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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 23-156

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K – L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM 11<sup>TH</sup> FUNDING CYCLE GRANT PROPOSALS – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION; RESOLUTION

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If Approved: Board President  Board Secretary Salisha Sarden

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) General Manager, or his designee, to submit the Proposition K 11<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle grant application in the amount of \$743,734 for the acquisition of five parcels (El Sereno Triangle) (APNs 5520-027-928, 5220-027-927, 5220-027-926, 5220-027-925, and 5220-027-924) (Property) to the Proposition K L.A. for Kids Program in response to the Proposition K 11<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle Request for Proposals (RFP); and
2. Adopt the accompanying Resolution (Attachment A), designating the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) or designee as the person authorized to obligate the grantee and to execute all contractual documents required of successful Proposition K grantee agencies, subject to the approval of any such obligation and documents by the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) as may be required; and
3. Authorize RAP's General Manager, or his designee, to make technical corrections, as necessary, to carry out the intent of this Report; and
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Expansion sites - Triangle Acquisition and/or Development Fund and Account for acquisition and related costs and or development of the Property; and

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### SUMMARY

In 1996, Proposition K (Prop K) was passed and created a citywide assessment district that generates up to \$25,000,000 each year for a period of 30 years. The funds generated from the Proposition K assessments are to be used for capital improvement projects involving the acquisition, development, improvement, and restoration of parks and recreational facilities in the City of Los Angeles. Through a separate process, a portion of the Prop K assessments also provides maintenance funds on an annual basis for those facilities improved using Prop K funds. Over the 30-year period, Prop K Program is required to distribute at least \$143,650,000 of the total amount generated over the life of the Prop K, through an open and competitive process to eligible governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, and City departments.

On March 23, 2023, the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, released the Proposition K 11<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle Request for Proposals (RFP). Out of a total of \$11,394,353 available in two funding categories under Prop K, \$743,734 was allocated for the acquisition of land for park use under "Parks Acquisition of Parks/Natural Lands." The deadline for submission of the grant proposals is January 4, 2024. There is no match requirement.

For the Prop K 11<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle, RAP staff is requesting Board approval to submit one Prop K application for the acquisition of five parcels, APNs 5520-027-928, 5220-027-927, 5220-027-926, 5220-027-925, and 5220-027-924 (Property) for a total request of \$743,734, which is the entire funding available in the Prop K category of "Parks Acquisition of Parks/Natural Lands."

With support from Council District 14, this acquisition project is presently known as the El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Expansion Sites (El Sereno Triangle property located at 5529, 5533, 5537, 5541, and 5545 Concord Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90032) and involves the acquisition of the Property owned by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Pursuant to the Proposition K RFP, grant proposals must include a Board Resolution authorizing submission of the proposal, committing to make the property available for the project, and specifying the person(s) authorized to obligate the grantee and execute all contractual documents required of successful Prop K grantee agencies.

RAP's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division Staff has assessed the proposed acquisition project and determined that this project meets the criteria for eligible Prop K projects. RAP Staff has also developed the related project cost estimate.

#### El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Expansion sites - Triangle Property

On October 18, 2017 the Board through Board Report 17-226 granted staff authority to revise the El Sereno Arroyo Playground boundary map to include expansion sites and authorized RAP staff to proceed with preliminary acquisition activities for the El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Expansion sites through Board Reports No. 17-226 and 22-066. The Board also approved extending the term of the Lease agreement with Caltrans for the subject properties to facilitate the eventual purchase by RAP of the properties currently under a 40-years term lease known as

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the El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Expansion sites. RAP Staff continues to negotiate and work closely with Caltrans to acquire the properties.

RAP Staff will use the Prop K funds, if awarded, and other funds as yet to be determined and if needed in order to acquire the Property. Upon completion of preliminary acquisition activities and upon completion of final negotiations with Caltrans on the purchase of the Property, RAP staff will return to the Board for final approval of the acquisition. This project continues to have strong support from the surrounding community and local and state government officials.

### TREES AND SHADE

Tree canopy coverage, new trees planted, and removal of trees will be addressed as project designs for development of the Property are brought back to the Board for final approval and consideration.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Prior to undertaking the activities for which each grant is being sought, as lead agency for the projects, RAP must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). RAP staff will return to the Board with a CEQA analysis prior to undertaking this project.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund at this time. Once the final designs for each project are complete, the maintenance cost impacts can be determined and funding for the operation and maintenance of the park improvements will be requested through the regular budget process.

### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Grant funding opportunities have a cascading effect on several strategic plan initiatives and goals of RAP. Parks are safer, communities are healthier, and recreational programming opportunities are often expanded. The Prop K grants will have a positive impact across the board. More specifically, approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

**Goal No. 3:** Create and Maintain World Class Parks and Facilities

**Outcome No. 1:** Newly developed open space park projects and the redesign of signature City Parks

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**Key Milestone:** Number of major park projects completed

**Target:** 11 by 2025

**Result:** Funding requests for 1 acquisition within the City of Los Angeles.

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### ATTACHMENTS:

1) Attachment A - Prop K Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition K in 1996 created a Citywide assessment district that generates up to \$25,000,000 each year in funds for the acquisition, development, improvement, restoration, and maintenance of park and recreation facilities through an annual assessment on all properties within the City of Los Angeles over a thirty (30)-year period; and

WHEREAS, Proposition K is required to allocate \$143,650,000 of total amount generated over thirty (30) years through an open and competitive process for governmental agencies, City departments, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition K L.A. for Kids Steering Committee, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, has released the Proposition K 11<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle Request for Proposals inviting proposals to be submitted for eligible capital improvement and/or acquisition projects for the Proposition K L.A. for Kids Program; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition K L.A. for Kids Program has made available approximately \$11,394,353 for the Proposition K and \$565,000 for Health Alternatives to Smoking (HATS) Trust Fund competitive grant process for the 11<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle with a deadline of January 4, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (BOARD) authorizes the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) or designee to submit a grant application for the proposed land acquisition of certain property owned by the State of California Department of Transportation and known as the El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Expansion sites (APNs 5520-027-928, 5220-027-927, 5220-027-926, 5220-027-925, and 5220-027-924) (Property), in response to the Proposition K 11<sup>th</sup> Funding Cycle Request for Proposals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOARD authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Expansion sites -Triangle acquisition and/or development Fund and Account for acquisition and related costs and/or development of the Property; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks or designee is the person authorized to obligate the grantee and to execute all contractual documents required of successful Proposition K grantee agencies, subject to the approval of any such obligation and documents by the Board as may be required.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ (Board Report No. \_\_\_\_\_).

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TAKISHA L. SARDIN, Board Secretary

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