

RESOLUTION NO. 10414

WHEREAS, on July 7, 1966, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners acted to accept twenty-five parcels of land, totaling 403.5 acres, within Porter Ranch for recreation and/or park purposes (Resolution No. 5499); and,

WHEREAS, the 403.5 acres of new park property also included six 25-foot wide parcels of undeveloped land, totaling approximately 3.99 acres, that were intended to be developed into equestrian trails; and,

WHEREAS, the six Department of Recreation and Parks parcels are inaccessible to the general public and do not coincide with any existing equestrian trails in this area and are not aligned with the natural topography of the area and therefore, are not currently used for public recreational purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the six parcels cannot be developed as equestrian trails as the current City-approved alignment of the transportation and equestrian trail system in the Porter Ranch Specific Plan area, and as shown on the current Chatsworth-Porter Ranch Community Plan map and as required to be built by Porter Ranch Development Company, is not consistent with the original proposed alignment of the equestrian trail system and the location of the six parcels; and,

WHEREAS, the Porter Ranch Development Company is proposing an exchange of properties with the Department of Recreation and Parks wherein the Department of Recreation and Parks would quitclaim the six Department of Recreation and Parks parcels and receive in exchange portions of two parcels, totaling 5.77 acres, owned by Porter Ranch Development Company and located adjacent to the City's Browns Canyon Park; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 594(c) of the Los Angeles City Charter, "all lands set apart or dedicated as a public park shall forever remain for the use of the public"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 594(e) of the Los Angeles City Charter, when portions of the lands of existing public parks have been removed from the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners "by reason of their dedication or use for public purposes incompatible with park use" then those lands, or the remaining portions thereof, are not subject to the provisions of Section 594(c) if the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and Los Angeles City Council find that the remaining property is unsuitable for further use as a public park and if property of an area at least equal to the property the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and Los Angeles City Council found to be unsuitable for park use is acquired in the same area of the City; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 594(d) of the Los Angeles City Charter, any transfer of property under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks requires a Resolution of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners that is approved by the City Council by Ordinance and that, as a condition of any such transfer, the Department of Recreation and Parks must be assigned the equivalent in property or funds, when required by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners; and,

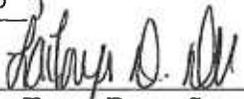
WHEREAS, the six Department of Recreation and Parks parcels are no longer suitable for use as a public park, and the property that would be received by Department of Recreation and Parks in the proposed exchange with the Porter Ranch Development Company is located in the same area of the City of Los Angeles as the six Department of Recreation and Parks parcels, and the Porter Ranch Development Company owned parcels that would be received by the Department of Recreation and Parks are greater in both value and size than the six Department of Recreation and Parks parcels that would be transferred to the Porter Ranch Development Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles finds and determines that the public interest, convenience, and necessity to exchange properties with the Porter Ranch Development Company, subject to the approval of the City Council, whereupon the Board President and Secretary are authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the exchange; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon City Council approval of the exchange of properties between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Porter Ranch Development Company, that City Council will request the Department of General Services and the City Attorney's Office to assist in the drafting, processing, and execution of all documentation necessary to effectuate the exchange of properties, and request the City Attorney's Office to draft the necessary Ordinance to transfer the six Department of Recreation and Park parcels to the Porter Ranch Development Company and accept the two Porter Ranch Development Company owned parcels; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and Secretary are authorized to execute any and all required deeds or other documents necessary to complete the exchange of properties and the acceptance and conveyance of the PRDC Parcels, upon approval of an Ordinance by the City Council.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on July 9, 2014 (Board Report. No. 14-195)



La Tonya Dean, Secretary

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