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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM - DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PARKS IN LOS ANGELES

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 General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the proposed Donation Agreement (Agreement), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Agreement concurrently to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

In September 2009, the State released a Request for Proposals for the first round of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 (Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program). The Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program will award a total of \$368 million in competitive grant funding in two rounds. The Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program awards grants

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for the creation of new parks, expansion and or improvements to existing parks, and the creation and renovation of recreation features. The emphasis of the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program is on the development of new parks located in areas that either lack park space and/or have significant poverty. The grant proposal submission deadline for the first round was March 1, 2010.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a non-profit organization, partnered together to identify eligible, and competitive, projects for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. The purpose of this partnership was to provide additional resources to develop and prepare grant applications for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program, and, if those applications are successfully awarded funding, to construct new parks in the City of Los Angeles.

In Board Report No. 09-317, approved on December 9, 2009, the Board authorized the General Manager to submit 14 proposed Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications. Several of the grant applications identified in that Report are proposed to be developed and submitted by TPL.

As described in the proposed Agreement, TPL has prepared, in coordination with RAP, grant applications and conceptual plans for the identified prospective park projects (Exhibit A). If the grant applications are successfully awarded, TPL shall coordinate the acquisition (when necessary), development, and construction of each park project. Quimby funds may be used to fund the acquisition of several prospective park projects; however these funds will not go to TPL but will be deposited directly into escrow. Upon completion of construction of each park by TPL, RAP staff will submit the completed project to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners for final approval and acceptance. If accepted, RAP will be responsible for long-term maintenance and operation of each park developed and constructed under the terms of this Agreement.

Staff has determined that California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for each of the prospective park projects identified in the MOU will be addressed when the complete project scope for each project has been determined and sufficient funds have been identified and secured to begin the project.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding and Donation Agreement will not have any impact on the General Fund.

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