

MOTION

The Bothwell Ranch in Tarzana at the base of the Santa Monica Mountains was the last remaining commercial orange grove in the San Fernando Valley. As such, it represented an important part of the history of Los Angeles. When that site was proposed for development, Councilmember Blumenfield worked to ensure that a portion of the site would be preserved as an orange grove and open space. The new owners have agreed to transfer one-third of the Bothwell Ranch to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for this purpose, and the site will be maintained as a public open space for future generations as a perpetual reminder of the rich agricultural history of the San Fernando Valley.

The MRCA works in cooperation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and other local government partners to acquire and maintain parkland and open space, participate in vital planning processes, promote wildfire resilience, connect wildlife habitat, and complete park improvement projects. As such, the MRCA is uniquely qualified to convert the Bothwell Ranch from a working agricultural property into publicly-accessible open space, and then operate and maintain the Project.

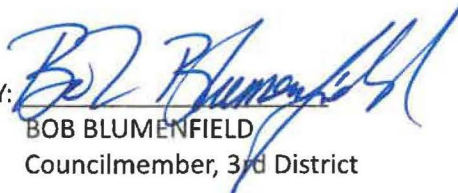
To bring this project to fruition, additional funds are needed to assist with the initial buildout, including an amphitheater, walking trails, signage and restrooms.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$900,000 in the Council District 3 Real Property Trust Fund No. 685 be utilized for a park project at the Bothwell Ranch that includes an amphitheater, walking trails, signage and restroom, to be coordinated by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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