

# Building A Better Long Beach

February 1, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS City of Long Beach California

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute the transfer of fee title for Redevelopment Agency-owned parcels at 602 West Anaheim Street; and 1440 Temple Avenue and 2821, 2837 and 2929 East 14th Street to the City of Long Beach. (Central – Districts 1, 4, 6)

#### DISCUSSION

The Central Long Beach Strategic Guide has identified that the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area) is far under-served in terms of open space and park opportunities. In an effort to address the deficiency, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency), in cooperation with the City of Long Beach (City), has pursued opportunities to expand and enhance neighborhood parks throughout the Project Area.

The Agency has completed several acquisitions to expand parks and create additional open space including the purchase of 602 West Anaheim Street for inclusion in the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Project; and 1440 Temple Avenue and 2821, 2837 and 2929 East 14th Street to be utilized for the Orizaba Park expansion (Subject Properties) (Exhibit A – Site Maps).

The Agency will continue to work cooperatively with the City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Parks Department) to develop the parcels identified; however, it will be the Parks Department's responsibility to operate and maintain the Subject Properties. Given that the Subject Properties will be the primary responsibility of the Parks Department, it is appropriate to transfer fee title to the parcels to the City. Once the transfer is complete. the City will take the appropriate steps to dedicate the parcels as permanent parkland.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY J. BODEK

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

Attachments: Exhibit A – Site Maps

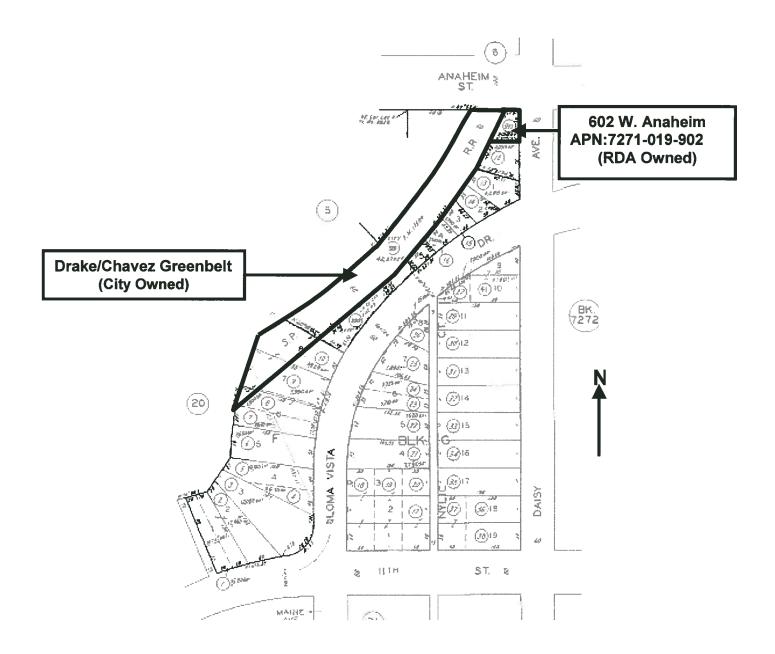
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THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## EXHIBIT A

## **SITE MAP**

# **Drake/Chavez Greenbelt**

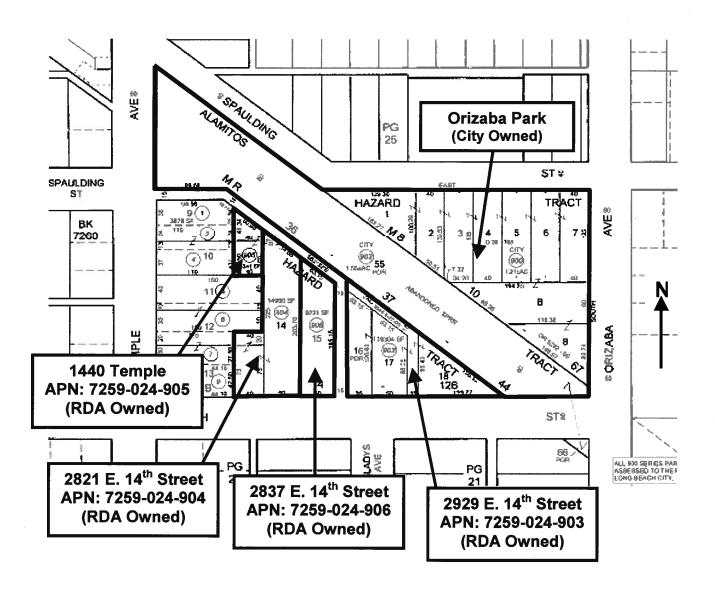


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## **Orizaba Park Expansion**



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