

1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-05-0048

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS
5 REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN
6 PROPERTY WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (DRAKE/
7 CHAVEZ GREEN BELT PROJECT)

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9 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and
10 approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the Central
11 Long Beach Redevelopment Project (the "Project"); and

12 WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate
13 neighborhood in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of
14 Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public
15 improvements, which improvements will be located within the boundaries of the Project,
16 and proposes to use redevelopment funds to finance the improvements; and

17 WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment
18 Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make
19 certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements
20 or facilities thereon; and

21 WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law
22 provides that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the
23 appropriations limitation of Article XIIB of the California Constitution;

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
26 as follows:

27 Section 1. The City Council determines that the acquisition of property,
28 more particularly described in Exhibit "A", are of benefit to the Project and the

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1 immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is supported by
2 the following facts:

3 The Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Project (Project) would be attractive
4 for school field trips, as a Los Angeles River trail highlight and as an
5 interesting designation for the general public. Direct access from the
6 nearby community as well as the Los Angeles River bicycle trail, will be
7 constructed to the wetlands areas. The on-site trail system would include
8 an on-grade trail up to the marsh edge; with observation platforms
9 equipped with interpretive signage and benches and would be large
10 enough to accommodate small groups. An additional over-marsh trail, a
11 separate on-grade loop trail, observation platforms, individual benches
12 and signage will be developed to accommodate the general public. In
13 particular, residents of the surrounding densely populated neighborhoods
14 are currently underserved in terms of open space and recreational
15 opportunities.

16 Once developed, there will be increased public access to the Los
17 Angeles River, the river path and access to the wetlands and open space.
18 Educational benefits will be enhanced along the river with outdoor
19 educational programs created and offered by naturalists from the El
20 Dorado Nature Center and marine biologists from the Long Beach
21 Aquarium of the Pacific.

22 Sec. 2. The City Council determines that no other reasonable
23 means of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community.
24 This finding is supported by the following facts:

25 Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general
26 operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes.
27 However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to
28 use property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital

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1 costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient
2 funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal
3 year 2005-2006, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are
4 committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

5 Sec. 3. The City Council further determines that the payment of
6 funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one
7 or more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the
8 implementation plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

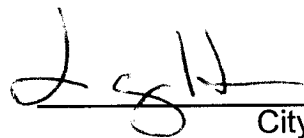
9 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
10 adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this
11 resolution.

12 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
13 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of July 5, 2005 by
14 the following vote:

15 Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna,
16 O'Donnell, Kell, Richardson,
17 Reyes Uranga, Lerch.

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19 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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21 Absent: Councilmembers: Gabelich.

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26 City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The acquisition of approximately seven areas of land along the lower Los Angeles River currently owned by Union Pacific Railroad for the proposed development of the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Project (Project). The Project proposes the creation of a tidal marsh habitat with the development of native shrub habitats; trail linkages and public access from adjacent neighborhoods. This plan would consist of opening a tidal connection to the Los Angeles River and accommodate public access at a relatively high level to provide enhanced opportunities for passive use and elementary education.