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January 23, 2019

Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o: Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with North East Trees (NET) for the Urban Forestry and Habitat Restoration Project at Ernest E. Debs Regional Park (Project).

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests City Council review and approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with North East Trees (NET) for the proposed Project which would allow for landscaping, installation of temporary irrigation equipment, installation of storm water capture systems; removal of invasive weeds; and performance of maintenance and plant establishment work as defined in the MOA and outlined in the attached Report.

Background:

On January 16, 2019, the Board approved the Final Plans and Specifications for the Project.

Ernest E. Debs Regional Park (Park) is a 318.62-acre park located at 4235 Monterey Road in Northeast Los Angeles. It is an unstaffed park that contains picnic tables, barbeque pits, and nature trails. RAP partnered with the Audubon Society to offer nature programs to the community at the Park. The Park is located in a very dense and low-income community that is in great need of open space area. The Project will be located in the southwest portion of the Park.

On May 31, 2018, NET, a 501(c)(3) non-profit community based organization, received a grant from the State of California's State Conservancy (Conservancy) under the Proposition 1 grant program for the Urban Forestry and Habitat Restoration at Ernest E Debs Regional Park Project (Grant), pursuant to Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code. The Grant is for a sum not to exceed \$300,000. NET shall use these grant funds to complete the Project.



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Fiscal Impact Statement:

There is no fiscal impact on the Department of Recreation and Parks' General Fund as the funds for the Project will come from NET through the Grant funds.

If you have any questions with regard to the aforementioned matters, please contact Mr. Craig A. Raines, Landscape Architect Associate III, at (213) 202-2652.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

IRIS L. DAVIS
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment: Board Report No. 19-017

cc: Craig A. Raines, Landscape Architect Associate III, Planning, Maintenance, and
Construction Branch (w/ou enclosure)