

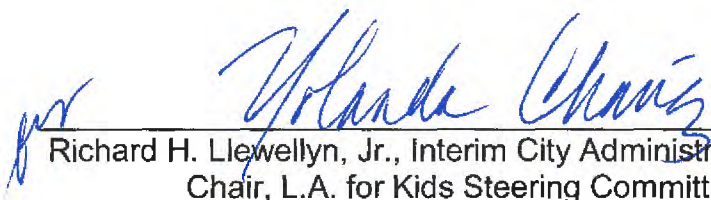
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TO The Council	DATE 08-04-17	COUNCIL FILE NO.
FROM The L.A. for Kids Steering Committee		COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

At its meeting on June 29, 2017, the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee (LAFKSC) adopted the recommendations of the attached Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report, which is hereby transmitted for Council consideration. Adoption of the report recommendations would authorize the City Engineer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-124141 with the Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) to extend the deadline for completion of design and construction from June 26, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

The recommended extension would provide ECS sufficient time to complete design and construction and all related closeout activities for the Urban Greening and Youth Recreation Facilities project. There is no immediate impact on the General Fund as a result of the recommended actions.


Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., Interim City Administrative Officer
Chair, L.A. for Kids Steering Committee

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE
L.A. FOR KIDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA ITEM (5)
Environmental Charter Schools (ECS)
URBAN GREENING AND YOUTH RECREATION AT ECS MIDDLE SCHOOL
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING**

DATE: June 29, 2017

TO: Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Steering Committee

FROM: Neil Drucker, Program Manager 
Proposition K, L.A. for Kids Program
Bureau of Engineering

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOLS (ECS), URBAN GREENING AND YOUTH RECREATION AT ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – CONTRACT NUMBER C-124141, (CD 15, C239-8) – AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO PROPOSITION K GRANT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

RECOMMENDATION

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) - Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program requests that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee recommend that the City Council:

1. Approve the Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) request to extend the deadline for completion of design and construction for their Urban Greening and Youth Recreation Facilities Project from June 26, 2017, to December 31, 2018.
2. Authorize the City Engineer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-124141, to extend the construction deadline of the project to December 31, 2018.

DISCUSSION

The Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) applied for Proposition K competitive funding in the 8th funding cycle, and was awarded \$649,000 for urban greening and youth recreation facilities at 812 W. 165th Place, Gardena, California 90247 (located within the City of Los Angeles). Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-124141 between the City

(Bureau of Engineering) and the Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) was executed on June 26, 2014.

In January 2015, ECS completed the bidding process, and selected Del Amo Construction as their general contractor. During the permitting process, ECS was informed by the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) that they would have to make some structural modifications to the classroom building, in order to accommodate the two greenhouses that were originally proposed. In addition, DBS informed ECS that a steel shade structure (that was originally proposed to be attached to the main office building) would require a structural retrofit to the office building, since that was not part of the building's Conditional Use Permit. Since the costs to make these structural modifications were costs prohibitive, ECS proposed to make changes to both elements of the project scope and Amendment No. 1 to Proposition K Grant Agreement C-124141, was executed on December 7, 2016.

In February 2017, ECS revised the plans and worked to secure planning permits and DBS approvals for the proposed change of scope for their project. As a result of the project scope change and the time it took for the permits to come to fruition, ECS felt the need to bid the project a second time. ECS put together a bid package and advertised in various media outlets to seek a general contractor for the project. Based on a letter from ECS dated June 13, 2017, (see Attachment A) ECS hopes to have a General Contractor in place before the end of July 2017. They anticipate to start construction by early August and complete construction of the project by August 30, 2018. Their request to extend the time to complete construction from June 26, 2017, to December 31, 2018, will give ECS sufficient time to complete both design and construction, and all related closeout activities of the project.

BOE recommends that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee approve ECS's request to extend the timeline to complete design and construction and all related closeout activities of the project from June 26, 2017, to December 31, 2018.

Attachment:

Attachment A – Letter from ECS dated June 13, 2018



June 14, 2017

Neil L. Drucker, Program Manager
Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program
Proposition K - L.A. For Kids Program
Bureau of Engineering
Mail Stop #549-01
1149 S. Broadway St., Suite 860
Los Angeles, CA 90015

**Re: Urban Greening and Youth Recreation at Environmental Charter Middle School Project,
Amendment to Agreement #C-124141**

Dear Mr. Drucker,

I am writing to you to request an extension of the term of agreement for the City of Los Angeles agreement number C-124141. Agreement number C-124141 is for a \$649,000.00 Proposition K: L.A. for Kids Program grant for the Urban Greening and Youth Recreation at Environmental Charter Middle School Project at 812 W. 165th Place, Gardena, CA 90247. Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) would like to request that the end date of the term of agreement for agreement number C-124141 be changed from June 25, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

ECS has been moving forward with this project as quickly as possible, however a series of events has led to delays in the start of construction on this project, and we believe that it is in the best interest of the City of Los Angeles and ECS to extend the end date of the term of agreement for agreement number C-124141. ECS has been working on meeting a series of requirements for this project over the past three years in order to move the project forward, but we have faced the following delays on this project:

- 1) A bid for this project from Del Amo Construction was received on September 28, 2015. This contractor was selected as the general contractor and approved by the Prop K staff. However during the permitting process, ECS was informed by Building and Safety that they would have to make structural modifications to the classroom building in order to accommodate the two greenhouses and the steel shade structure. Since the costs to make these structural modifications were cost prohibitive, ECS proposed to make changes to both elements in their project scope. On September 29, 2016, the LA for Kids Steering Committee recommended that the City Council approve the scope changes to the project.
- 2) On October 25, 2016, the City Council approved the scope changes and authorized the City Engineer to negotiate an amendment to the Grant Agreement to effectuate the approved changes.





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- 3) On December 7, 2016, the City of Los Angeles executed Amendment No. 1 to Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-124141.
- 4) Winter 2017, ECS revised the plans and worked to secure city planning and building safety approvals for the new scope of work.
- 5) As a result of the scope change, and the amount of time that passed since the original bid, we are required to go back out to bid for the revised scope of work;
- 6) Once the contractor is selected, building must occur over school's breaks when school is not in session. With the summer upon us, the work will not be completed by the end of the summer and hereby request an extension to complete the contract throughout the school year when its safest to perform work and the least disruptive to our learning environment.

Please find attached a proposed timeline for the completion of the project.

ECS is committed to completing this project in a timely manner, and as mentioned above we believe that it is in the best interest of the City of Los Angeles and ECS for the City of Los Angeles to extend the end date of the term of agreement for agreement number C-124141 from June 25, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 310-425-1605.

Sincerely,

Alison Suffet Diaz
Founder & Executive Director
Environmental Charter Schools
812 West 165th Place
Gardena, CA 90247



Estimated Project Schedule

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- May 31, 2017: Advertise construction project;
- June 15, 2017: Pre-bid meeting;
- June 23, 2017: Bids due;
- July, 2017 – July, 2018: Construction;
- August – September, 2018: Final inspections and corrective work;
- October – November, 2018: Close out all Prop K Agreement requirements with the City of Los Angeles.