



# Building A Better Long Beach

December 15, 2008

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with LSA Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for environmental consulting services in support of the development of 5500-5550 Paramount Boulevard as the second phase of Ed "Pops" Davenport Park. (North – District 9)

## DISCUSSION

The creation of Ed "Pops" Davenport Park (Park) supports the open space goals of the City of Long Beach (City) in the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area). The first phase of the Park was completed and opened to the public in 2006 on a former municipal landfill site adjacent to 5500-5550 Paramount Boulevard. The \$7.7 million first phase project was jointly funded by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, the Department of Public Works, and the Redevelopment Agency (Agency).

On May 8, 2006, the Agency acquired the second phase of the park in a voluntary sale of 5500-5550 Paramount Boulevard. The Agency has been working in partnership with the departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Public Works and Planning regarding the landfill issues and park design. This second phase is planned to expand the Park on a five-acre parcel containing a single tenant industrial use (Exhibit A). The tenant is expected to vacate the site by September 2009 and will be relocated according to state relocation law.

Staff requests entering into a contract with LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA), for environmental consulting services related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. LSA is a full service environmental consulting firm with expertise in CEQA environmental analysis. In the past, LSA has served as the City's environmental consultant on park and habitat improvement projects such as the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Project, Alamitos Bay Marina Rehabilitation Project, and the Scherer Park North Long Beach Police Station Project.

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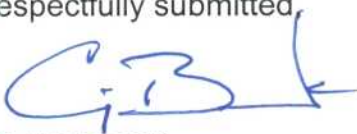
LSA will prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the future development of the Park, which will address the following items: air quality, noise, traffic, the existing landfill and post closure land use plan. As an environmental consultant to the Agency for this site, LSA will be responsible for all the EIR documentation and technical reports necessary to successfully comply with all CEQA requirements.

The proposed contract amount of \$250,000 includes a 15 percent contingency clause to cover any additional work that may become necessary. The funds are available in the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area FY 2009 budget.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



CRAIG BECK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Map





Exhibit A

CITY OF LONG BEACH  
**Ed "Pop's" Davenport Park**  
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE



Date: August 26, 2006