



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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City of Long Beach
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 215-221 E. 1st Street/124 The Promenade North, Assessor Parcel Numbers 7280-028-900, -901, -902 and -909, 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 14-094. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

The Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach (Successor Agency) currently owns the property located at 215-221 E. 1st Street/124 The Promenade North, Assessor Parcel Numbers 7280-028-900, -901, -902 and -909 (Subject Property) (Exhibit A – Site Map). The Successor Agency acquired the Subject Property in the 1980's as part of a now-defunct Urban Development Action Grant program from the federal government to facilitate the creation of open space and mobility options. The former use was as a concert amphitheater and bus station. In 2010, as part of the multi-year development of the Promenade, the properties were redeveloped and rededicated as Promenade Square Park. The public park provides flexible open space consistent with a high level of pedestrian oriented commercial and entertainment activity balanced with outdoor dining, retail sales, public markets, arts and crafts shows, concerts and other similar uses. Promenade Square Park also includes a full service BikeStation, which acts as a multi-modal hub for bicycle users to transfer to the adjacent METRO Blue Line light rail or to bus service provided by Long Beach Transit along the Transit Mall.

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.

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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption, CE 14-094 was completed related to the proposed transaction.

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

There is no fiscal impact or job impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A – Site Map

EXHIBIT A – SITE MAP

215-221 E. 1st Street/124 The Promenade North (7280-028-900, -901, -902 & -909)

