

MOTION

On June 9, 2021, as part of its consideration of the 47th Program Year (2021-22) Consolidated Plan, the Council approved an allocation of \$2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Mount Carmel Recreation Center and Park Improvements project to construct a new children's play area, landscaping, and other site amenities. As part of this action, the Council also approved an allocation of \$885,130 in CDBG funds for the Council District 8 Small Business Technical Assistance line item (C.F. 20-1433).

Council District 8, in consultation with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), proposes to repurpose the funds for the Small Business Technical Assistance line item (\$885,130), and utilize a portion of the funds from the Mount Carmel Recreation Center project (\$1,250,000) for a total of \$2,135,130 to complete the Western and Gage Pocket Park. A significant amount of pre-planning and community engagement has been conducted by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) at this site. RAP will work with LANI to implement the new park amenities. The remaining CDBG balance of \$750,000 allocated to the Mount Carmel Recreation Center and Park Improvements Project line item will be used to finish construction of a children's playground at the site.

The reprogrammed CDBG funds will help address a critical need for additional park space in the Council District. To allow these efforts to proceed as soon as possible, the Council should approve the reprogramming of CDBG funds from the Mount Carmel Project and Council District 8 Small Business Technical Assistance line items to support the Western and Gage Pocket Park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Community Investment for Families Department to:
 - a. Reprogram Community Development Block Grant funds included in the 2021-22 Program Year 47 Consolidated Plan from the Mount Carmel Recreation Center and Park Improvements (\$1,250,000) and CD 8 Small Business Technical Assistance (\$885,130) line items to a new Western and Gage Pocket Park line item (\$2,135,130), subject to CDBG eligibility and other applicable federal requirements.
 - b. Effectuate an amendment to the Consolidated Plan, if necessary.
 - c. Prepare additional technical corrections and/or Controller instructions that may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Motion, subject to the approval of the Chief Legislative Analyst; and, authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks to utilize the \$2,135,130 in reprogrammed CDBG funds for the Western and Gage Pocket Park.

PRESENTED BY:


MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY:



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