  
26 agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant  
27 Administration Guide; and

28 Section 5. Delegates the authority to City Manager to conduct all



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negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and

Section 6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Section 7. 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 this meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, by the following vote.

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Clerk