



CITY OF LONG BEACH

AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

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September 16, 2014

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California

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach staff to seek Oversight Board approval of the transfer of ownership of Assessor Parcel Numbers 7280-005-922 and 7280-005-923, also known as Harvey Milk Park, to the City of Long Beach; authorize the City Manager and the Director of Development Services to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the transfer upon approval by the Oversight Board and State of California Department of Finance; and accept the Categorical Exemption CE 14-093. (District 1)

DISCUSSION

The Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach (Successor Agency) currently owns the property known as Harvey Milk Park, Assessor Parcel Numbers 7280-005-922 and 7280-005-923 (Subject Property) (Exhibit A – Site Map). The Successor Agency initially acquired the Subject Property to accommodate a high density residential development and was transferred to private ownership. Due to site constraints, the residential development could not proceed and the Subject Property was re-acquired by the Successor Agency in 2006 and re-conceived as a public park. The Subject Property has since been developed as Harvey Milk Park and acts as the northerly terminus of the pedestrian-oriented Promenade, offering a physical and visual respite from the surrounding development. Harvey Milk Park also contains a W.P.A.-era mosaic mural that is now fully accessible to the public.

In compliance with AB1484, the Successor Agency submitted its Long Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP) to the California State Department of Finance (DOF) for review in October 2013. The LRPMP categorizes the Subject Property as a Government Use parcel, as the Subject Property is currently utilized as a public park. Section 34181 (a) and Section 34191.3 of the Health and Safety Code allow for the transfer of properties categorized as Government Use prior to the DOF's approval of the LRPMP. Successor Agency staff would like to proceed with conveying fee title to the Subject Property to the City.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption, CE 14-093 was completed related to the proposed transaction.

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If this action is approved by the Successor Agency, it will be scheduled for Oversight Board consideration on September 22, 2014.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on August 25, 2014, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 29, 2014.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

This item is not time sensitive, but would further the dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has been maintaining this park since its opening in 2013. There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A – Site Map

EXHIBIT A - SITE MAP

Harvey Milk Park (7280-005-922 & -923)

