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April 1, 2021

Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall

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

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) 2020 Round Grant; Approval of Project Scopes and Budget, Resolution, Approval of Donation Agreements; Acceptance of Grant Funds if Awarded

Recommendation for Mayor and Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests the Mayor and City Council authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to (i) adopt such Resolution, detailing 8 projects for which RAP is the applicant of the Grant funds (RAP Projects), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles and RAP to receive the Grant funds, and designates RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and all other required grant documents necessary for the completion of the Grant project scope; (ii) authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the Proposition 68 SPP Grant funds and to execute a grant agreement with the State for the RAP Projects for the scope and amount as more fully set forth in Report 21-037 and with terms substantially similar to those set forth in the sample grant agreement attached to Report 21-037; (iii) adopt such Non-Profit Resolutions supporting the submittal of the Grant applications by Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) for Wilmington Town Square Public Art Elements and Western Gage Tot Lot Renovation, and Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) for the Watts Tower Arts Center Campus Expansion and 11th Street Pocket Park; (iv) approve the proposed Donation Agreements with LANI and LANLT substantially in the form attached as Attachments No. 7 and 8 to Report 21-037, respectively, setting forth the roles and responsibilities of LANI, LANLT and RAP in connection with the development of the Grant projects applied for by LANI and LANLT, the funding and construction for which would be undertaken by LANI and LANLT with the contemplated transfer of those projects to RAP upon completion for operation and maintenance, as further detailed in Report 21-037, and authorize RAP's General Manager to execute such Donation Agreements.



Background:

On November 5, 2020 Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Meeting, the Board gave preliminary authority for RAP staff to work on developing projects for the last and final round on Prop 68 SPP funds (Report 20-211). The State requires RAP to submit a resolution for the projects within 60 days and a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination for each of the projects within 90 days of the application submission date.

In addition to projects developed by RAP staff, two non-profit organizations, LANI and LANLT coordinated with RAP and respective Council Offices for permission to develop parcels these non-profit organizations have been historically involved with. LANI joined together in partnership with the Office of Council District 8 (CD 8) to develop the Western-Gage Tot Lot project and with the Office of Council District 15 (CD 15) to develop the Wilmington Town Square Public Art Elements project. LANI will be submitting an application for Prop 68 SPP funds on these two projects. Likewise, LANLT partnered with CD 15 to develop the Watts Tower Art Center Campus Expansion project and with CD 8 to develop the 11th Street Pocket Park project. LANLT will be submitting an application for Prop 68 funds on these two projects. LANI and LANLT have prepared and submitted grant proposals for their respective projects. However, the State requires LANI and LANLT to submit agreements with RAP which memorializes the non-profit entities' roles in funding and completing the projects and RAP's commitment to receiving the projects once completed. This requirement is discussed further in this Report in the "LANI and LANLT Partnership with RAP" section. Thus, it is recommended that the Board recommends that City Council adopt the resolutions (attached as Attachments No. 3, 4, 5, and 6) supporting LANI and LANLT in their respective applications for Prop 68 SPP grant funds to develop their respective Prop 68 SPP projects

Fiscal Impact Statement: There is no immediate fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund in applying for the Prop 68 SPP funds. However, the annual maintenance costs for the new improvements has not yet been determined as the project scopes and designs have not been finalized. 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.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Ms. Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Department of Recreation and Parks, at (213) 202-3290.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Arrivillaga".

Harold Arrivillaga
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachments: Board Report No. 21-037

cc: Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Division,
Department of Recreation and Parks