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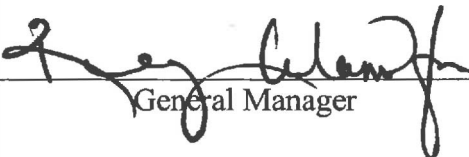
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WELLNESS CENTER PARK PROJECT – ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO
APPLY FOR PROPOSITION A CITIES EXCESS FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION

R. Adams _____
R. Barajas _____
H. Fujita _____

V. Israel _____
K. Regan _____
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General Manager

Approved

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Resolution, which assigns to the Amigos De Los Rios a right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00, which are available from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, on condition that the funds are used for the completion of the Wellness Center Park Project, located within the City of Los Angeles; and,
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with the Proposition A Procedural Guide.

SUMMARY:

As a designated grant administrator of Proposition A funds for the City of Los Angeles, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was contacted by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (County) to secure the adoption of a City Council resolution assigning to the Amigos De Los Rios, a qualified nonprofit organization, the right to apply for available First Supervisorial District Proposition A Cities Excess Funds for the development of the Wellness Center Park Project at the historic former County General Hospital site, now known as the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center.

On March 5, 2013, the Board of Los Angeles County Supervisors allocated \$1,900,000.00 in Cities Excess Funds to Amigos De Los Rios for the Project, which was recommended by the

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Board at its meeting of March 20, 2013 (Report No. 13-078) and approved by City Council at its meeting of May 21, 2013 (CF No. 13-0385). However, subsequent to the funding allocation, additional work, materials and other costs were identified for a total project cost estimate of \$2,400,000.00. As a result, the Board of Los Angeles County Supervisors, at its meeting of November 12, 2014, allocated an additional \$500,000.00 to cover the additional work. Amigos De Los Rios is therefore requesting that the City assign the right to apply for the \$500,000.00, which will result in a grant amendment to use the allocated funds for the Wellness Center Park Project.

With the City Council action adopting the authorizing resolution, the County will be able to accept the assignment of and allocate the Proposition A Cities Excess Funds to Amigos De Los Rios for the Wellness Center Park Project. Upon accepting the grant, Amigos De Los Rios will administer the funds and assume full responsibility of the completion of the Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund as funding for the completion of this project will be the responsibility of Amigos De Los Rios. Additionally, maintenance of the facility will be the responsibility the County.

This Report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY LOS ANGELES
ASSIGNING THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS TO AMIGOS DE
LOS RIOS FOR A GRANT AMENDMENT FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER PARK
PROJECT AT THE OLD SITE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER IN LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions (collectively the Propositions), which among other uses, provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, Amigos De Los Rios is requesting that the City of Los Angeles assign the right to apply for \$500,000.00 in First Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds to Amigos De Los Rios for a grant amendment for the Wellness Center Park Project;

WHEREAS, Project will repurpose approximately two (2) acres of space at the former Los Angeles County-University of California Medical Center (County General Hospital), the historic former County General Hospital site located in Los Angeles. The Project will consist of improvements on a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lower courtyard at State Street at the former main hospital entrance; $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre on the front terrace at the top of the main entrance stairway; and approximately one (1) acre comprised of the formal courtyards at the northwest and southwest corners of the main entrance building, the small courtyard in the southeast corner of the old hospital main entrance building and a linear path/fire lane south of the main building connecting the former County General Hospital with the new Los Angeles County-University of California Medical Center. Project amenities will include landscaping; replacement of certain trees; installation of benches, tables, exercise equipment, shade structures and lighting; Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to existing restrooms and access paths; installation of playground equipment and refurbishment of tot lot; installation of a water feature; installation of decomposed granite and rubber surfacing; installation of large movable planter boxes for healthy eating demonstrations; and interpretive signage. The overall project cost is estimated at \$4,300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the old County General Hospital project site is owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles is located in the City of Los Angeles and the Wellness Center Park Project will enhance safe, accessible and wellness-themed recreational opportunities in the City of Los Angeles at the old County General Hospital site and benefit other County residents in the First Supervisorial District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Assigns to the Amigos De Los Rios the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00, in the First Supervisorial District, for use in completing the Wellness Center Park Project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____